

# CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

## NOTICE OF MEETING

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

## EDUCATION & SKILLS POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE

**At:** Committee Room 1, Civic Centre, Swansea

**On:** Wednesday, 13 September 2017

**Time:** 4.00 pm

**Chair:** Councillor Robert Smith

### Membership:

Councillors: S E Crouch, F M Gordon, B Hopkins, L R Jones, M A Langstone, M B Lewis, S Pritchard, K M Roberts, M Sykes and D W W Thomas

## AGENDA

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- 1 **Apologies for Absence.**
- 2 **Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.**  
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- 3 **Minutes.** 1 - 2  
To approve and sign the Minutes of the previous meeting(s) as a correct record.
- 4 **Outline of the Current Education Landscape. (Presentation)**
  - Role of the Local Authority
  - Role of ERW
  - Estyn
  - Learning City
  - New Curriculum
- 5 **Workplan 2017/2018.** 3 - 5

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 11 October 2017 at 4.00 pm



**Huw Evans**  
**Head of Democratic Services**  
**Wednesday, 6 September 2017**

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## CITY AND COUNTY OF SWANSEA

### MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION & SKILLS POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY COMMITTEE

HELD AT COMMITTEE ROOM 5, GUILDHALL, SWANSEA ON  
WEDNESDAY, 9 AUGUST 2017 AT 4.00 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillor R V Smith (Chair) Presided

**Councillor(s)**

S E Crouch  
M A Langstone  
K M Roberts

**Councillor(s)**

B Hopkins  
M B Lewis  
D W W Thomas

**Councillor(s)**

L R Jones  
S Pritchard

**Officer(s)**

Gareth Borsden  
Phil Holmes  
Brian Roles

Democratic Services Officer  
Head of Economic Regeneration and Planning  
Head of Education Planning and Resources

**Apologies for Absence**

Councillor(s): F M Gordon, C L Philpott and M Sykes

9 **DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS.**

In accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the City and County of Swansea, no interests were declared.

10 **MINUTES.**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Education & Skills Policy Development & Delivery Committee held on 12 July 2017 be approved as a correct record.

11 **OVERVIEW OF CITY DEAL.**

The Head of Planning & City Regeneration gave a comprehensive overview presentation to the Committee on the Swansea Bay City Region Deal.

As part of the presentation, he outlined in detail the following subject areas:

- Background history behind the bid
- The agreements and partnership arrangements in place between the various Local Authorities, Universities, Public Bodies, Private Industry and both Welsh and National Governments
- The main aims and challenges of the project
- The visions, anticipated impacts and planned interventions
- Alignment with UK Industrial Strategy
- Aims for Delivery of Projects & Job Creation
- Funding breakdown and investment from both City Deal money and private industry investment for each scheme was outlined
- Proposed returns for the investment, and aims and objectives of projects

- Front loading of Local Authority monies to kick start projects
- Super Smart Innovation Region Proposals including Life Science and Well Being Campus and Village, Steel Science Centre, Factory of the Future, Homes as Power Stations & Pembroke Dock Marine
- 5 Case Business Model currently being prepared for all schemes
- The Skills and Talent Initiative being led by Regional Learning Skills Partnership
- Regional Digital Infrastructure
- Development of Centres for Excellence in Next Generation Digital Services
- Links with S4C to develop a Creative Digital Cluster “Yr Egin”
- Regeneration of Swansea City Centre and Main Projects contained within that project: Arena, Hotel, Multi Storey Car Park, 5G Mobile Communications Test Bed & redevelopment of St David’s site
- Development of Waterfront Digital Business District
- Kingsway Digital District
- Delivery Timelines
- Governance Arrangements

The Committee asked a number of questions of the Head of Planning & City Regeneration, relating to his presentation who responded accordingly. Discussions centred around the following topics: -

- Need for tangible benefits in particular promoting local job opportunities
- Investment needed in schools, to ensure they are best placed to meet the educational needs that young people require in future
- Need for current Teachers and those in Teacher Training to develop new skills and subjects which will in turn develop the skills of young people to ensure they make the best of the opportunities that the City Deal will bring
- Potential to develop links with University, for instance to expand the current “Techno Camps” scheme
- Need to learn from other City Deals experiences in particular around the ownership of “intellectual property”
- Potential to develop links with successful local companies in the development of the Kingsway scheme

The Chair thanked the Head of Planning & City Regeneration for his informative presentation.

12 **WORKPLAN 2017/2018.**

The Chair outlined the Workplan for the Committee for the remainder of the Municipal Year 2017/2018.

**RESOLVED** that the Work plan as outlined be noted.

The meeting ended at 5.05 pm

**CHAIR**

**Education Policy Development & Delivery Committee – 13 September 2017**

**Work Plan 2017/2018**

<b>Priority Commitments</b>	<b>Achieved by</b>
5. Provide positive alternatives to traditional exams. As part of the Swansea Bay City Deal and working closely with the Regional Skills and Learning Partnership, we will help all people attain these skills / create apprenticeships and job opportunities so people acquire the skills they need	Production of a report in March 2018 to be presented to Cabinet
6. How do we get coding to become a core part of the teaching syllabus (develop to widen and look at models for schools of the future – roll out of Donaldson review)?	Production of a report in March 2018 to be presented to Cabinet
15. Lead in creating an intelligent knowledge regional network based on a new dynamic relationship with schools, further education colleges, local universities and employers, underpinned by the needs identified in the Swansea Bay City Deal?	

## Calendar for 2017/2018

Date of meeting	Agenda items and Format	Who is responsible
9 August	Presentation to introduce City Deal	Phil Holmes
13 September	1. Outline the current landscape for the agenda, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of the Local Authority</li> <li>• Role of ERW</li> <li>• Estyn</li> <li>• Learning City</li> <li>• New curriculum</li> </ul>	NW to organise appropriate contributions
11 October	1. Regional Learning & Skills Partnership and the City Deal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Role of the Partnership</li> <li>• Commission for the needs assessment – draft copy for discussion</li> </ul> 2. Swansea Learning City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline what it is and feedback from the UNESCO conference</li> </ul>	RLSP to be invited to attend (CS to do) Draft commissioning document for discussion (NW to produce)  Swansea University to be invited to present (CS to do)
8 November	1. Children’s Views of STEM subjects <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation and interactive workshop</li> </ul> 2. Views from Pioneer Schools	CS to arrange with the Participation Team NW to have conducted a piece of research prior and report to this meeting
13 December	1. Aligning post-16 provision – challenges and opportunities 2. Impacts on Teacher Training	NW to produce a paper NW to invite universities to present
10 January 2018	1. How can the Council use its resources and capacity to improve the offer to young people? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop style discussion</li> </ul>	CS to organise workshop
14	1. Regional Skills Needs Assessment update	CS to organise RLSP

February	2. Research from other authorities on STEM take up	presentation and paper Committee Members to have undertaken research and report back
14 March	1. Presentation of draft report	CS/NW to produce paper and present