



Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee – 28 July 2022

Statement of Accounts 2021/22

Purpose:	To seek Joint Committee’s approval for the SBCD Programme’s Annual Statement of Accounts for the 2021/2022 financial year.
Policy Framework:	Swansea Bay City Deal (SBCD) Joint Committee Agreement (JCA)
Recommendation(s):	It is recommended that Joint Committee: 1) Approves the 2021/2022 post-audited SBCD Statement of Accounts
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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. This is the second 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 has been reviewed by Audit Wales and the amendments noted in the ISA 260 have been included. Audit Wales intends issuing an unqualified audit opinion on these Accounts, which has been included within the Statement of Accounts. The Statement of Accounts is attached at Appendix A.

2. Statement of Accounts 2021/2022

The Statement of Accounts present full financial statements for the financial year 2021/22, as required by legislation.

To the period which ended on 31st March 2022, the Joint Committee expenditure incurred totalled £748k, with income contributions from partners, the ‘Top Slice’ of Government grant and interest generated on cash portfolio cash surpluses. This resulted in a surplus of £6k with the balance being transferred to the City Deal reserve, which now demonstrates £220k in total.

Further income received by the Joint Committee included the fourth instalment of Welsh and UK Government City Deal Grant totalling £23m. Grant of £13.5m was dispersed to projects during the year.

Accrued interest will be dispersed to projects on an annual basis apportioned on the basis of the City Deal grant award. This was approved at Joint Committee on July 10, 2020.

Debtor and creditor amounts represent contributions outstanding from partners and funders, and the amount owing to Carmarthenshire County Council as the Accountable Body.

3. Financial Implications

The total annual expenditure of the Joint Committee was £748k, with income through partner contributions, top slice and interest earned totalling £754k. This resulted in surplus position of £6k. The current reserves reside at £220k for the Joint Committee, and £52m for the portfolio investment fund.

City Deal grant totalling £23m and generated interest of £39k was accounted for within the year. Payments totalling £13.5m has been disseminated from the Accountable body.

The estimated portfolio forecasted investment position (as at 31st March 2022) demonstrates an underinvestment of £2m. Currently the portfolio is presenting a total investment over the fifteen-year life span of the Swansea Bay City Region Deal of £1.239bn. This is subject to fluctuation over the life span of the project and will be monitored quarterly through financial templates and through the Portfolio risk register. The remaining business cases were approved within the year and the portfolio is now in full delivery.

4. Legal Implications

The Joint Committee is required to approve a full set of accounts to comply with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014, as amended in 2018.

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

The Swansea Bay City Deal 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 Joint Committee - Statement of Accounts 2021/22