

Executive Board
20th June 2016

Subject: UNESCO Learning City Conference

Recommendations / key decisions required:

- To provide the City and County of Swansea with a letter of support, in principle, for their bid to host the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) International Learning City Conference in 2017

Reasons:

- With a potential 650 delegates from 100 countries, the Conference will be an opportunity to raise the profile of the Swansea Bay City region

PEB :

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NA

Exec Board Decision Required YES

Council Decision Required NO

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UNESCO Learning City Conference

Swansea is one of the 12 cities internationally to have achieved the UNESCO Learning City Award for its work in developing lifelong learning across all age groups.

UNESCO holds an international Learning City conference every two years. In 2013, the host city was Beijing and in 2015 it was Mexico City. In Mexico City there were more than 650 delegates from 100 countries, attracting dignitaries and practitioners from local government, education and international development.

The City and County of Swansea is preparing a bid to become the host city for the 2017 UNESCO Learning City Conference. The bid is based around the themes of entrepreneurship, innovation and inclusion.

The 3 day conference would be held in the summer of 2017, and would be based largely at the Swansea University Bay Campus. There will be a day of good practice case study visits situated around the region. Locations outside of Swansea are yet to be confirmed.

The City and County of Swansea are seeking a letter of support from Carmarthenshire County Council to accompany their bid to UNESCO.

If successful, Swansea will be requesting financial support from partners for certain activities, which as yet have not be specified.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

NO

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: Wendy Walters

Assistant Chief Executive (Regeneration & Policy)

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

The City and County of Swansea will possibly make a financial request for support in the future, should the bid be successful

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed: Wendy Walters

Assistant Chief Executive

1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

2. Local Member(s)

N/A

3. Community / Town Council

N/A

4. Relevant Partners

N/A

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:

THERE ARE NONE

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
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