



Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee - 14 January 2021

## Swansea Bay City Deal Funding Award

<b>Purpose:</b>	To inform the Joint Committee of the UK and Welsh Government Funding award letter and associated Terms and Conditions.
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee Agreement.
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that:
1)	The Joint Committee review the UK and Welsh Government Funding Award letter and associated Terms and Conditions.
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### 1. Introduction

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

### 2. Background

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 16<sup>th</sup> December 2020 (Appendix 1) and provide for the release of funding of up to **£36.0 million** in 2020-21 for the SBCRCD.



- 2.3 The Funding relates to the period 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 (relating to years 2019/20 and 2020/21) and will be paid in two instalments relating to the applicable years. The first instalment of £18.0 million will be claimed immediately and the second instalment of £18.0 million must be claimed by 28 February 2021 otherwise any unclaimed part of the Funding will cease to be available.
- 2.4 Subject to meeting the Targets in Schedule 2, Welsh Government will aim to pay the second instalment of Funding by 31 March 2021. The Targets encompass the recommendations as outlined in the Accounting Officer Review.
- 2.5 The Terms and Conditions have been considered and accepted by the portfolio Senior Responsible Owner and Portfolio Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Director.

### **3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 The Award of Funding relates to years 2019/20 and 2020/21, however, the funding is being released for the two years by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021. The release of any funding in future years will be conditional on the conditions being met.

### **4. Legal Implications**

- 4.1 The Terms of Reference for the Joint Committee set out at paragraph 2.2 (k) 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.
- 4.3 Subject to the Joint Committee's agreement and subsequent approval by the councils, the Terms and Conditions will be authorised by the Accountable body (Section 151 Officer) on behalf of the SBCRCD.

### **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: Award Funding letter / Terms and Conditions