

COUNTY COUNCIL

22ND OCTOBER 2020

SWANSEA BAY CITY DEAL JOINT COMMITTEE AGREEMENT

Purpose:

To seek endorsement of an amendment to the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee Agreement (Schedule 12, Clause 7.1)

Executive Board Recommendations:

- To endorse the decision of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee to amend the Joint Scrutiny Committee quorum arrangements, as detailed within the report.
- To authorise the Head of Administration and Law to enter into a deed of variation to effect the changes to the Joint Committee Agreement

Reasons:

Any variation of the agreement requires approval by all 4 Authorities.

Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted NO

Exec Board Decision Required YES (5th October 2020)

Council Decision Required YES (14th October 2020)

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER:- Leader of the Council

Directorate Chief Executive's

Designations:

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY COUNTY COUNCIL

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Council at its meeting held on the 9th October 2019 (Minute 10.3 refers) endorsed amendments to the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee Agreement which had arisen following recommendations from reviews by the UK and Welsh Governments and the region itself.

During the debate, a request was made by the Joint Scrutiny Committee Chair for Council to approve further changes which included an amendment to the Scrutiny Committee quorum arrangements. The former Chief Executive had advised Council that the draft Joint Scrutiny minutes clearly requested the Joint Committee to consider these amendments, therefore any proposed amendment would firstly need to be considered by the Joint Committee itself and if agreed those amendments would then need to be placed before each of the 4 local authorities to consider and adopt the proposed changes.

The Joint Committee at its meeting held on the 9th July 2020 (Minute 79 refers) considered a report on Joint Scrutiny – Change to Terms of Reference and **resolved** to amend Clause 7 of Schedule 12 – Terms of Reference of Joint Scrutiny Committee in that the current Clause 7.1 be deleted and amended as follows:

7. Quorum

7.1 The quorum for meetings shall be no less than 6 members, which must include at least 1 member from each of the 4 Authorities. The Joint Scrutiny Committee is not permitted to scrutinise a matter relating to a project if a member representative of the Councils involved in that project is not present at the meeting.

The Council is asked to endorse the recommendation of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?

No

[Link to the minutes of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee held on the 9th July 2020](#)

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: **Linda Rees Jones** **Head of Administration & Law**

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

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

Under the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 - the City Deal is a good example of the 5 Ways of Working promoted by the Act and will make a significant contribution to the 7 well-being goals

2. Legal

The Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Committee shall be governed by the provisions of the Joint Committee Agreement. The terms of the Joint Committee Agreement commits Carmarthenshire County Council to discharge its responsibilities to meet the requirements of the Heads of Terms document signed on 20th March, 2017.

The Councils may from time to time vary the terms of reference of the Joint Committee and this shall be a matter reserved to the Councils. The reservation to the Councils does not preclude the Joint Committee from making recommendations to vary the terms of the reference the reference where it considers they shall promote the Council's Obligations.

CONSULTATIONS

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

Signed Linda Rees Jones Head of Administration & Law

1. Scrutiny Committee

N/A

2. Local Member(s)

N/A

3. Community / Town Council

N/A

4. Relevant Partners

Legal officers have considered the position now that the Deed of Variation has been finalised and Neath Port Talbot, Swansea and Pembrokeshire are also making arrangements for the amendment to be agreed in accordance with their respective decision-making processes.

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
Swansea City Region Joint Committee Agendas and Minutes		http://democracy.swansea.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=664&Year=0&LLL=0
Carmarthenshire Council Agenda and Minutes 9 th October 2019		http://democracy.carmarthenshire.gov.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=155&MId=2009&Ver=4