



Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee – 11 June 2020

Integrated Assurance and Approval Plan (IAAP) (For information)

Purpose:	To update the Joint Committee on the development of an Integrated Assurance and Approval Plan (IAAP) for the Swansea Bay City Deal Programme
Policy Framework:	Swansea Bay City Deal (SBCD) Joint Committee Agreement (JCA)
Consultation:	Programme Board
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that Joint Committee: 1) Notes the progress being made on developing an Integrated Assurance and Approval Plan (IAAP) for the City Deal programme
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 One of the recommendations arising from the external review into the City Deal was for the City Deal’s Regional Programme Management Office to develop an Integrated Assurance and Approval Plan (IAAP) for the City Deal programme.
- 1.2 This plan will ensure the planning, coordination and provision of assurance activities and approval points throughout the City Deal programme, proportionate to levels of project cost and risk. As well as a programme level IAAP, constituent projects will also feed into the overall plan. The IAAP is a live document that will be kept updated and actioned throughout the lifecycle of the City Deal programme.
- 1.3 The City Deal’s Regional Programme Management Office is working closely alongside the Welsh Government’s Assurance Hub in developing the IAAP – the latest version of which is appended for reference
- 1.4 Input to the plan is expected from all City Deal Project Leads. The Regional Programme Management Office organised a virtual presentation/overview about the IAAP with Project Leads on Tuesday May 19, 2020.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 The IAAP is a recommendation arising from the external review into the Swansea Bay City Deal, which was carried out by Actica consulting. The implementation of the IAAP will support the release of further City Deal funding by the UK and Welsh Governments.

3. Legal implications

- 3.1 There are no legal implications.

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

- 4.1 The City Deal programme and its constituent projects are aligned to the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the seven goals contained within. This is outlined in a Programme Business Case being updated for the City Deal, as well as within the Full Business Cases of the City Deal's constituent projects.

Background Papers:

None

Appendices:

Appendix A - Latest version of the Integrated Assurance and Approval Plan (IAAP) for the Swansea Bay City Deal programme.