

Cllr Jeff Jones
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Dear Cllr Jones

Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel – 19 March 2019

Further to your letter dated 8 April 2019 I am happy to provide the following response to the issues raised.

- 1. We wonder going forward, whether the work being undertaken on Wind St could be added to the Dashboard report as part of your regeneration monitoring and so progress can be shared with the Panel.**

Yes, I can confirm that the Wind Street regeneration programme will be added to future dashboard reports. This will give full visibility of progress and interdependencies of all the major projects within our regeneration programme.

- 2. The Panel are aware of the independent report from Actica Consulting and would be interested to know if you have developed a response? We would also like to know if you have any formal response to the Swansea Bay City Deal Internal Review of Governance.**

The City Deal reviews and their resulting reports have provided the Joint Committee with several recommendations to consider. The Joint committee accepted the recommendation and is preparing a response which will be considered at its next meeting at the end of April or early May. It is likely the responses will be placed in the public domain at that time and can provide a link to the papers at that time.

- 3. We understand that the procurement procedure which is in place is the one widely used for regeneration projects however we do have some concerns about the price and we hope that the price developed at the end of the design phase is close to the original anticipated amount. Are you confident that this will be the case and the cost of the project will not increase significantly from the original amount?**

The contractor procurement process being utilised for the Swansea Central project is now well established within the construction industry.

Early contractor engagement is helping us to improve buildability, reduce costs, manage risks and ensure delivery to programme. Having finalised the designs with our expert contractor on board I am confident that the final costs to be reported to Cabinet will offer excellent value for money.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'R' followed by a horizontal line and a small loop at the end.

COUNCILLOR ROB STEWART
LEADER & CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMY & STRATEGY