



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Thursday, 10 February 2022 at 10.30 am

Present:

Councillors:

Emlyn Dole	Carmarthenshire Council
Ted Latham	Neath Port Talbot Council
Andrea Lewis	Swansea Council
David Simpson	Pembrokeshire Council

Co-opted Non-Voting Representatives:

Steve Baldwin	University of Wales Trinity Saint David
Chris Foxall	Chair of Swansea Economic Strategy Board
Steve Wilks	Swansea University
Emma Woollett	Swansea Bay University Health Board

Officers:

Gareth Borsden	Democratic Services (Swansea Council)
Jonathan Burnes	Director (Swansea Bay City Region)
Heidi Harris	Communications & Marketing Officer (Swansea Bay City Region)
Karen Jones	Chief Executive (Neath Port Talbot Council)
Steven Jones	Director of Development (Pembrokeshire Council)
Tracey Meredith	Joint Committee Monitoring Officer (Swansea Council)
Chris Moore	Joint S151 Officer (Carmarthenshire Council)
Phil Roberts	Chief Executive (Swansea Council)
Phil Ryder	Swansea Bay City Deal Programme Office
Wendy Walters	Chief Executive (Carmarthenshire Council)
Ian Williams	Portfolio Development Manager (Swansea Bay City Region)

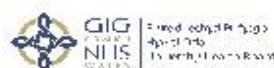
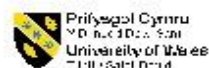
Apologies for Absence:

Councillor Rob Stewart, Maria Battle (Hywel Dda University Health Board) and Medwin Hughes (University of Wales Trinity Saint David)

26 Election of Chair Pro-Tem.

Resolved that Councillor Emlyn Dole be elected Chair of the Joint Committee protem.

Councillor Emlyn Dole (Chair) presided.



27 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, no interests were declared.

28 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee held on 9 December 2021 be approved and signed as a correct record.

29 Announcement(s) of the Chair.

There were no announcements.

30 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

31 Swansea Bay City Deal Portfolio Quarterly Monitoring.

Phil Ryder (Swansea Bay City Deal Programme Office) provided a report which informed the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee of the Swansea Bay City Deal Quarterly Monitoring & Monthly Highlight Report for both the Swansea Bay City Deal Portfolio and its constituent programmes / projects.

He outlined and updated the Joint Committee on the progress relating to the following:

- Business Engagement;
- Yr Egin;
- Pembroke Dock Marine;
- Swansea City & Waterfront Digital District (Arena to be handed over shortly);
- Pentre Awel;
- Homes as Power Stations;
- Digital Infrastructure;
- Supporting Innovation & Low Carbon Growth;
- Skills & Talent.
- SBCD Campuses.

It was noted that three red risks remain identified relating to construction costs, Tan15 potential changes and potential slippage in delivery of schemes and eight new lower ranked risks had been identified.

The benefits realisation of around 160m was outlined and detailed, in addition to the 600+ jobs created and the £60m contribution to the GVA.

Resolved that the Quarterly Monitoring Report for the SBCD Portfolio and its constituent programmes / projects be noted.

32 Swansea Bay City Deal Quarterly Financial Monitoring.

Chris Moore, Joint S151 Officer (Carmarthenshire Council) provided the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee with a detailed update on the latest financial position of the Swansea Bay City Region.

He outlined that there is currently a slight underspend in the budget and detailed the reasons and factors behind that, as well as outlining a financial summary of the nine schemes, and the current investment position.

Resolved that the Swansea Bay City Region financial monitoring update report be approved.

33 Apportionment of National Non Domestic Rates (NNDR).

Chris Moore, Joint S151 Officer (Carmarthenshire Council) provided the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee with a report which informed them of the arrangements in respect of the retention and distribution of the additional NNDR generated through projects of the Swansea Bay City Deal programme.

He outlined the background to the matter, and indicated that the Section 151 officers from all the authorities had agreed on Option 1.

Resolved that the report be noted and the officer recommendation of Option 1 in respect of the disbursement of the agreed programme retention of NNDR be approved.

34 Swansea Bay City Deal Communications & Marketing Plan.

Heidi Harris, SBCD Communications & Marketing Officer presented a report which outlined to the Joint Committee the revised and updated Communications & Marketing Plan and detailed engagement activities for the SBCD portfolio and its constituent projects.

She indicated that she would be looking to create some sub groups to look at and update various issues going forward.

Resolved that the communications and marketing update including the revised SBCD Communications and Marketing Plan attached at Appendix A (to the report) and the SBCD Communications & Engagement Schedule attached at Appendix B (to the report) be noted.

The meeting ended at 11.11 am

Chair