



Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee - 26 November 2019

Swansea Bay City Deal – Terms and Conditions

Purpose:	To seek approval from the Joint Committee to sign and accept the UK and Welsh Government Funding letter and associated Terms and Conditions
Policy Framework:	Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee Agreement.
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that:
1)	That the Joint Committee agrees the UK and Welsh Government Funding letter and associated Terms and Conditions to be signed and approved by each of the four constituent Authorities.
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1. Introduction

1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Joint Committee approval to sign and accept the Terms and Conditions associated with the Award of funding by UK and Welsh Government in respect of the first tranche of funding for the Swansea Bay City Region City Deal (SBCRCD).

2. Terms & Conditions

2.1 The Welsh Government and the UK Government have committed to provide capital grant funding totalling £241 million to support the Swansea Bay City Region City Deal (SBCRCD). Of this total, £125.4 million is to be contributed by the Welsh Government and £115.6 million by HM Treasury. The release of any funding is to be managed via the Welsh Government on behalf of both governments.

2.2 The Swansea Bay City Deal Award of Funding and associated terms and conditions were received by the region on the 24th October 2019 (Appendix 1) and provide for the release of funding of **£18.0 million** in 2019-20 for the SBCRCD based on the business cases submitted for the Creative Digital Cluster – Yr Egin and the Swansea City and Waterfront Digital District Projects.



- 2.3 In addition, **up to £18.0 million** of further funding may be made available in 2019-20 to support the SBCRCD, subject to the conditions, as set out in Appendix 1, being met and the region submitting business cases for further projects which meet the required standards.
- 2.4 The joint ministerial letter of the 23 July 2019, stated that further project business cases will not be considered by government until the programme planning, governance and delivery requirements and other conditions have been delivered to the satisfaction of both Governments.
- 2.5 The Terms and Conditions have been considered by the Section 151 Officers in all four constituent Councils and they have sought from Welsh Government clarification on a number of points within the Terms and Conditions.
- 2.6 The Programme Board has considered the Terms and Conditions and recommend that they are approved subject to satisfactory clarification of the points referred to in Paragraph 2.5 and approval from each of the four Councils.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The Award of Funding relates to 2019-20 only and the release of any funding in future years will be conditional on the conditions being met.

Once the Terms and Conditions have been accepted by the region, it is anticipated that payment will be made before the end of the year.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 The Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee set out at clause 2.2 (j) that the Joint Committee's functions include agreeing the terms and conditions of Government Funding.
- 4.2 Schedule 5 of the Joint Committee Agreement sets out Matters Reserved to the Councils and includes approving the funding conditions. It is recommended that the Joint Committee agree the Terms and Conditions subject to approval of all four Councils.
- 4.2 Subject to the Joint Committee's agreement and subsequent approval, the Terms and Conditions will be authorised by the Accountable body (Section 151 Officer) on behalf of the SBCRCD.

Background Papers: None

Appendix 1: Terms and Conditions