

Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee - 2 February 2023

Review of Chair of the Economic Strategy Board

Purpose:	To seek approval from Joint Committee for the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of Economic Strategy Board
Policy Framework:	Swansea Bay City Deal (SBCD) Joint Committee Agreement (JCA)
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that Joint Committee:
1)	Approves the appointment of Chair and Vice Chair of the Economic Strategy Board as set out in paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 below.
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1. Background

1.1 The purpose of the Swansea Bay City Deal Economic Strategy Board (ESB) is to provide strategic direction for the Swansea Bay City Deal and provide strategic advice to the Joint Committee on matters relating to the Swansea Bay City Region. Specifically, the role shall:

- i) Submit strategic objectives for the Swansea Bay City Region.
- ii) Monitor progress with regard to the delivery of the Swansea Bay City Deal in accordance with diagram B in Schedule 8.
- iii) Oversight of business case production.
- iv) Consideration of regional added value and identifying opportunities for investment.
- v) Make recommendations to the Joint Committee.
- vi) Produce a summary report of issues considered by the Economic Strategy Board to be annexed to the submission of any business cases

- 1.2 The ESB is required to review the position of Chair annually and report back to Joint Committee as to the appointment of a Chair and Vice Chair, following approval from UK Government and Welsh Government. Joint Committee appointed Chair of ESB (Mr Chris Foxhall) as a co-opted member of Joint Committee in October 2021.
- 1.3 Members of the ESB have undertaken a nomination exercise (electronically) for the position of Chair and Vice Chair.
 - a) Members have unanimously nominated Mr Chris Foxall to continue as Chair.
 - b) Members have also unanimously nominated Ms Amanda Davies to remain as Vice-Chair.
- 1.4 Mr Foxall and Ms Davies have agreed to continue in these roles
- 1.5 The new arrangements have been agreed by UK Government and Welsh Government.
- 1.6 It is recommended that Joint Committee approves the above appointments for 2023

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

3. Legal Implications

- 3.1 The Joint Committee Agreement provides at 4.1 Membership that the Chair shall be appointed following nominations by the unanimous agreement of: the Welsh Government, the UK Government and the Joint Committee.

4. Alignment to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

- 4.1 The SBCD Portfolio and its constituent projects are closely aligned to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the seven well-being goals for Wales. These alignments are outlined in a Portfolio Business Case for the SBCD, as well as in individual project business cases.

Background Papers: None

Appendices:

Appendix A: ESB Terms of Reference