

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

13TH MAY 2019

SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL

Purpose:

To consider and comment on the findings of recent reviews undertaken by the UK and Welsh Government and the Joint Committee in relation to the Swansea Bay City Deal.

Recommendations / key decisions required:

That Members:

- Accept and comment upon the details of the UK & WG Review and the Joint Committee Reviews
- Continue to review progress.
- Agree to delegate to the Leader, in conjunction with the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 officer, authority to agree changes, where considered appropriate, to the Joint Committee Agreement (JCA) in line with the recommendations of the reviews. The changes would not apply to any material change to the Council's legal and financial obligations under the JCA, such matters are reserved for Members' decision

Reasons:

In December 2018 the UK and Welsh Governments announced that an independent review would be carried out into the Swansea Bay City Deal. In parallel with the Governments' review, the Swansea Bay Joint Committee also agreed to undertake an internal review into the Swansea Bay City Deal governance arrangements. Both reviews have now been concluded and are provided for Members' comment and consideration.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted N/A

Exec Board Decision Required	YES
Council Decision Required	NO

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1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

In December 2018 the UK and Welsh Governments announced that an independent review would be carried out in relation to the Swansea Bay City Deal. The findings of the review were published on the 15th March 2019 and considered by the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee on the 28th March 2019.

In addition, the Swansea Bay Joint Committee, at its meeting held on the 14th December 2018, resolved that an internal review into the Swansea Bay City Deal governance arrangements would also be undertaken in parallel with the UK and Welsh Government Independent Review. It was agreed that Pembrokeshire County Council would lead the Internal Review supported by a nominated Senior Auditor from Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot and Swansea Councils.

Copies of both the UK & WG Review and Joint Committee Internal Review are appended at Appendix 1 and 2 of this report together with commentary on the actions to be taken.

The Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee formally considered and accepted the findings of both the Independent UK and Welsh Government and Internal Joint Committee reviews at its meeting on the 26th March 2019. The Programme Board has been tasked with developing an implementation and action plan to progress the recommendations and report back to the next Joint Committee scheduled for the 28th May 2019.

The implications of the reviews on the Authority are noted in the attached report for Members comment.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES supported by:

- Appendix 1 – UK and WG Review
- Appendix 2 – Internal Review

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Mark James, CBE

Chief Executive

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	YES	YES	NONE	YES	YES	NONE

Legal

Both reviews have identified a need to review the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee Agreement. This report is recommending that delegated authority is granted to the Leader in conjunction with the Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 officer, to agree minor changes, where considered appropriate, to the Joint Committee Agreement (JCA). The changes would not apply to any material change to the Council's legal and financial obligations under the JCA, such matters are reserved for Members' decision.

Finance

There is potential for the issues identified within this report to have financial implications depending on the decisions taken by the Joint Committee e.g. resourcing of Programme Manager etc. Any such issues will be brought back to Members for consideration at the appropriate time.

Risk Management Issues

A detailed risk register has been produced for the Swansea Bay City Deal programme and is a standing item on the agenda of the Joint Committee which will be continually monitored.

Staffing Implications

Should changes involve staff directly employed by the City Deal Regional officer, HR implications may come into force and as such the Authority will need to take relevant steps to ensure its staff are protected.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Mark James, CBE

Chief Executive

1. Scrutiny Committee

n/a

2. Local Member(s)

n/a

3. Community / Town Council

n/a

4. Relevant Partners

Neath Port Talbot Council, Swansea Council, Pembrokeshire County Council, Hwyl Dda Health Authority, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Authority, University of Wales Saint David

5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations

n/a

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
UK & WG Independent Review		www.swanseabaycitydeal/wales
Joint Committee Internal Review		www.swanseabaycitydeal/wales
Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee Agreement		Available from the Swansea Bay City Deal Regional Office