



Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee - 16 November 2023

Swansea Bay City Deal Statement of Accounts 2022/23

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| Purpose: | To seek Joint Committee’s approval for the SBCD Programme’s Annual Statement of Accounts for the 2022/2023 financial year. |
| Policy Framework: | Swansea Bay City Deal (SBCD) Joint Committee Agreement (JCA) |
| Recommendation(s): | It is recommended that Joint Committee: 1) Approves the 2022/2023 post-audit SBCD Statement of Accounts |
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1. Introduction

1.1 Carmarthenshire County Council as the Accountable Body is responsible for the financial stewardship of the Swansea Bay City Deal. This is the third 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 Audit of Accounts Report (ISA 260) have been included. Audit Wales has issued an unqualified audit opinion on these Accounts, which has been included within the Statement of Accounts. The Statement of Accounts 2022/23 is attached at Appendix A.

2. Statement of Accounts 2022/2023

2.1 The Statement of Accounts present full financial statements for the financial year 2022/23, as required by legislation. To the period which ended on 31st March 2023, the Joint Committee and Portfolio Management Office expenditure incurred totalled £1,603k, income through partner contributions, top slice and interest earned totalling £1,524k. This resulted in a deficit of £80k with the balance being transferred to the City Deal reserve, which now demonstrates £140.8k in total.



2.2 Further income received by the Joint Committee included the sixth instalment of Welsh and UK Government City Deal Grant totalling £23.1m. Grant of £24.4m was dispersed to projects during the year. Accrued interest is 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

3.1 The total annual expenditure of the Joint Committee was £1,056k. The total expenditure for the Portfolio Management Office was £547k. Income through partner contributions £400k, top slice of £253k and interest earned of £871k. This resulted in a deficit position of £80k. The current reserves reside at £140.8k for the Joint Committee, and £51.2m for the portfolio investment fund.

3.2 City Deal grant totalling £2.13m and generated interest of £871k was accounted for within the year. Payments totalling £24.4m have been disseminated from the Accountable body.

3.3 The estimated portfolio forecasted investment position (as at 31st March 2023) demonstrates an underinvestment of £10.8m. Currently the portfolio is presenting a total investment over the fifteen-year life span of the Swansea Bay City Region Deal of £1.256.4bn. 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

4.1 There are no further legal implications associated with this report.

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

5.1 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 2022/23