



Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee - 17 December 2024

## Swansea Bay City Deal Quarterly Monitoring Q2 2024/25

<b>Purpose:</b>	To inform Joint Committee of the SBCD Quarterly Monitoring Report for both the SBCD Portfolio and its constituent programmes / projects
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Swansea Bay City Deal (SBCD) Joint Committee Agreement (JCA)
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<b>FOR INFORMATION</b>	

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 SBCD Quarterly Monitoring Report for the SBCD Portfolio and its constituent projects provides the Programme (Portfolio) Board with a summary of key activity for Q2 2024/25 and current quarter planned activity.

### 2. Background

#### 2.1 Appendix A: Dashboard Quarterly Monitoring

A summary of all the Quarterly Reporting documentation. It was agreed by Joint Committee that the following components would be included in the initial iteration in quarterly monitoring dashboards:

Item	Theme	Update	Annex
1.	Programme / Project RAG Status	Pentre Awel Scope moved from Red to Amber. Yr Egin Delivery moved from Amber to Red. No change to overall status.	A / B
2.	Portfolio Red Risks	Red Risks moved from 5 to 3 due to 2 Red Risks moving across to the Issues Log, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In Year Slippage</li> <li>Slippage in delivery of programmes /</li> </ul>	A

		projects against key milestones	
3.	Portfolio Red Issues	Increase from 0 to 2 Red Issues due to 2 Red Risks moving across.	A
4.	Benefits Realisation	<p>Increase in jobs created from 615 to 623 due to an increase with Pentre Awel</p> <p>Q1 2024/25 Total Investment Target increased from £1278.27m to £1307.25m due to an increase in private sector investment for Digital Infrastructure.</p> <p>Q1 2024/25 Total Investment to Date changed from £318.23m to £409.53 due to noticing the Innovation Matrix figure was omitted from the previous quarter report, in addition Digital Infrastructure increase from £24.04 to £58.4m - mainly down to the private sector from the previous year being confirmed</p> <p>HAPS increase from £66.5 to £80.3m - £8m public sector (LA's), £5.6m Private sector &amp; RSL</p> <p>Waterfront increase from £121.9m to £130m - £2.5m city deal grant, £5.5m Swansea CC contribution</p>	A / B
5.	Gateway Review Action Plan	Gateway Reviews Summary of changes this quarter	A / C
6.	Active Change Requests	Summary Log of all Change Requests / Notifications. One new relating to Skills & Talent	A
7.	Programme Project Assurance	Current Assurance Stage and Rating, Next Review Date.	A / B

## 2.2 Appendix B: The SBCD Quarterly Monitoring Report is made up of 2 levels with several components

- Portfolio
  - Communications and Marketing
  - Business Engagement
  - Portfolio Benefits Summary
  
- Programmes / Project
  - Scorecard with status summary
  - Programme / Project Assurance
  - Previous quarter achievements and current quarter planned activities
  - Procurement Pipeline
  - Planned Events

### **2.3 Appendix C: Portfolio Gateway 0 Review Action Plan**

The SBCD Portfolio Action Plan available in Appendix F has been developed in response to the recommendations made in the Gateway 0 review undertaken in July 2023

The Action Plan is a 'live' document, updated on a monthly basis with the potential to expand the scope of the plan to incorporate other work areas of the PoMO. As such it will be the Portfolio Action Plan and a key operational document for overseeing the timely and effective delivery of the forward work programme of the SBCD PoMO.

### **2.4 Appendix D: Internal Audit Action Plan**

An Internal Audit was completed April 2024 with a Substantial (Green) rating awarded. The Action Plan highlights progress made on the 5 recommendations listed in the Audit Report from 2022/23. 4 out of 5 complete, 1 on going. 2 New Recommendations added for 2023/24.

### **2.5 Appendix E: Audit Wales - Risk & Assurance Action Plan**

Audit Wales undertook a review between October 2023 and March 2024.

In this review, Audit Wales assessed the effectiveness going forward.

Audit Wales have not developed any specific recommendations as a result of the findings. This report, however, sets out a series of areas which at the time of the fieldwork the City Deal Joint Committee had yet to resolve.

PoMO hold an Action Log to follow up on the findings

### **2.6 Procurement Pipeline (Part of Quarterly Report)**

The SBCD has an agreed set of procurement principles that outline the expected approach for its programmes and projects to follow. Achieving the maximum of community benefit and social value are primary considerations of these principles.

This procedure accepts that there is an obligation in the WPPS for the public sector to report community benefits annually for projects over £1m, utilising an acceptable method such as the WG community benefits toolkit. The SBCD procurement principles acknowledge this requirement.

The SBCD Procurement Pipeline details the route of procurement, start and completion date and contract value which covers the design and construction phase of the SBCD Programmes and Projects

Changes reflect that the projects and programmes are in delivery and maturing their procurement plans with more accurate delivery target from contractors.

Project/programme procurement movement this quarter include:



The bulk of this residual impact lays within the Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth Programme which has yet to confirm actual costs and mitigations for the SWITCH and AMPF elements.

Costs that are outside of the original budget allocations are expected to be being managed by Local Authorities and Lead delivery partners.

Table 1 shows a summary of risks identified in Programme / Project returns. No change this quarter.

Table 1

Impact Field	Scope	Targets	Time	Reputation	Stakeholder/ Partnerships	Costs	Procurement	Resources
<b>Risk / Issue</b>								
<b>Red</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Amber</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Green</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>41</b>

### 3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report. Portfolio financial monitoring will be reported separately through the Accountable Body.

### 4. Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications associated with this report.

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

5.1 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: Dashboard Quarterly Monitoring

Appendix B: SBCD Quarterly Monitoring Report

Appendix C: Portfolio Gateway 0 Action Plan

Appendix D: Internal Audit Action Plan

Appendix E: Audit Wales - Risk & Assurance Action Plan