



## Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee – 28 July 2022

### Audit Wales Report

<b>Purpose:</b>	The Auditor General is responsible for providing an opinion on whether the Statement of Accounts demonstrate a true and fair view of the position of the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee as at 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2022. The report summarises the findings from the undertaken audit
<b>Policy Framework:</b>	Swansea Bay City Deal (SBCD) Joint Committee Agreement (JCA)
<b>Recommendation(s):</b>	It is recommended that Joint Committee:  1) Receive the Audit Wales audit of the 2021/2022 Statement of Accounts report for the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee
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## 1. Introduction

Carmarthenshire County Council as the Accountable Body is responsible for the financial stewardship of the Swansea Bay City Deal. Accounts in respect of the Swansea Bay City Deal were not required in previous years and were presented through an annual return. This is the first year the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee has had to compile a Statement of Accounts in line with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014, as amended in 2018. The Statement of Accounts was audited by Audit Wales, with the audit letter including the audit opinion and findings presented in appendix A.

## 2. Audit Wales Report

The Auditor General is responsible for providing an opinion on whether the statements demonstrate a true and fair view of the position of the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022. The attached report summarises findings concluded from the audit undertaken.



### **3. Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications within this report.

### **4. Legal Implications**

There are no legal implications associated with this report.

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

The SBCD Programme 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: Swansea Bay City Deal ISA260 Audit Report- Audit Wales