

28 MAY 2019

Progress on Reviews

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

- Consider and agree recommendations outlined in detailed report (attached)
- Task the Regional Office in association with the monitoring officers to progress all actions and to provide an update on progress at the next meeting.

REASONS:

Following acceptance of the findings of the Actica Consulting Independent Review and Internal Review by Joint Committee on 28th March 2019 this report outlines key steps to implementing the recommendations of the reviews.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION JOINT COMMITTEE

28 MAY 2019

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

By accepting the findings of the Actica Consulting Independent Review and Internal Review, the Joint Committee is recognising the need for change.

The implementation of the following key recommendations, are therefore needed along with progress on the remaining recommendations.

Recommendation 1: A Programme Director should be appointed before May 2019 to ensure continuity of Swansea Bay City Deal leadership and independent, authoritative advice to the Boards.

It is recognised that appointing a person in such tight timescale is not feasible and the proposed deadline of May will need more flexibility.

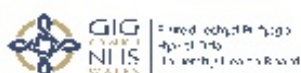
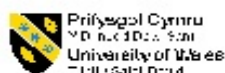
Recommendation 2: The Regional Office should be designated as a Portfolio Management Office (PMO), leveraging their skills with experienced Portfolio / Programme Project Management (P3P) specialists.

Recommendation 3: Under the chair of the JSC each SBCD board should consider the TORs and ways of working of each to ensure that they work as intended. In doing so they should take account of this review and of the outcome of the audits currently being undertaken.

This attached report provides options for delivering the aforementioned recommendations.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES - Recommendations relating to the Implementation of the Independent Government and Internal Joint Committee Reviews



IMPLICATIONS

| Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NO | Legal YES | Finance YES | Risk Management Issues YES | Staffing Implications YES |
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| Legal Progress against some recommendations will require changes to the Joint Committee Agreement for the Swansea Bay City Deal although not necessarily ratified by the Constituent Authorities. | | | | |
| Finance Without additional funding via a 1.5% top slice from overall City Deal monies resources required to implement the review recommendations will be significantly limited. | | | | |
| Risk Management Issues Governments have clearly stated that project approvals beyond those of the Yr Egin and Swansea City & Waterfront Digital District will not be granted until there is evident significant progress to implement recommendations of the independent review. If the recommendations detailed in the report cannot be taken forward there is a risk to further delays in project approvals. | | | | |
| Staffing Implications Recruitment of a new programme director is required. Subsequent recruitment to the new SBCD programme management office will also be required. | | | | |

CONSULTATIONS

Leaders & CEX's of four regional authorities.
SBCD Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: **THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW**

| Title of Document | File Ref No. | Locations that the papers are available for public inspection/WEBSITE LINK |
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| UK & WG Review Document | | https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/swansea-bay-city-deal-independent-review |
| Internal Review Report | | Available from regional office |

