

# Document Pack SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION JOINT COMMITTEE

Friday, 14 December 2018

**PRESENT:** Councillor R. Stewart (Chair)

**Councillors:**

E. Dole, R. Jones and D. Simpson

**Co-optees:**

Professor A. Davies, Abertawe Bro Morgannwg University Health Board  
Professor M. Hughes, University of Wales Trinity St David  
E. Tomp, Chair of the Economic Strategy Board

**Also in attendance:**

Councillor A. Taylor, Deputy Leader, Neath Port Talbot County Council  
Dr J. Davidson, University of Wales Trinity St David  
S. Jennings, Hywel Dda University Health Board

**The following Officers were in attendance:**

M. James, Chief Executive, Carmarthenshire County Council  
S. Phillips, Chief Executive, Neath Port Talbot County Council  
P. Roberts, Chief Executive, City and County of Swansea  
I Westley, Chief Executive, Pembrokeshire County Council  
C. Moore, Director of Corporate Services  
L.R. Jones, Head of Administration and Law  
W. Walters, Director of Regeneration & Policy  
G. Morgan, Head of Democratic Services  
H. Morgan, Economic Development Manager  
R. Phillips, European Programmes Manager  
R Llewellyn, Performance, Governance and Policy Officer  
G. Jones, Communications & Marketing Officer (City Deal)  
J. Laimann, Assistant Democratic Services Officer

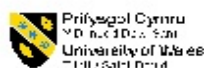
**Democratic Services Committee Room, - County Hall, Carmarthen. SA31 1JP. - 2.00 - 3.30 pm**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from B. Rees (Hywel Dda University Health Board).

The Chair welcomed Professor Medwin Hughes to the meeting as the new University of Wales Trinity St Davids representative on the Joint Committee.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the change of representation on the Joint Committee, as notified by the University of Wales Trinity St Davids, be noted.







**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the update be received.

**7. SWANSEA UNIVERSITY UPDATE**

The Chair advised that he had covered this item within his earlier statement, and no further details relating to the suspensions at Swansea University were available as the investigation was ongoing.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the update be received.

**8. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) (Wales) Order 2007, that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as the reports contained exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 4 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

**9. PRESENTATION OF SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL REGIONAL LOCAL FULL FIBRE NETWORKS (LFFN) SUBMISSION TO DCMS WAVE 3 COMPETITION**

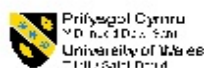
Following the application of the public interest test it was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED**, pursuant to the Act referred to in Minute 8 above, to consider this matter in private, with the public excluded from the meeting as the report and presentation contain details about how the bid for LFFN monies will be structured. Although the public interest would normally favour transparency and openness, this is outweighed in this case because this is a bid in competition with others from a finite pot of monies, and the confidentiality of the bid therefore needs to be preserved.

The Joint Committee considered a report on the Swansea Bay City Deal Regional LFFN proposal for the Wave 3 DCMS competition. The Joint Committee was reminded that the regional bid and submission was being led by Swansea Council with the support of CUBE Ultra Ltd. It was advised that a proposal has been developed following extensive data analysis, cost modelling and consultation with all four Local Authorities within the region. The Joint Committee thereupon received a brief presentation from CUBE Ultra Ltd and Swansea Council on the proposal and was advised that the deadline for submitting bids to the competition was 5pm that day.

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the submission of the expression of interest to the DCMS Wave 3 competition, as presented to the Joint Committee on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018, be approved.

**10. URGENT ITEM**

The Chair reported that pursuant to Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 he had decided to allow, as a matter of urgency, further discussion on



the Chair's statement, as a decision was required prior to the next meeting of the Committee.

## 11. CHAIR'S STATEMENT

The Chair advised the Joint Committee that the Monitoring Officer had advised that no vote had been taken on the discussion regarding the Joint Committee undertaking its own review. He therefore asked the Joint Committee to formally agree this action.

Following further discussion, the Chair also advised the Joint Committee that he expected all members to make themselves available, on request, for Joint Scrutiny Committee meetings.

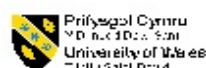
**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee undertake an internal review into the City Deal, and that the review run in parallel with the UK and Welsh Government Independent Review, chaired by the Chair of the Joint Committee with Audit arrangements being undertaken by Pembrokeshire County Council.

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CHAIR

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