



City and County of Swansea

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

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

**Thursday, 6 April 2023 at 10.30 am**

**Present:** Councillor Rob Stewart (Swansea Council) Presided

**Councillors:**

Steve Hunt	Neath Port Talbot Council
Paul Miller	Pembrokeshire Council
Darren Price	Carmarthenshire County Council

**Co-opted Non-Voting Representatives:**

Chris Foxall	Chair of Swansea Economic Strategy Board
Emma Woollett	Swansea Bay University Health Board

**Officers:**

Richard Brown	Head of Environmental Services & Public Protection (Pembrokeshire Council)
Sharon Burford	Carmarthenshire Council
Jonathan Burnes	Director (Swansea Bay City Region)
Karen Jones	Chief Executive (Neath Port Talbot Council)
Allison Lowe	Swansea Council
Tracey Meredith	Joint Committee Monitoring Officer (Swansea Council)
Chris Moore	Joint S151 Officer (Carmarthenshire Council)
Martin Nicholls	Chief Executive (Swansea Council)
Phil Ryder	Swansea Bay City Region
Wendy Walters	Chief Executive (Carmarthenshire Council)
Ian Williams	Swansea Bay City Region

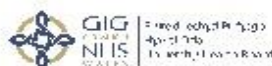
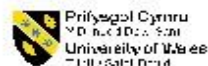
**Apologies for Absence:**

Councillor(s) David Simpson (Pembrokeshire Council)  
Paul Boyle (Swansea University)

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**50 Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**

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



**51 Minutes.**

**Resolved** that the Minutes of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee held on 2 February 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

**52 Announcement(s) of the Chair.**

The Chair congratulated colleagues in Neath Port Talbot and Pembrokeshire on their successful Celtic Freeport bids.

He also announced that the next tranche of funding amounting to £23m had been received for the year. He reiterated that the Swansea Bay City Deal remained the only region to have all its projects in a “live” status.

**53 Public Questions**

There were no public questions.

**54 Pentre Awel Project Update. (For Information)**

Dr Sharon Burford, Pentre Awel Project Manager presented a “For Information” report to inform Joint Committee of the progress made and status of the Pentre Awel Project.

In support of the published report she also shared a powerpoint presentation which included a short video.

Whilst this was a “for information” report, the Committee formally moved that it write to both the Welsh and UK Governments to highlight the inflationary construction cost pressures being encountered.

**55 Swansea Bay City Deal Portfolio Business Case.**

Ian Williams, Swansea Bay City Deal Portfolio Development Manager presented a report to provide Joint Committee with an updated City Deal Portfolio Business Case required for submission to Welsh and UK Governments.

He stated that very minor amendments had been made to the document but these were more reflective of the progression of the projects, the challenges of the current economic conditions and the maturing of governance arrangements rather than any fundamental changes of the makeup or viability of the business case.

**Resolved** that Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee approves the Swansea Bay City Deal Portfolio Business Case attached at Appendix A for submission to Welsh and UK Governments.

**56 Swansea Bay City Deal Highlight Report. (For Information)**

Phil Ryder, Swansea Bay City Deal – Portfolio Office Manager presented a “For Information” report to update Joint Committee on the programmes / projects that form part of the Swansea Bay City Deal Portfolio as outlined in Annex A.

The meeting ended at 11.28 am

**Chair**