



City and County of Swansea

**Minutes of the Swansea Bay City
Region Joint Committee**

**Multi-Location Meeting - Gloucester
Room, Guildhall / MS Teams**

Thursday, 2 February 2023 at 10.30 am

Present: Councillor Rob Stewart (Swansea Council) Presided

Councillors:

Martyn Peters	Neath Port Talbot Council
Darren Price	Carmarthenshire County Council
David Simpson	Pembrokeshire Council

Co-opted Non-Voting Representatives:

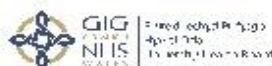
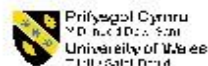
Paul Boyle	Swansea University
Chris Foxall	Chair of Swansea Economic Strategy Board

Officers:

Simon Brennan	Neath Port Talbot Council
Jonathan Burnes	Director (Swansea Bay City Region)
Steven Jones	Director of Development (Pembrokeshire Council)
Allison Lowe	Swansea Council
Tracey Meredith	Joint Committee Monitoring Officer (Swansea Council)
Chris Moore	Joint S151 Officer (Carmarthenshire Council)
Morris	Swansea Council
Huw Mowbray	Swansea Council
Martin Nicholls	Chief Executive (Swansea Council)
Anthony Parnell	Carmarthenshire County Council
Nicola Pearce	Neath Port Talbot Council
Phil Ryder	Swansea Bay City Region
Brett Suddell	Neath Port Talbot Council
Wendy Walters	Chief Executive (Carmarthenshire Council)
Ian Williams	Swansea Bay City Region

Apologies for Absence:

Councillor(s) Steve Hunt (Neath Port Talbot Council)
Maria Battle (Hywel Dda University Health Board) and Medwin Hughes (University of Wales Trinity Saint David)
Karen Jones (Chief Executive (Neath Port Talbot Council))



38 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

In accordance with the Code of Conduct the following interest was declared:

Chris Foxall declared a person and prejudicial interest in minutes 42 & 43 and left the meeting prior to the items being discussed.

39 Minutes.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee held on 10 November 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

40 Announcement(s) of the Chair.

Whilst there were no announcements, the Chair was pleased to reiterate that all 9 projects / programmes in the Swansea Bay City Region had been fully approved. 2022 had seen the opening of Swansea Arena and the build of 71/72 the Kingsway was well underway. Swansea Bay City Region were the only City Deal to have allocated all of its money and all projects were in delivery mode.

41 Public Questions

There were no public questions.

42 Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee Co-opted Membership.

Phil Ryder (Swansea Bay City Deal – Portfolio Office Manager) presented a report to review and agree the Joint Committee Co-Opted Members of the four partner organisations.

The Chair, on behalf of the Joint Committee conveyed thanks to Steve Wilkes for his participation during his term of office.

Resolved that the Joint Committee confirms the current co-opted members set out in Table 1 and approves the appointment of Paul Boyle as the replacement Swansea University co-opted member.

The Chair welcomed Mr Boyle and congratulated him on his appointment.

43 Review of Chair of the Economic Strategy Board.

Jonathan Burnes (Swansea Bay City Deal – Portfolio Director) presented a report to seek approval for the nominations for Chair and Vice Chair of the Economic Strategy Board.

Resolved that:

- 1) Chris Foxall be re-appointed Chair of the Economic Strategy Board;
- 2) Amanda Davies be re-appointed Vice Chair of the Economic Strategy Board.

44 Swansea Bay City Deal Financial Monitoring 2022/23 - Provisional Outturn Position Quarter 3.

Chris Moore (Swansea Bay City Deal – Section 151 Officer) presented a report to provide the Joint Committee with an update on the latest financial position of the Swansea Bay City Region.

Resolved that the Joint Committee approves the financial monitoring update report.

45 Swansea Bay City Deal Quarterly Monitoring Report.

Phil Ryder (Swansea Bay City Deal – Portfolio Office Manager) presented a report outlining the Quarterly Monitoring Report for both the Swansea Bay City Deal Portfolio and its constituent programmes / projects.

Resolved that the Quarterly Monitoring Report for both the Swansea Bay City Deal Portfolio and its constituent programmes / projects be noted.

46 Swansea City & Waterfront Digital District Progress Update. (For Information)

Huw Mowbray (Swansea Council – Development and Physical Regeneration Strategic Manager) presented a “For Information” report to inform Joint Committee of:

- 1) The progress made and status of the SBCD Swansea City and Waterfront Digital District programme.
- 2) The development of the updated programme business case as at Appendix A.
- 3) The outcome of the recent PAR Gateway Review as at Appendix B and Action Plan as at Appendix C.

47 Supporting Innovation & Low Carbon Growth Progress Update. (For Information)

Dr Brett Suddell (SILCG Programme Manager) presented a “For Information” report to inform Joint Committee of the progress made and status of the Swansea Bay City Deal Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth Programme.

48 Assessment of Increasing Construction Costs. (For Information)

Jonathan Burnes (Swansea Bay City Deal - Portfolio Director) presented a “For Information” report to update the Joint Committee on inflationary and construction cost increases that are impacting projects within the portfolio and mitigating actions being taken to address them as described in Appendix A.

49 Portfolio Carbon Reduction Assessment Report. (For Information)

Jonathan Burnes (Swansea Bay City Deal – Portfolio Director) provided a “For Information” report to assess the contributions to regional carbon reduction targets made by the Swansea Bay City Deal programmes and projects.

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The meeting ended at 11.39 am

Chair