



Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee - 11 February 2021

Swansea Bay City Deal Portfolio Governance Evaluation

Purpose:	To inform the Joint Committee of the Governance Evaluation work and put forward recommendations for consideration
Policy Framework:	Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee Agreement
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that the Joint Committee:
1)	Approves in principle the Governance Evaluation report attached at Appendix A and that further work be undertaken to implement the recommendations.
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1. Introduction

In June 2020, the Gateway 0 review into the SBCD Portfolio recommended evaluating the merit of differentiating the accountabilities for strategic oversight and delivery control, thus empowering the Joint Committee (JC) and Programme Board (PB) to exercise its function with agility and in line with the delivery tempo of the programme,

2. Background

A total of 14 conversations were held between the Portfolio Management Office (PoMO) and a cross profile of representatives from each of the organisations that make up JC and PB to seek their views on how the Governance Boards currently operate and how they could run more efficiently, to strengthen the understanding of stakeholders' role and enhance the current reporting, governance and assurance arrangements.

The Report is split into 4 sections, namely:



- a. Frequency of meetings
- b. Role of Joint Committee
- c. Documentation
- d. Representation

In total 16 recommendations are put forward in the report to be considered by Joint Committee

3. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report

4. Legal Implications

The SBCD is governed by the Joint Committee Agreement which provides for the establishment of a Joint Committee, Programme Board and Joint Scrutiny arrangements and enables the constituent authorities to work together to establish and participate in a joint committee.

Consideration needs to be given as to whether any of the recommendations would necessitate changes to the Joint Committee Agreement. For example, the Agreement does not provide for a Portfolio Board and so an amendment would be needed to the Agreement.

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

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: SBCD Portfolio Governance Evaluation