

24TH JANUARY 2019

**UK AND WELSH GOVERNMENT SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL
INDEPENDENT REVIEW - TERMS OF REFERENCE**

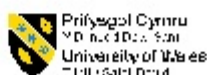
RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

To receive the UK and Welsh Government Terms of Reference for their Independent review of the City Deal

REASONS:

The UK and Welsh Governments have announced that they will undertake an Independent review of the Swansea Bay City Region City Deal.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION JOINT COMMITTEE
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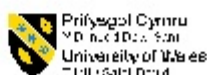
INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION CITY DEAL

On Thursday 6th December the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee and City Deal Regional Office was advised that UK and Welsh Governments had agreed to commission an independent review of the Swansea Bay City Region City Deal. The statement said all partners remained committed to the success of the deal, and it has been agreed that work on individual projects would continue in parallel with the review.

Correspondence from both Governments stated that they will assess the progress to date, with a view to providing them with the assurance that all elements of the Deal will deliver the full economic benefits promised by the ambitious programme. In light of recent media reports, both Governments will also require that the review covers due diligence and governance in relation to all elements of the Deal and its implementation.

The Terms of Reference, as advised by UK and Welsh Governments are attached to this report.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	Yes – Terms of Reference
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IMPLICATIONS

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

LEGAL

The Councils have agreed Heads of terms with the UK Government and the Welsh Government

All project business cases for projects to be considered for funding from the SBCD must meet the requirements of extant guidance from the UK and Welsh Governments. All projects approved by the Joint Committee must be submitted to the UK and Welsh Governments for approval by those Governments for release of Government Funding for the projects.

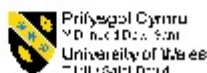
FINANCE

The recommendations of this review will inform future decisions on the release of joint government funding, as well as providing further confidence for potential private investors across the Deal as a whole.

Government funding is provided to the projects over a 15 year period and paid by the Welsh Government to the Accountable Body.

RISK

Failure to receive approval and funding from both Governments.



CONSULTATIONS

Details of any consultations undertaken are to be included here

Not applicable.

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
Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee Agreement		http://www.swanseabaycitydeal.wales

