



## ***CYD-BWYLLGOR CORFFOREDIG DE-ORLLEWIN CYMRU***

***10.00 AM DYDD MAWRTH, 23 IONAWR 2024***

***O BELL TRWY TEAMS***

**Rhaid gosod pob ffôn symudol ar y modd distaw ar gyfer parhad y cyfarfod**

### **Gweddarlledu/Cyfarfodydd Hybrid:**

Gellir ffilmio'r cyfarfod hwn i'w ddarlledu'n fyw neu'n ddiweddarach drwy wefan y cyngor. Drwy gymryd rhan, rydych yn cytuno i gael eich ffilmio ac i'r delweddau a'r recordiadau sain hynny gael eu defnyddio at ddibenion gweddarlledu a/neu hyfforddiant o bosib.

1. Croeso a chyhoeddiadau'r Cadeirydd
2. Datganiadau o fuddiannau
3. Cofnodion y Cyfarfod Blaenorol (*Tudalennau 5 - 22*)
  - 24 Hydref 2023
  - 5 Rhagfyr 2023
4. Blaenraglen Waith (*Tudalennau 23 - 24*)
5. Cynrychiolaeth y Porth Gorllewinol (*Tudalennau 25 - 30*)
6. Monitro Ariannol Chwarter 3 2023/24 (*Tudalennau 31 - 34*)
7. Cyllideb Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig Rhanbarthol De-orllewin Cymru 2024/25 (*Tudalennau 35 - 46*)
8. Eitemau brys  
Unrhyw eitemau brys yn ôl disgrisiwn y Cadeirydd yn unol ag Adran 100BA(6)(b) o Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 (fel y'i

diwygiwyd).

**K.Jones**  
**Prif Weithredwr**

**Canolfan Ddinesig**  
**Port Talbot**

**Dydd Mercher, 17 Ionawr 2024**

**Aelodaeth y Pwyllgor:**

**Cadeirydd:** Y Cynghorydd R.Stewart

**Is-gadeirydd:** Y Cynghorydd D.Price

**Cynghorwyr:** D.Simpson a/ac S.K.Hunt

**Parc**

**Cenedlaethol**

**Cynrychiolwyr:** A.Edwards a/ac D.Clements

**Aelodau**

**Cyfetholedig:** E.Woollett, J.Hardisty, P.Boyle, E.Evans a/ac  
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(O Bell Trwy Teams)

Aelodau sy'n Bresennol:

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**Swyddogion sy'n  
Bresennol:** M.Nicholls, G.Jones, D.Clements, W.Bramble,  
K.Jones, C.Griffiths, G.Jones, S.Aldred-Jones,  
S.Rees, S.Davies, B.George, R.Gill, D.Griffiths,  
J.Jones, L.McAndrew, D.Thomas, M.Wade,  
Hemingway, S.Byrne, A.Williams a/ac  
C.Plowman

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1. **CROESO A CHYHOEDDIADAU'R CADEIRYDD**

Croesawodd y Cadeirydd bawb i'r cyfarfod.

2. **DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANNAU**

Ni dderbyniwyd unrhyw ddatganiadau o fuddiannau.

3. **COFNODION Y CYFARFOD BLAENOROL**

Cymeradwywyd cofnodion y cyfarfod blaenorol a gynhaliwyd ar 6 Mehefin 2023 fel cofnod cywir.

4. **BLAENRAGLEN WAITH**

Derbyniodd yr aelodau Blaenraglen Waith Pwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru.

Cadarnhawyd y byddai Swyddogion yn trefnu gweithdy, ar gyfer yr Arweinwyr a chynrychiolwyr y Parc Cenedlaethol, er mwyn dechrau trafodaethau ynghylch yr opsiynau ar gyfer cyllideb 2024/25; byddai hyn yn drefniant tebyg i un y flwyddyn flaenorol. Nodwyd y byddai'r gweithdy yn cael ei drefnu cyn cyfarfod nesaf Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru a drefnwyd ar gyfer 5 Rhagfyr 2023.

Nodwyd y Flaenraglen Waith.

## 5. **DIWEDDARIAD AM BARTHAU BUDDSODDI**

Rhodddwyd cyflwyniad i'r Pwyllgor gan SQW mewn perthynas â pharthau buddsoddi.

Esboniwyd bod cydweithwyr yng Nghyngor Abertawe a Sir Gâr wedi comisiynu SQW i ddatblygu prosiectws ar gyfer parth buddsoddi diwydiannau gwyrdd newydd, sy'n cynnwys y ddwy ardal awdurdod lleol; cynhwyswyd y prosiectws drafft o fewn yr agenda a ddosbarthwyd ar gyfer y cyfarfod.

Hysbyswyd yr Aelodau bod parthau buddsoddi wedi'u lansio gan Llywodraeth y DU yn 2023 i ddatblygu 'clystyrau potensial uchel mewn meysydd â photensial cynhyrchiant sydd heb ei fodloni' lle gellir defnyddio cryfderau ac asedau lleol i greu twf cynaliadwy.

Nodwyd y byddai nifer cyfyngedig o barthau buddsoddi yn cael eu dyrannu ar draws y DU; roedd wyth wedi cael eu cyhoeddi ymlaen llaw yn Lloegr, ac mae'n debygol y byddai un yng Nghymru ac un yn yr Alban.

Tynnodd SQW sylw at y ffaith mai bwriad parthau buddsoddi oedd adeiladu ar feysydd lle'r oedd cryfderau sectoraidd mewn perthynas â nifer cyfyngedig o sectorau, a ragddiffiniwyd gan y llywodraeth yn ei chynnig polisi; gan gynnwys diwydiannau gwyrdd, gweithgynhyrchu uwch, diwydiannau creadigol, gwyddorau bywyd digidol a thechnoleg.

Mynegwyd bod Llywodraeth y DU wedi cyhoeddi y byddai pob parth buddsoddi yn Lloegr yn derbyn pecyn gwerth £80 miliwn, a fyddai'n cyfateb i £20 miliwn y flwyddyn dros bedair blynedd; gyda chydbwysedd ar sut y gellid defnyddio hynny'n hyblyg rhwng cymhellion cyllidol, dyddiadau busnes a mathau eraill o wariant.

Rhoddwyd gwybod i'r Pwyllgor nad oedd y broses ar gyfer Cymru wedi'i gwneud yn glir eto; fodd bynnag, roedd gan gydweithwyr yng Nghyngor Abertawe a Sir Gâr lawer o ddi-ddordeb mewn darparu mynegiant cynnar o ddi-ddordeb i Lywodraeth Cymru. Tynnwyd sylw at y ffaith bod y cynnig yn canolbwyntio ar ddiwydiannau gwyrdd, sef un o'r blaenoriaethau a nodwyd gan y llywodraeth; a nodwyd bod y prospectws yn un sy'n ategu at y Porthladd Rhydd Celtaidd, gyda rhan fawr o'r naratif ynghylch ychwanegu gwerth at glwstwr diwydiannol y Porthladd Rhydd Celtaidd a de Cymru.

Yn ogystal â'r uchod, soniwyd bod pwyslais o fewn yr arweiniad ar y cyfraniadau y gallai prifysgolion a busnesau eu gwneud; Roedd SQW wedi adeiladu hyn yn y prospectws, ac ymgynghorwyd â sefydliadau fel Prifysgol Abertawe, Prifysgol Cymru y Drindod Dewi Sant ac Awdurdodau Lleol, wrth ddatblygu'r ddogfen.

Cyflwynwyd y naratif craidd i'r Aelodau, a oedd yn tynnu sylw at y ffaith y bydd y parth buddsoddi'n cysylltu'r potensial i gynhyrchu ynni, gallu o ran ymchwil ac arloesi, safleoedd mawr a chryfderau diwydiannol i gefnogi gwerth uwch, dyfodol economaidd wedi'i ddatgarboneiddio a lles gwell.

Nodwyd bod SQW wedi cwblhau golwg gychwynnol ar fuddion posib y parth buddsoddi; Gallai ddatgloi 5,300 o swyddi a £3.9 biliwn mewn gwerth ychwanegol gros blynyddol ychwanegol. Soniwyd bod y datganiad hwn yn cyd-fynd yn fras â'r ffigurau a ddyfynnir gan leoedd eraill a ddyrannwyd parth buddsoddi iddynt yn Lloegr.

Roedd y cyflwyniad yn manylu ar y model rhesymeg lefel uchel, a nodwyd yn y prospectws. Wrth roi hyn at ei gilydd, soniwyd bod SQW yn ymwybodol o ran cael cydbwysedd rhwng bod yn lefel ddigon uchel i fod yn hyblyg o ran cynnwys anhysbys yr arweiniad ar hyn o bryd; wrth hefyd roi digon o fanylder i fod yn glir am rai ardaloedd diffiniedig ac adeiladu ar gryfderau allweddol.

Rhoddodd SQW drosolwg o'r model hwn:

- Cryfderau'r diwydiant gwyrdd – nid oedd diffiniad gwirioneddol o ddiwydiant gwyrdd yn nogfennaeth y llywodraeth, felly roedd SQW wedi nodi'r pum maes canlynol lle'r oedd gan dde-orllewin Cymru nifer o gryfderau:
  - Cynhyrchu a dosbarthu ynni
  - Gweithgynhyrchu uwch
  - Amaethyddiaeth, technoleg amaeth, bwyd a biowyddoniaeth
  - Gwasanaethau carbon isel gwerth uchel

-Technolegau datgarboneiddio yn yr amgylchedd adeiledig

- Lleoliadau allweddol – roedd SQW wedi nodi'r lleoliadau allweddol canlynol lle gallai pecyn o gymhellion fod o werth:
  - Hwb Ynni a Thrafnidiaeth Abertawe a Datblygu Porthladdoedd
  - Clwstwr Carbon Isel Llanelli
  - Canol Dinas Abertawe a'r Glannau
  - Parc Economi Gylchol Nantycaws
  - Parc Felindre
  - Parth Twf Cross Hands
- Datgloi cyfleoedd – roedd SQW wedi nodi'r cyfleoedd canlynol y gellid eu datgloi trwy ddilyniant y cynnig hwn:
  - Cyflenwad ynni adnewyddadwy, gwyrdd
  - Buddsoddiad newydd mewn technolegau uwch
  - Ehangu cadwyn gyflenwi leol
  - Farchnad gryfach ar gyfer addasu a mabwysiadu
  - Sylfaen sgiliau gryfach
- Effaith ranbarthol – cydnabuwyd yr effeithiau cadarnhaol canlynol ar y rhanbarth:
  - 5,300 o swyddi
  - £3.9 biliwn o werth ychwanegol gros
  - Mwy o fusnes a chadernid diwydiannol
  - Cynnydd mwy cyflym tuag at sero net
  - Gwella iechyd a lles

Cynhaliwyd trafodaeth mewn perthynas â'r camau nesaf, a oedd yn cynnwys ymgysylltu â Llywodraeth Cymru ynghylch y prosiectws, gwaith pellach i ddeall sut y gallai pecyn buddsoddi weithio, a phenderfynu beth gellid ei gyflawni'n realistig o fewn amserlen y dynodiad hwn. Ategwyd, er nad oedd y broses ymgeisio yn y dyfodol yn hysbys, roedd yn debygol y byddai angen achos busnes sy'n debyg i'r hyn a oedd yn cyd-fynd â'r gystadleuaeth porthladd rhydd.

Holodd yr Aelodau am yr amserlenni a'r cyllid y byddai eu hangen i ddatblygu a chyflwyno'r rhaglen hon. Eglurwyd bod llawer o hyn yn aneglur o hyd oherwydd y diffyg eglurder presennol o ran sut y mae Llywodraeth Cymru'n dymuno bwrw ymlaen â'r broses. Dywedodd swyddogion eu bod yn ymwybodol bod trafodaethau'n parhau rhwng Llywodraethau'r DU a Chymru, gyda Llywodraeth y DU'n nodi'n glir y byddant yn ariannu un parth buddsoddi yn unig yng Nghymru;

Llywodraeth Cymru fydd yn penderfynu a ydynt am ddyrannu'r un lleoliad, neu os ydynt am ei agor i gystadleuaeth.

Atgoffwyd y Pwyllgor fod y Prif Weithredwr wedi cyflwyno adroddiad i gyfarfod blaenorol Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru, 6 Mehefin 2023, pan lansiwyd y cynnig polisi am y tro cyntaf.

Cadarnhawyd bod y Pwyllgor wedi rhoi awdurdod i'r Prif Weithredwr ddechrau trafodaethau cychwynnol gyda Llywodraeth Cymru a'r DU er mwyn archwilio'r manteision a allai gronni pe bai cynnig polisi parth buddsoddi'n cael ei ddyrannu i dde-orllewin Cymru; yn ogystal â phenderfynu bod llythyr, yn nodi mynegiant o ddiddordeb yn y potensial ar gyfer cynnig polisi parth buddsoddi yn ne-orllewin Cymru, yn cael ei anfon oddi wrth Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor at y swyddogion perthnasol. Cadarnhaodd swyddogion fod y camau hyn wedi'u cwblhau, ac y byddai'n fuddiol anfon llythyr arall i ofyn am gyfarfod gyda'r gweinidogion perthnasol.

Nodwyd bod y pedwar Arweinydd wedi cyfarfod â'r gweinidog perthnasol yn y cyfamser ac wedi trosglwyddo'r gwaith a oedd yn cael ei wneud ar draws y rhanbarth, gan gynnwys y bwriad i wneud cais am barth buddsoddi. Croesawodd y Cadeirydd yr awgrym o drefnu cyfarfod gyda'r gweinidogion perthnasol, ac i alluogi'r Arweinwyr i gymryd unrhyw gamau gweithredu sy'n angenrheidiol i sicrhau bod Llywodraeth y DU a Llywodraeth Cymru'n ymwybodol o fwriad y rhanbarthau i sicrhau parth buddsoddi.

Ailadroddodd y pedwar Arweinydd fanteision y cynnig ar gyfer y rhanbarth, a mynegwyd eu bod yn fodlon i Lywodraeth Cymru gael golwg ar y prospectws drafft.

**PENDERFYNWYD** bod yr adroddiad yn cael ei nodi.

## 6. **ADRODDIAD MONITRO ARIANNOL - CHWARTER 1 2023/2024**

Darparwyd Monitro Ariannol Chwarter 1 ar gyfer y flwyddyn a ddaeth i ben yn 2023/24 i'r Pwyllgor.

Tynnwyd sylw at y ffaith bod Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru eisoes wedi cymeradwyo'r gyllideb o £617,753 ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2023/24, yn eu cyfarfod ar 24 Ionawr 2023; Ariannwyd y gyllideb gydag ardoll gan bob un o'r awdurdodau cyfansoddol.

Esboniodd swyddogion fod y rhagolwg presennol ar gyfer alldro'n cyflwyno bod cyfanswm o £328,878 o danwariant yn erbyn y gyllideb.

Nodwyd bod tanwariant mewn perthynas â'r Is-bwyllgorau, oherwydd y gweithgarwch cyfyngedig; yn ogystal â thanwariant o £90,000 ar gynllunio a rheoli'r rhaglen. Dywedodd swyddogion fod tanwariant hefyd mewn perthynas â'r Swyddfa Rheoli Rhanbarthol; yn bennaf oherwydd bod swydd y Rheolwr Busnes yn wag ar hyn o bryd, a rhagwelwyd gwariant is ar gostau ymgynghori allanol. Ychwanegwyd hefyd fod tanwariant disgwylidig mewn perthynas â gwasanaethau cefnogi, gan fod swydd yr Uwch-gyfrifydd a gyllidebwyd ar ei chyfer yn parhau i fod yn wag gan nad oedd ei hangen eto oherwydd lefel y gweithgarwch.

Cyfeiriwyd at y gweithdy a grybwyllwyd yn gynharach ar gyfer pennu'r gyllideb ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2024/25. Mynegwyd y byddai trafodaethau ynghylch triniaeth o'r tanwariant a ragwelwyd ar gyfer y flwyddyn hon yn bwysig.

**PENDERFYNWYD** bod yr adroddiad yn cael ei nodi.

## 7. **SAFONAU'R GYMRAEG**

Darparodd swyddogion adroddiad i hysbysu'r Aelodau o gysylltiad â Swyddfa Comisiynydd y Gymraeg, o ran rhoi Safonau'r Gymraeg ar waith a chyhoeddi hysbysiad cydymffurfio.

Esboniwyd bod Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru wedi cytuno'n flaenorol i fabwysiadu Safonau Iaith Gymraeg Cyngor Sir Gâr o'u gwirfodd, fel sail ar gyfer gwaith y Pwyllgorau; cafodd ei annog gan Gomisiynydd y Gymraeg, i beidio ag aros am y broses statudol i groesawu'r amcanion polisi ynghylch y Gymraeg.

Roedd yr adroddiad a ddosbarthwyd yn nodi bod Comisiynydd y Gymraeg bellach wedi dechrau'r broses ffurfiol o benderfynu pa safonau fydd yn berthnasol i'r Cydbwyllgor Corfforaethol.

Cadarnhaodd swyddogion eu bod wedi bod mewn trafodaethau gyda Swyddfa Comisiynydd y Gymraeg i'w hysbysu bod y Pwyllgor wedi mabwysiadu safonau Cyngor Sir Gâr yn wirfoddol, gyda'r gobaith y bydd hyn yn galluogi'r broses statudol i ddod i ben yn llawer gynt.

Rhoddyd gwybod i'r Aelodau mai'r amserlen i ymateb i Gomisiynydd y Gymraeg fyddai hyd at 5 Ionawr 2024, gan mai dyma'r dyddiad penderfynwyd y byddai'r ymgynghoriad yn dod i ben. Soniwyd bod Swyddogion yn edrych ar yr hyn yr oedd y Comisiynydd yn ei gynnig ar hyn o bryd, yn erbyn y safonau yr oedd y Pwyllgor eisoes wedi'u mabwysiadu'n wirfoddol.



Mynegwyd mai'r bwriad oedd darparu adroddiad pellach yng nghyfarfod nesaf Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru, i benderfynu ar ymateb y Pwyllgor i broses Comisiynydd y Gymraeg.

**PENDERFYNWYD** bod yr adroddiad yn cael ei nodi.

## 8. **CYNLLUN GWEITHREDU'R CYNLLUN TRAFNIDIAETH RHANBARTHOL (CTRH)**

Rhoddwyd gwybod i'r Pwyllgor fod dyletswydd ar Gyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru i baratoi Cynllun Trafnidiaeth Rhanbarthol (CTRh); cam cyntaf y gwaith hwn oedd llunio Cynllun Gweithredu, i'w gyflwyno i Lywodraeth Cymru erbyn diwedd mis Hydref 2023.

Atodwyd y Cynllun Gweithredu drafft fel Atodiad 1 i'r adroddiad a ddosbarthwyd, ac roedd Swyddogion yn ceisio cymeradwyaeth yr Aelodau i gyflwyno'r Cynllun Gweithredu hwn i Lywodraeth Cymru.

Cyflwynodd swyddogion y Cynllun Gweithredu drafft i'r Pwyllgor, a thynnwyd sylw at bwyntiau allweddol o ran nod y prosiect, y pecynnau gwaith y mae eu hangen er mwyn cwblhau datblygiad y CTRh, y risgiau a nodwyd a'r amserlen ar gyfer cyflawni.

Rhoddwyd gwybod i'r aelodau am gyd-destun polisi'r CTRh, a chawsant wybod am bwysigrwydd sicrhau bod y CTRh yn adlewyrchu Strategaeth Drafnidiaeth Cymru (Llwybr Newydd); a sicrhau ei fod yn cyd-fynd â strategaethau a blaenoriaethau Cenedlaethol, Rhanbarthol a Lleol.

Esboniwyd bod dwy brif elfen i baratoi'r CTRh; Datblygu'r ddadl o blaid newid, a datblygu'r Cynllun Trafnidiaeth Rhanbarthol. Rhoddodd swyddogion drosolwg i'r Pwyllgor o rywfaint o'r gwaith y mae angen ei wneud, er mwyn symud ymlaen gyda'r ffrydiau gwaith hyn.

Cyflwynwyd y risgiau lefel uchel sy'n gysylltiedig â chyflawni Cynllun Trafnidiaeth Rhanbarthol ar gyfer de-orllewin Cymru i'r Pwyllgor:

- Cytundeb gwleidyddol ar bolisiau a chanlyniadau lefel uchel – er bod y CTRh yn Gynllun Rhanbarthol, roedd angen iddo hefyd gyd-fynd â'r Awdurdodau Lleol unigol (nid cytundeb y cynllun yn unig, ond yr amserlenni ar gyfer y cymeradwyaethau drwy'r Awdurdodau Lleol unigol);

- Byddai cytundeb rhanbarthol ar restr gynlluniau Cynllun Cyflawni Trafnidiaeth Rhanbarthol (CCTRh) sydd wedi'u blaenoriaethu – er mwyn cynhyrchu'r rhestr hon, byddai angen i Swyddogion gael syniad o lefel y cyllid a fydd ar gael i gyflawni'r cynlluniau, fodd bynnag nid oedd hyn yn hysbys o hyd;
- Amserlenni heriol ar gyfer cyflwyno a mabwysiadu'r CTRh - gosodwyd y dyddiad cau penodol cyntaf ar gyfer cyflwyno CTRh terfynol (29 Mawrth 2025) beth amser yn ôl, ac ers hynny bu oedi yn gysylltiedig â'r ffrwd waith hon, megis yr oedi wrth i Lywodraeth Cymru ddarparu ei harweiniad. Fodd bynnag, nid oedd y dyddiad cau penodol wedi'i ddiwygio a nodwyd ei fod yn uchelgeisiol iawn o ran cyflawni darn ystyrlon o waith;
- Adnoddau sydd ar gael o fewn Awdurdodau Lleol i ddarparu'r CTRh, a nifer yr astudiaethau arbenigol i'w cyflawni wrth ddatblygu'r CTRh a'r diffyg cyllid i'w cyflawni – roedd adnoddau cyfyngedig ym mhob un o'r Awdurdodau Lleol, ac felly bydd angen comisiynu darnau penodol o waith. Fodd bynnag, ar hyn o bryd nid oedd ffrydiau cyllid clir ar gael er mwyn gallu gwneud hyn.

Cyfeiriwyd at y llythyr drafft ar gyfer y Gweinidog, a atodwyd yn atodiad dau i'r adroddiad a ddosbarthwyd, a oedd yn mynd i'r afael â'r risgiau a dynnwyd sylw atynt yn y cynllun; cynigiwyd cyflwyno'r llythyr hwn, ynghyd â'r Cynllun Gweithredu, i Lywodraeth Cymru. Rhoddodd Cadeirydd yr Is-bwyllgor Trafnidiaeth Rhanbarthol drosolwg o'r pryderon a godwyd yng nghyfarfod yr Is-bwyllgor, a phwysigrwyd cyflwyno'r llythyr i'r Gweinidog i godi'r pryderon hyn yn ffurfiol.

Cynhaliwyd trafodaeth ynghylch sut y byddai'r CTRh yn cyd-fynd ag anghenion y cymunedau a'r dyheadau ar draws y rhanbarth; gyda phryderon penodol yn codi ynglŷn â'r diwydiant bysus. Rhoddodd swyddogion sicrwydd y byddai pob dull o gludiant cyhoeddus, a oedd yn rhan annatod o'r rhanbarth, yn cael ei ymgorffori yn y cynlluniau; Bydd y CTRh yn helpu i sefydlu'r cyd-destun polisi, i ddod â'r gwahanol linyddau, a rhaglenni gwaith at ei gilydd.

**PENDERFYNWYD:** Cymeradwyo'r Cynllun Gweithredu, a gynhwysir yn yr adroddiad a ddosbarthwyd, i ganiatáu ei gyflwyno i Lywodraeth Cymru i fodloni gofynion mandad y Cynllun Trafnidiaeth Rhanbarthol.

## 9. LLYTHYR ARCHWILIO CYMRU - SYLWADAU AR GYNNYDD Y CYD-BWYLLGOR CORFFOREDIG

Derbyniodd yr Aelodau sylwebaeth Archwilio Cymru ar lythyr cynnydd y Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol mewn perthynas â Chyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru, a'r cynllun gweithredu arfaethedig.

Eglurwyd bod ystod o ddyletswyddau statudol yn cael eu rhoi i'r Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforaethol, ac Archwilio Cymru oedd yn gyfrifol am archwilio cydymffurfiaeth ag amrywiaeth o'r dyletswyddau hynny; yn benodol ynghylch y dyletswyddau a nodir yn Neddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol (Cymru) 2015 a Deddf Llywodraeth Leol ac Etholiadau (Cymru) 2021.

Roedd Prif Weithredwr Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru yn falch o'r casgliad a gynhwysir yn y llythyr, gan ei fod yn arddangos cynnydd da wrth gyflawni amrywiaeth o'r dyletswyddau hynny. Nodwyd bod y Cynllun Gweithredu ar gyfer Tlodi Plant a'r Strategaeth Cyfranogiad yn ddau ddarn penodol o waith y mae angen iddynt ddatblygu ymhellach dros y chwe mis nesaf.

Yn ogystal â'r uchod, soniwyd bod yr archwilwyr wedi dod i rai casgliadau o ran cynnydd y Cynllun Trafnidiaeth Rhanbarthol (CTRh) a'r Cynllun Datblygu Strategol (CDS); Roedd Prif Weithredwr Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru, wedi bod yn glir gydag archwilwyr mewn perthynas â'r trafodaethau parhaus rhwng y Pwyllgor a Gweinidogion ynghylch ariannu'r prosesau hyn a faint o fuddsoddiad sydd ar gael i gyflawni'r newid.

Rhodddwyd gwybod i'r Pwyllgor fod Archwilio Cymru hefyd wedi llunio eu hadroddiad trosolwg sy'n crynhoi'r sefyllfa ar draws Cymru gyfan. Cadarnhawyd y byddai'r adroddiad hwn yn cael ei gyflwyno yn ystod cyfarfod nesaf Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru.

Cadarnhaodd Archwilio Cymru eu bod wedi gwneud rhywfaint o waith cychwynnol yr hydref diwethaf, ac wedi bwydo hynny yn ôl i gynrychiolwyr Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru yng ngwanwyn eleni; cyn hynny gwnaed rhywfaint o waith pellach yn yr haf i ddiweddarau eu canfyddiadau. Cydnabu Archwilio Cymru fod y llythyr, sydd wedi'i gynnwys yn yr adroddiad a ddosbarthwyd, yn nodi sefyllfa ar adeg benodol, ac roedd y gwaith yn amlwg wedi symud ymlaen ers hynny. Ychwanegwyd y byddai Archwilio Cymru'n monitro'r cynnydd dros y flwyddyn.

Eglurwyd bod Archwilio Cymru wedi cyhoeddi llythyrau i bob un o'r pedwar Cydbwyllgor Corfforaethol. Tynnwyd sylw at y pwyntiau canlynol mewn perthynas â Chyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru:

- Nodau Llywodraeth Cymru - roedd yn amlwg bod dealltwriaeth glir o nodau Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer y Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforaethol; er ei bod yn amlwg nad oedd yn gwbl gefnogol o'r angen am y Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforaethol. Roedd Archwilio Cymru'n gwerthfawrogi bod hyn yn rhannol gysylltiedig â'r pryderon am ddiffyg adnoddau i gefnogi rhoi'r Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforaethol a'i swyddogaethau ar waith. Serch hynny, cydnabuwyd bod y Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol yn gadarnhaol ar y cyfan am y cyfleoedd y gellid eu cyflwyno i'r rhanbarth.
- Trefniadau Llywodraethu – Sicrhawyd Archwilio Cymru bod y rhan fwyaf o'r trefniadau llywodraethu craidd wedi'u sefydlu, a'u bod ar waith. Ar adeg yr archwiliad, nid oedd yr Is-bwyllgorau wedi cael eu sefydlu, ond cydnabuwyd bod hyn wedi newid ers hynny. Nodwyd ei fod yn gadarnhaol bod Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru wedi cynnwys y Parciau Cenedlaethol yn llawn yn ei drefniadau, y tu hwnt i'r rôl statudol.
- Cynnydd ac eglurder cynlluniau – nodwyd bod gan Gyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru weledigaeth glir a nodir yn ei Gynllun Corfforaethol; ac maent wedi bod yn adeiladu ar waith Bargen Ddinesig Bae Abertawe, yn ogystal ag archwilio opsiynau o ran sut y gallai'r ddau drefniant weithio gyda'i gilydd er mwyn lleihau'r baich gweinyddol a chostau cysylltiedig gweithredu'r ddau drefniad. Fodd bynnag, manylwyd ar adeg y gwaith archwilio, teimlwyd bod y cynnydd o ran cyflawni'r CTRh a'r CDS wedi bod yn gyfyngedig; Roedd Archwilio Cymru'n ymwybodol bod peth o hyn o ganlyniad i gyhoeddi canllawiau'n hwyr, ac yn adroddiad cryno'r archwilydd cyfeiriwyd at y pryderon o ran parodrwydd Llywodraeth Cymru a'r materion statws ariannol.
- Partneriaethau – daeth Archwilio Cymru i gasgliad cadarnhaol o weithio mewn partneriaeth â sefydliadau eraill, yn enwedig o ran y trefniadau sydd ar waith sy'n ymwneud â Byrddau Iechyd a Phrifysgolion; yn ogystal â'i gytundeb cyd-ddewis. Roedd archwilydd yn edrych ymlaen at weld sut y mae hyn yn datblygu o ran sicrhau'r pŵer cydweithredol mwyaf posibl ar draws y rhanbarth.
- Deddf Llesiant Cenedlaethau'r Dyfodol – cydnabuwyd bod yr amcanion lles wedi cael eu cyhoeddi, a'u hymgorffori o fewn ei gynllun corfforaethol. Bydd Archwilio Cymru'n disgwyl i Gyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol De-orllewin Cymru roi'r egwyddor hon ar waith mewn ffordd ystyrlon, ar draws ei swyddogaethau. Ychwanegwyd y bydd yr archwilydd yn cynnal archwiliadau o'r

graddau yr oedd wedi rhoi'r egwyddor datblygu cynaliadwy ar waith yn y blynyddoedd i ddod, fel sy'n ofynnol gan y Ddeddf.

Eglurwyd bod yr adroddiad cryno a grybwyllwyd yn flaenorol, a gyhoeddir gan Archwilio Cymru, yn cynnwys canfyddiadau cronus y pedwar Cydbwyllgor Corfforaethol; Bydd yn bwysig darllen yr adroddiad hwn ar y cyd â'r llythyron unigol, oherwydd er bod rhai o'r canfyddiadau'n gyffredinol, roedd canfyddiadau a fyddai'n berthnasol i rai Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforaethol yn fwy nag eraill.

Tynnodd yr Aelodau sylw at y ffaith bod Llywodraeth Cymru wedi ymrwmo'n flaenorol i sicrhau na fyddai sefydlu'r Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforaethol yn cael effaith andwyol ar wasanaethau rheng flaen; ac roedd yn bwysig eu bod yn cydnabod yn llawn bwysau ariannol Awdurdodau Lleol. Nodwyd bod Arweinwyr y Cynghorau'n wynebu'r anhawster o benderfynu ar eu cyllidebau eu hunain yn ystod yr hinsawdd ariannol bresennol.

Gofynnwyd i Archwilio Cymru a oedd unrhyw un o'r Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforaethol eraill ledled Cymru wedi codi'r materion sy'n ymwneud ag adnoddau; ac os felly, a fyddai Archwilio Cymru'n darparu unrhyw argymhellion i Lywodraeth Cymru o ganlyniad i'r trafodaethau hynny. Nodwyd bod y pryderon am adnoddau fwyaf cryf yn y de Orllewin; nid oedd y mater wedi cael ei godi'n gyson gydag Archwilio Cymru, ond nid yw hynny'n golygu nad oedd yn broblem. Rhoddwyd gwybod i'r Aelodau fod Archwilio Cymru'n ymwybodol o'r heriau gwahanol nad oedd y Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol ac Awdurdodau Lleol yn eu hwynebu ar hyn o bryd; Fodd bynnag, ni fyddent yn gwneud argymhellion ynghylch adnoddau'n benodol. Daethpwyd i'r casgliad y byddai Archwilio Cymru'n parhau i fonitro dros y 12 mis nesaf, er mwyn cael dealltwriaeth fwy gwybodus o'r camau nesaf ac i weld a oedd angen gwneud rhagor o waith.

**Penderfynwyd** nodi'r Cynllun Gwaith diwygiedig.

## 10. **EITEMAU BRYD**

Ni dderbyniwyd unrhyw eitemau bryd.

Mae'r dudalen hon yn fwriadol wag

## CYD-BWYLLGOR CORFFOREDIG DE-ORLLEWIN CYMRU

(O Bell Trwy Teams)

Aelodau sy'n Bresennol:

Dydd Mawrth, 5 Rhagfyr 2023

<b>Cadeirydd:</b>	<b>Cynghorydd D.Price</b>
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<b>Parc Cenedlaethol Cynrychiolwyr:</b>	A.Edwards and T.Jones
<b>Aelod Cyfetholedig:</b>	E.Woollett
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1. **CROESO A CHYHOEDDIADAU'R CADEIRYDD**

Croesawodd y Cadeirydd bawb i'r cyfarfod.

2. **DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANNAU**

Ni dderbyniwyd unrhyw ddatganiadau o fuddiannau.

3. **BLAENRAGLEN WAITH**

Nodwyd Blaenraglen Waith Pwyllgor Corfforedig De-orllewin Cymru.

4. **DATGANIAD BLYNYDDOL CYD-BWYLLGOR CORFFOREDIG DE-ORLLEWIN CYMRU AR GYFER Y FLWYDDYN SY'N GORFFEN 31 MAWRTH 2023**

Derbyniodd yr aelodau ffurflen flynyddol Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig De-orllewin Cymru am y flwyddyn a ddaeth i ben yn 2022/23.

Rhoddwyd gwybod i'r Pwyllgor am y broses o gymeradwyo cyfrifon ar gyfer Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig De-orllewin Cymru. Amlygwyd mai'r

Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig – Is-bwyllgor Llywodraethu ac Archwilio oedd y Pwyllgor a oedd yn gyfrifol am dderbyn a chymeradwyo'r cyfrifon. Cadarnhawyd bod cyfrifon y flwyddyn a ddaeth i ben yn 2022/23 wedi mynd drwy'r broses hon ar 26 Hydref 2023; ac fe'i llofnodir gan Gadeirydd yr Is-bwyllgor Llywodraethu ac Archwilio.

Nodwyd, oherwydd maint y trosiant, nad oedd gofyniad i gwblhau datganiad llawn o gyfrifon; Yn hytrach, bu'n rhaid i swyddogion gwblhau ffurflen flynyddol, a nodwyd yn Atodiad B o'r adroddiad a ddisbarthwyd.

Atgoffodd swyddogion y Pwyllgor mai'r gyllideb y cytunwyd arni ar gyfer 2022/23 oedd £575,000, gyda'r ardoll gyfatebol yn cael ei chodi; a bod y gwariant ar gyfer y flwyddyn yn £190,600. Nodwyd bod manylion llawn y gwariant wedi'u cynnwys yn Atodiad A yr adroddiad a ddisbarthwyd; roedd y ddogfen hon hefyd yn manylu ar danwariant o £384,800. Ychwanegwyd fod balans y tanwariant wedi'i drosglwyddo i'r cronfeydd wrth gefn.

Eglurwyd ymhellach mai 2022/23 oedd y flwyddyn gyntaf o weithredu ar gyfer Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig De-orllewin Cymru; dyna'r rheswm pam yr oedd gwariant cyfyngedig. Nododd swyddogion hefyd fod £20k wedi'i ddyrannu i bob Is-bwyllgor o'r Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig, ond ni ddefnyddiwyd yr arian hwn yn 2022/23. Nodwyd bod llawer mwy o weithgarwch wedi bod yn y flwyddyn bresennol o ran gwaith yr Is-bwyllgorau.

#### **PENDERFYNWYD:**

Dylid nodi'r adroddiad.

#### **5. MONITRO ARIANNOL CHWARTER 2 2023/24 CYD-BWYLLGOR CORFFOREDIG DE-ORLLEWIN CYMRU**

Derbyniodd y Pwyllgor monitro ariannol Chwarter 2 ar gyfer 2023/24.

Rhoddodd y Swyddog Cyllid drosolwg o'r manylion a gynhwysir yn y monitro ariannol, a nodwyd yn Atodiad A yr adroddiad a ddisbarthwyd; amlygodd y ddogfen y gweithgarwch a gyflawnwyd yn y flwyddyn ariannol bresennol. Nodwyd bod cyfanswm o £384.824 wedi'i drosglwyddo o'r flwyddyn ariannol ddiwethaf i'r flwyddyn ariannol bresennol.

Nodwyd bod yr ardoll wedi'i diwygio ychydig wrth bennu'r gyllideb ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2023/23; gosodwyd cyfanswm y swm a



gyllidebwyd ar £617.753. Eglurodd swyddogion fod llawer mwy o weithgarwch wedi digwydd yn y flwyddyn ariannol bresennol; fodd bynnag, roedd Swyddogion yn dal i ragweld tanwariant ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2023/24.

Cafwyd trafodaeth ynglŷn â'r rhagolygon ar gyfer y gwahanol ffrydiau gwaith. Mynegwyd fod disgwyl i'r ffrydiau gwaith wario tua £5,000 yr un; ac eithrio trafniadaeth, lle rhagwelwyd gwariant o £50,000.

Rhodddwyd gwybod i'r aelodau eu bod yn ceisio caffael rhywfaint o grantiau o hyd gan Lywodraeth Cymru, er mwyn cefnogi rhai o'r ffrydiau gwaith; fodd bynnag, nid yw hyn wedi'i orffen hyd yn hyn.

Amlygodd swyddogion fod cost is yn gysylltiedig â'r Swyddfa Rheoli Rhanbarthol oherwydd swydd wag y Rheolwr Busnes mis Mehefin 2023, ac nad oedd wedi'i lenwi eto.

Daeth i'r casgliad bod Swyddogion yn rhagweld cyfanswm gwariant o £322,000 ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2023/24, gan arwain at danwariant posib a ragwelir o £295,542; Bydd unrhyw danwariant yn cael ei gynnal mewn cronfeydd wrth gefn, a bydd yn cefnogi'r gyllideb neu'r gweithgaredd yn y blynyddoedd i ddod.

#### **PENDERFYNWYD:**

Bod yr adroddiad yn cael ei nodi.

#### **6. DIWEDDARIAD AR GYLCH GORCHWYL IS-BWYLLGORAU CYD-BWYLLGOR CORFFOREDIG DE-ORLLEWIN CYMRU**

Darparwyd adroddiad ynghylch diwygio Cylch Gorchwyl Is-bwyllgorau'r Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig.

Eglurodd swyddogion y byddai'r gwelliant arfaethedig yn caniatáu i'r Aelod Cabinet gofynnol o'r un awdurdod arweiniol gwleidyddol i fod yn Gadeirydd cyfarfod yr Is-bwyllgor; naill ai yn absenoldeb yr Arweinydd neu ar gais yr Arweinydd hwnnw.

Holwyd a fyddai'r Arweinwyr yn cael gofyn i'r Aelod Cabinet perthnasol i fod yn Gadeirydd y cyfarfod yn barhaol. Amlygodd swyddogion mai'r drefn ddiodyn fyddai i'r Arweinydd perthnasol fod yn Gadeirydd yn y cyfarfod; fodd bynnag, byddai'r diwygiad yn caniatáu i'r Arweinydd unigol ddirprwyo'r cyfarfod yn ei gyfanrwydd i'r Aelod Cabinet, os yw'n dymuno gwneud hynny.

**PENDERFYNWYD:**

Diwygio'r cylch gorchwyl ar gyfer Is-bwyllgorau'r Cydbwyllgor Corfforedig, fel y'i nodir ym mharagraff 5 yr adroddiad a ddosbarthwyd.

7. **ARCHWILIO CYMRU - ADRODDIAD CYD-BWYLLGOR CORFFOREDIG CYMRU GYFAN**

Cyflwynwyd Adroddiad Archwilio Cymru i'r aelodau a oedd yn rhoi sylwebaeth ar gynnydd y Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig ledled Cymru.

Eglurwyd bod adroddiad Archwilio Cymru wedi'i gynnwys fel Atodiad 1 o'r adroddiad a ddosbarthwyd; Roedd yr adroddiad yn cynnwys adran o ran y pum argymhelliad yr oedd Archwilio Cymru yn disgwyl gweld pob Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforaethol yn gwneud cynnydd pellach arnynt dros y 12-18 mis nesaf.

Croesawodd cynrychiolwyr Awdurdod y Parc Cenedlaethol yr argymhelliad mewn perthynas â gweithio mewn partneriaeth ag Awdurdodau Parciau Cenedlaethol.

**PENDERFYNWYD:**

Dylid nodi'r adroddiad.

8. **CYNLLUN CORFFORAETHOL - BLAENORIAETHAU DRAFFT AR GYFER 2024/25**

Darparodd swyddogion adroddiad a oedd yn ceisio cymeradwyaeth i ymgynghori â rhanddeiliaid ar y camau gweithredu/camau y mae'r Pwyllgor yn bwriadu eu cymryd, er mwyn cyflawni'r amcanion lles a osodwyd ar gyfer Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig De-orllewin Cymru yn 2024/25.

Esboniodd swyddogion y byddai'r tri phrif amcan a gymeradwywyd y llynedd fel rhan o'r Cynllun Corfforaethol yn aros yr un fath ar gyfer Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig De-orllewin Cymru.

Amlygwyd bod Swyddogion wedi trafod rhai o gyflawniadau'r Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig trwy gydol y flwyddyn ddiwethaf mewn gweithdy diweddar, ac maent wedi llunio rhestr o'r camau nesaf; Manylwyd ar y camau hyn yn yr adroddiad a ddosbarthwyd.

Rhodddwyd rhagor o wybodaeth i'r Aelodau am y cam sy'n ymwneud â'r Ardal Fuddsoddi; er y byddai'r Ardal Fuddsoddi wedi'i lleoli yn y De Ddwyrain, roedd Swyddogion yn teimlo bod cyfle i archwilio a

chefnogi rhai o'r gweithgareddau a gynhwyswyd yn y Prosbectws Ardal Fuddsoddi ar gyfer y De Orllewin.

Nodwyd y byddai rhoi caniatâd i ymgynghori ar y blaenoriaethau hyn yn rhoi cyfle dros yr wythnosau nesaf i fyfyrion ar y gyllideb a pha flaenoriaethau y dylid eu datblygu yn 2024/25.

Holodd yr Aelodau ynghylch y dull a gymerir o ran y broses ymgynghori. Cadarnhaodd swyddogion y byddent yn cymryd yr un dull ag a ddefnyddiwyd ar gyfer proses ymgynghori'r Cynllun Corfforaethol, gan gynnwys amserlenni.

Cydnabuwyd y byddai angen cynnal trafodaethau pellach ynghylch y gyllideb a chyflawni'r blaenoriaethau y cytunwyd arnynt.

**PENDERFYNWYD:**

Rhoi awdurdodiad i'r Prif Weithredwr gynnal ymgynghoriad ffurfiol ar yr amcanion lles a'r camau gweithredu arfaethedig i'w cymryd yn 2024/25, er mwyn cyflawni'r amcanion lles.

9. **SAFONAU'R GYMRAEG**

Cyflwynodd swyddogion adroddiad a oedd yn ceisio awdurdod i ymateb i'r ymgynghoriad a gychwynnwyd gan Gomisiynydd y Gymraeg ar y safonau arfaethedig i Gyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig De-orllewin Cymru.

Eglurwyd bod Swyddogion wedi croeswrio Safonau'r Gymraeg yr oedd Cyd-bwyllgor Corfforedig De-orllewin Cymru wedi'u mabwysiadu yn erbyn y safonau a gynhwyswyd yn yr Hysbysiad Cydymffurfio Drafft a dderbyniwyd gan Swyddfa Comisiynydd y Gymraeg.

Cadarnhaodd swyddogion nad oedd unrhyw wahaniaethau yn y safonau, ac felly roeddent yn ceisio ymateb yn ffurfiol i Swyddfa Comisiynydd y Gymraeg cyn diwedd yr ymgynghoriad parhaus; sy'n nodi y byddai'r Pwyllgor yn fodlon symud ymlaen i gam nesaf y broses.

**PENDERFYNWYD:**

Rhoi awdurdodiad i'r Prif Weithredwr ymateb yn ffurfiol i Gomisiynydd y Gymraeg cyn 5 Ionawr 2024, gan nodi bod y Pwyllgor yn derbyn Safonau'r Gymraeg arfaethedig ar gyfer Cydbwyllgor Corfforedig De-orllewin Cymru.

10. **EITEMAU BRYD**

Ni dderbyniwyd unrhyw eitemau bryd.

**CADEIRYDD**

**SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT**  
**COMMITTEE**

**FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

**2023-2024**

Meeting Date 2024	Agenda Item	Type	Contact Officer
21 February 2024	Regional Transport Plan - Case for Change	Decision	Dave Griffiths, Stuart Davies, Darren Thomas & Daniel John

Meeting Date 2024	Agenda Item	Type	Contact Officer
19 March 2024	Corporate Plan 2024/25	Decision	Louise McAndrew

## SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

23rd January 2024

### Report of the Chief Executive

**Report Title: Western Gateway Board Representation**

<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To decide an appropriate approach to take regarding the offer tabled for an additional seat to be added for the South West Corporate Joint Committee on the Western Gateway Board.
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	It is recommended that Members consider the options provided and proceed with Option 1: Agree the additional seat as a Corporate Joint Committee seat on the board in addition to Swansea's seat.
<b>Report Author</b>	Will Bramble
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Chris Moore
<b>Legal Officer</b>	Craig Griffiths

#### **Introduction / Background: Background and Context**

The Western Gateway is a cross-regional partnership of local government, business and academia leaders across South Wales and Western England. The Western Gateway aims to work towards driving economy forward, creating opportunities for sustainable growth using skills and industry to power a greener, fairer future for our area and the UK.

In 2019, three of the four South West Wales authorities, Neath Port Talbot Council, Carmarthenshire County Council and Pembrokeshire County Council, concluded that they would not be included in the Western Gateway.

However, following the successful bid for the Celtic Freeport (which would bookend the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee region between Neath Port Talbot and Pembrokeshire), the three local authorities have discussed whether there is now a case for joining and if this would help deliver synergy and benefit across several mutual areas and aims. The Celtic Freeport is being set-up to facilitate industrial scale decarbonisation, renewable energy associated innovation and skills development, and is intended to bring with it significant potential for economic growth across the region. The Freeport's development across the South West of Wales CJC area, alongside the last two years of the CJC's development regarding the partnership of the four county councils particularly where energy, planning, economic growth and transport networks are concern align strongly with the strategic aims of the Western Gateway. The H2 network from Milford Haven through Carmarthenshire and onto Port Talbot, and the necessity to deliver a genuine high speed/short journey rail network are two examples that align well.

Carmarthenshire, Neath Port Talbot and Pembrokeshire County Councils wrote to the Western Gateway individually to express their interest in joining the partnership, seeking to gain a seat each so that they may represent themselves on the board.

Following the local authorities' individual approaches to potentially join the partnership, the Western Gateway Board considered that there would be a strong economic case for the whole of the Swansea Bay City Deal area to formally become part of the partnership, in particular because of the opportunities in Floating Off-Shore Wind and Hydrogen and the hugely important role the ports already play in maximising those opportunities.

During initial discussions, it was the feeling of the Western Gateway Board that it is important to be consistent with the way the sub-regions are represented across the Western Gateway in relation to governance. The discussion surrounding the South West Corporate Joint Committee's joining of the Western Gateway Board has been based on replicating the Cardiff Capital Region arrangements, where Cardiff City Council has one space and then there is a space on rotation for the remaining local authorities in the Capital Region. The Western Gateway Board felt that this was the most appropriate membership model for the Swansea Bay City Deal area and have agreed to give Swansea Bay City Deal one additional membership at the Board in addition of the seat already held by City and County of Swansea Council. It would be for the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee/Swansea Bay City Deal participants under their own governance to determine who represents the area at the Board initially.

Given the statutory duties now on corporate joint committees it is felt that the determination in this regard should be via the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee and not the Swansea Bay City Deal.

Unfortunately, the Western Gateway Board have been clear that they cannot accept individual authority requests to join, and will turn down individual requests to join from each of the local authorities within the South West Corporate Joint Committee. It should be noted that previous dialogue with Western Gateway suggested Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire would have an interest in joining but only on the basis of full membership and a seat on the Board. This was the basis of Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council's approach as well.

Therefore, 3 potential options which could be taken by the South West Wales CJC exist:

**Potential Options:**

**1. Agree the additional seat as a Corporate Joint Committee seat on the board in addition to Swansea's seat.**

Swansea will retain its existing seat on the board. A new/additional seat for the South West Wales CJC will be added. The initial additional representative for the region will need to be communicated to Western Gateway, with one of the three authorities leading on an annual rotation.



### **Advantages of this option:**

It would be beneficial for Pembrokeshire, Carmarthenshire and Neath Port Talbot Council's to have a voice as a conduit into the Western Gateway Board providing an input via a regional seat in the upcoming Western Gateway review of governance.

### **Disadvantages of this Option:**

The main disadvantage to this option is that it doesn't meet the desired outcome that Neath Port Talbot, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire set out for, which was to secure individual representation within the Western Gateway for each of the Local Authorities.

Swansea having a separate seat on the Western Gateway Board, would also create a 2-tier approach of having double representation for the South West Corporate Joint Committee region with one seat on the board belonging to Swansea, and the other to the initial representative of the South West Corporate Joint Committee that will take the seat. This has the potential to create complications of clarity on the Board, or uncertainty about who is the actual representative for the south west area on the Board. .

## **2. Maintain the status quo of not joining the gateway.**

### **Advantages of this option:**

The advantage of taking this option, would be that Swansea could continue with its historic existing membership without worrying about creating a two-tier representation, or double representation approach on the Board.

This would avoid any potential issues of clarity on the Board.

### **Disadvantages of this option:**

The disadvantage of taking this option, is that it would lead to the weakening of the rest of the region's voice and influence on a national stage and would reduce our access to, and influence on UK central government.

The rest of the region would also be missing out on the economic opportunities and assistance that comes with being a member of the Board.

## **3. Swansea relinquish their seat on the board, and allow the South West Wales CJC to take the seat.**

It should be noted that the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee cannot insist on this requirement as the decision as to whether to vacate their existing seat would vest in Swansea alone as it would be a voluntary surrender by Swansea. Swansea do not wish to give up their current seat on the Western Gateway board, and as such this option is not an option we can proceed with.

### **Financial Impacts:**

If the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee take up a seat on the Board, there will be a membership fee required for the additional seat on the Western Gateway Board of

£10,000 per annum as match funding for the financial support provided by the Department for Levelling Up to demonstrate local buy in to the Pan Regional Partnership.

### **Integrated Impact Assessment:**

The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- **Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.**
- **Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.**
- **Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.**
- **Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage**
- **Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language**
- **Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.**
- **Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.**

In recognition of the above duties, the Corporate Joint Committee has adopted an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) Tool which allows for a 2-stage approach to be undertaken to measure any potential impact of its decisions. It is not considered that an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) is required for this report as it does not seek a substantive policy decision from Members.

The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee approved its Corporate Plan 2023-2028 in March 2023. The Corporate Plan includes the Equality Objective which is set out below for ease of reference:

*“To deliver a more equal South West Wales by 2035 by contributing towards:*

- (a) The achievement of the [Welsh Government’s long-term equality aim](#) of eliminating inequality caused by poverty;*
- (b) The achievement of the [Equality statement set out in Llwybr Newydd](#) which is to make our transport services and infrastructure accessible and inclusive by aiming to remove the physical, attitudinal, environmental, systemic, linguistic and economic barriers that prevent people from using sustainable transport, and*
- (c) [The achievement of the Welsh Government’s long-term equality aims](#) of cohesive communities that are resilient, fair and equal and where everyone is able to participate in political, public and everyday life. There will be no room for racism and / or discrimination of any kind.”*

### **Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015**

Alignment with CJC Corporate Plan 2023-2028 and the identified CJC Well-being objectives:

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals'.

The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee approved its Corporate Plan 2023-2028 in March 2023. The Corporate Plan contains the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee's well-being objectives and frames the corporate direction of travel. To this end, it is considered that the recommendation(s) contained within this report align(s) to the corporate policy framework of the CJC as set out within its Corporate Plan, most notably in terms of Well-being Objective(s) as outlined below for ease of reference:

*Well-being Objective 1*

*"To collaboratively deliver the Regional Economic Delivery Plan and Regional Energy Strategy thereby improving the decarbonised economic well-being of South West Wales for our future generations."*

*Well-Being Objective 2*

*"To produce a Regional Transport Plan for South West Wales that is founded on collaboration and enables the delivery of a transport system which is good for our current and future generations of people and communities, good for our environment and good for our economy and places (rural and urban)."*

*Well-Being Objective 3*

*"To produce a sound, deliverable, co-ordinated and locally distinctive Strategic Development Plan for South West Wales which is founded on stakeholder engagement and collaboration, and which clearly sets out the scale and location of future growth for our future generations."*

**Workforce Impacts:**

There are minimal workforce impacts for the Corporate Joint Committee to be concerned with in relation to this report.

**Legal Impacts:**

There are no legal impacts for the CJC to be concerned with in relation to this report.

**Risk Management Impacts:**

Failure to become a part of/being outside of the Western Gateway could potentially lead to the region having a weakened voice and decreased influence on the national stage and with UK Government.

**Consultation:**

No formal consultation required for the purpose of this report.

**Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

To ensure the opportunity for the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee to gain representation on the Western Gateway Board is not missed, and that an agreed approach is taken to ensure clarity of representation for the South West Wales area on the Western Gateway area.

**Recommendation:**

That the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee agree the additional seat as a Corporate Joint Committee seat on the board in addition to Swansea's seat.

Representation of the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee on the Western Gateway Board will be provided by one of the Leaders of the three local authorities on an annual rotation basis as stated below, starting with the Carmarthenshire County Council.

- Leader, Carmarthenshire County Council
- Leader, Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
- Leader, Pembrokeshire County Council

**Implementation of Decision:**

This decision is proposed for implementation following the conclusion of the three-day call day call in period.

**Appendices:**

None

**List of Background Papers:**

Western Gateway Board Letter

## SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

23rd January 2024

### Report of the Chief Finance Officer

#### Report Title: Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring 2023/24

<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To provide the Joint Committee with the Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring for year ended 2023/24.
<b>Recommendation</b>	That the Joint Committee receive the Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring for year ended 2023/24.
<b>Report Author</b>	Chris Moore
<b>Finance Officer</b>	Chris Moore
<b>Legal Officer</b>	Craig Griffiths

#### 1.0 Background:

- 1.1 The SWWCJC was formally constituted on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022. Carmarthenshire County Council is acting as the Accountable Body responsible for discharging the councils' obligations in relation to the South-West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC).
- 1.2 On 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 the SWWCJC approved the 2023/24 budget which was set at £617,753 with a levy from each of the constituent authorities.

#### 2.0 Forecast Outturn 2023/24:

- 2.1 The forecast outturn in **Appendix A** shows a total underspend of £344,200 against the budget.
- 2.2 The main variances are:
- 2.2.1 The Accountable Body is expected to be underspent by £20,236 due to reduction in External Audit work as there is no requirement yet for the preparation of full set of accounts.
- 2.2.2 Governance and Internal Audit is forecasting an underspend of £18,250 again due to minimal activity which has resulted in less Internal Audit work and Sub-Committee Support Costs & Expenses from Pembrokeshire County Council.
- 2.2.3 Support Services are predicting an underspend of £61,009 which is due to the budgeted Senior Accountant post remaining vacant as not yet required due to the level of activity, and a decrease in Human Resources expenses expected to be incurred by Neath Port Talbot Council compared to budget.

2.2.4 The Sub-Committee expenditure shows a forecast underspend of £35,000 in respect of sub-committees where there is lower activity and a delayed start compared to the budget. It is expected that all the £125k Welsh Government grant allocated to the development of the Regional Transport Plan will be utilised in 2023/24. There is a £140,000 underspend on Planning and Programme management expenditure.

2.2.5 The Regional Management Office shows an underspend of £91,955 with the main differences being, £34,981 due to the Business Manager post becoming vacant in June 2023 with the replacement starting in February 2024, £41,206 Consultancy and Specialist Adviser work not being commissioned and £14,000 due to reduced usage of Translation Services.

2.2.5 No provision has been made for any Contingency/Reserves due to the surplus position.

2.3 A reserve was set up for £384,824 underspend in 2022/23 and any further underspend in 2023/24 would increase the balance of this reserve.

2.4 The CJC is funded by the 4 local authorities, with the total budgeted amount split by population size (mid-year 2020 – Statswales.gov.uk) shown below:

<b><i>Local Authority Levy</i></b>	
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	215,203
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	165,898
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	126,022
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	110,630
	<b>617,753</b>

Under the current legislation the National Park Authorities (NPAs) are only financially obligated to support the strategic planning aspects of the CJC. Given that there is likely to be limited activity in terms of the Strategic Development Plan in 2023/2024 (with a budget of £20,000 allocated to the strategic planning sub-committee), it is not considered appropriate to raise a levy upon the NPA's in 2023/2024.

**3.0 Financial Impact:**

3.1 The Quarter 3 Forecast Outturn for 2023/24 shows an underspend against budget of £344,200.

**4.0 Integrated Impact Assessment:**

4.1 The CJC is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.

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- Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language.
- Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

4.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the ‘well-being goals’.

4.3 There is no requirement for an Integrated Impact Assessment for this report as the setting up of the CJC is underpinned by legislation and this report is to establish financial arrangements in accordance with legislation.

## **5.0 Workforce Impacts:**

5.1 There are no workforce impacts for this report.

## **6.0 Legal Impacts:**

6.1 The SWWCJC is responsible for undertaking periodic financial monitoring against approved budget in accordance with legislation and failure to do so would render the SWWCJC in breach of its obligations.

## **7.0 Risk Management Impacts:**

7.1 The SWWCJC is responsible for putting appropriate Governance arrangements in place for the management of risk and portfolio delivery. Failure to prepare Annual Return, on this occasion, would result in a breach of legal obligation.

## **8.0 Consultation:**

8.1 There is no requirement for formal consultation.

## **9.0 Reasons for Proposed Decision:**

9.1 To receive the Quarter 3 Financial monitoring for financial year 2023/24.

## **10.0 Implementation of Decision:**

10.1 This decision is proposed for implementation following a three-day call-in period.

**Appendices:** Appendix A – Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring 2023/24

**List of Background Papers:** None

## Appendix A

South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee					
Q3 Financial Monitoring					
Financial Year 2023/24					
Description	Actual 2022/23 (£)	Budget 2023-24 (£)	Predicted Outturn 2023/24 Q3 (£)	Variance (£)	Notes
<b>Expenditure</b>					
<b>Joint Committee</b>					
<b>Democratic Services</b>					
Democratic, Scrutiny and Legal Support Costs	67,000	73,700	73,700	-	Provided by NPT, forecasted at budget
<b>Democratic Services Total</b>	<b>67,000</b>	<b>73,700</b>	<b>73,700</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Legal and Governance</b>					
Monitoring Officer and Service Support	17,000	18,700	18,700	-	Provided by NPT, forecasted at budget
<b>Legal and Governance Total</b>	<b>17,000</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Accountable Body</b>					
Audit Wales Financial Audit	1,764	22,000	1,764	20,236	Based on audit costs of SBDC (independent audit of financial statements)
Section 151 Officer Recharge	18,812	20,693	20,693	-	Provided by CCC, forecasted at budget
<b>Accountable Body Total</b>	<b>20,576</b>	<b>42,693</b>	<b>22,457</b>	<b>20,236</b>	
<b>Governance &amp; Internal Audit</b>					
Internal Audit	5,000	22,000	16,500	5,500	Provided by Pems
Sub-Committee Support Costs & Expenses	3,750	16,500	11,000	5,500	Provided by Pems - reduced activity based on 2022-23
<b>Governance &amp; Internal Audit Total</b>	<b>8,750</b>	<b>38,500</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>11,000</b>	
<b>Support Services</b>					
ICT & Data Protection Services	20,000	22,000	22,000	-	Provided by NPT, forecasted at budget
Financial Services	5,194	57,009	5,000	52,009	Provided by CCC - based on 2022-23 activity
HR Services	-	11,000	2,000	9,000	Provided by NPT, reduced level due to lack of activity
<b>Support Services Total</b>	<b>25,194</b>	<b>90,009</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>61,009</b>	
<b>Joint Committee Total</b>	<b>138,520</b>	<b>263,602</b>	<b>171,357</b>	<b>92,245</b>	
<b>Joint Scrutiny Committee</b>					
Room Hire	-	-	-	-	Included within Democratic Service costs.
Subsistence & Meeting Expenses	-	-	-	-	Included within Democratic Service costs.
Travel	-	-	-	-	Included within Democratic Service costs.
Democratic, Scrutiny and Legal Support Costs	-	-	-	-	Included within Democratic Service costs.
<b>Joint Scrutiny Committee Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>SWWCJC - Sub Committees</b>					
Economic Development SC	-	20,000	5,000	15,000	Decrease in costs due to lower activity
Planning SC	-	20,000	-	20,000	No costs expected in 2023/24
Transport SC	-	20,000	50,000	30,000	Sub-committee established and operational
Transport SC WG grant funded	-	-	125,000	125,000	
Energy SC	-	20,000	5,000	15,000	Decrease in costs due to lower activity
Planning & Programme management	-	140,000	-	140,000	Not utilised
<b>SWWCJC - Sub Committees Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>35,000</b>	
<b>SWWCJC - Regional Management Office</b>					
Salary (Inc. On-costs)	48,240	60,135	29,126	31,009	Business Manager left 5/6/23. 2 mths charge for replacement, cover provided by NPT via invoice
Training of Staff	-	1,000	-	1,000	Due to replacement starting in Feb
Public Transport - Staff	-	250	-	250	Due to replacement starting in Feb
Staff Travelling Expenses	-	810	150	660	Due to replacement starting in Feb
Admin, Office & Operational Consumables	50	1,000	100	900	Reduced charge (10% of budget) comparable with previous year
Consultancy and Specialist Adviser Fees	742	51,206	10,000	41,206	Reduced charge forecasted at 20% of budget
ICTs & Computer Hardware	121	1,250	1,250	-	Potential ICT costs for replacement staffing
Subsistence & Meetings Expenses	-	1,000	520	480	Reduction of 50% in budget due to lower activity
Conferences, Marketing & Advertising	1,374	-	-	-	
Projects & Activities Expenditure	-	-	-	-	
Translation/Interpret Services	1,540	15,000	1,000	14,000	Reduced translation costs expected
Printing & Copying	-	2,500	50	2,450	Notional charge included
<b>Regional Management Office Total</b>	<b>52,067</b>	<b>134,151</b>	<b>42,196</b>	<b>91,955</b>	
<b>Contingency/Reserves</b>					
Provision for Contingency/Reserves	-	-	-	-	
<b>Contingency/Reserves Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total SWWCJC Expenditure</b>	<b>190,587</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>398,553</b>	<b>219,200</b>	
<b>Funding Contributions</b>					
<b>Partner &amp; Other Contribution</b>					
Brecon Beacons NPA	-	-	-	-	
Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	-	-	-	-	
Co-Opt Partners	-	-	-	-	
Welsh Government Revenue Grant	-	-	125,000	125,000	Award of Funding in relation to SWWCJC to develop Regional Transport Plan
ERF Grant	-	-	-	-	
<b>Local Authority Levy</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>125,000</b>	
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	200,453	212,431	212,431	-	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Cardiff Council (Levy)	154,527	168,090	168,090	-	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	117,384	126,771	126,771	-	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	103,047	110,460	110,460	-	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
<b>Total SWWCJC Income</b>	<b>575,411</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>384,824</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>344,200</b>	<b>(344,200)</b>	
<b>Movement to Reserves (Contingency)</b>					
<b>Description</b>					
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	-	-	384,824	(384,824)	
Net Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	384,824	-	344,200	(344,200)	
<b>Balance Carry Forward</b>	<b>384,824</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>729,024</b>	<b>(729,024)</b>	



## SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

23rd January 2024

Report of the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 officer)

Report Title: Budget for financial year 2024/25

<b>Purpose of Report</b>	To agree and set the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee budget for financial year 2024/25, including agreeing the levy charge to constituent authorities.													
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	<p>That the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee:</p> <p>(a) Consider and approve the budget requirement for the Joint Committee as £615,049 as set out in Appendix B (Continuity with 10% levy reduction).</p> <p>(b) Approve the Levy Charge based on population to the constituent authorities as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="534 996 1388 1265"> <thead> <tr> <th><u>Local Authority Levy 2024/25</u></th> <th><u>£</u></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)</td> <td>191,188</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)</td> <td>151,281</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)</td> <td>114,094</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)</td> <td>99,414</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><b>555,978</b></td> </tr> </tbody> </table>		<u>Local Authority Levy 2024/25</u>	<u>£</u>	City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	191,188	Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	151,281	Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	114,094	Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	99,414		<b>555,978</b>
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### 1 Introduction

1.1 This report details the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee (SWWCJC) annual budget for the financial year 2024/25 with 3 funding options. Detailed information is set out in Appendix A, B and C.

### 2 Background

2.1 The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 (“the LGE Act”) created the framework for a consistent mechanism for regional collaboration between local government, namely Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs).

2.2 The CJC will exercise functions relating to strategic development planning and regional transport planning. They will also be able to do things to promote the economic well-being of their areas including an Energy plan.

- 2.3 Carmarthenshire County Council as the Accountable Body for the CJC is required to provide an annual costs budget for approval for the financial year 2024/25. The CJC had previously agreed and set a one-year operational budget for financial year 2023/24 (budget profile £617,753). The 2024/25 CJC operational budget - including the strategic planning functions - must be compiled and agreed no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.
- 2.4 Last year as part of a proactive approach, and in recognition of the challenging financial climate, an initial series of budget options were presented to the CJC in December 2022, and it was resolved that Option 2 – ‘Do Minimum’ – be endorsed as the preferred option for 2023/24. The financial outlook for 2024/25 and beyond continues to be hugely challenging and accordingly, there are three options attached to this report for consideration by the CJC, however considering the financial challenges that the constituent authorities are responding to the option that is recommended and is acceptable to the CJC officers is Option 2 – ‘Continuity budget minus 10%’.
- 2.5 Welsh Government have now provided a grant of £125k in 2023/24 and £100k in 2024/25 for the implementation of the Regional Transport Plan. This award is included in the Appendices and officers are working towards utilising this grant award.
- 2.6 The continuity budget minus 10% will allow the CJC to incorporate the corporate plan through the reserves held. Years two and three are indicative budgets, which will be amended and fine-tuned as the CJC functions and the budget develops.

### **Option 1 Continuity budget in 2024-25**

Consideration could be given to the statutory minimum (continuity budget) that CJC must undertake.

#### Budgetary

The CJC is required by the LGE Act to set a budget to agree its aims.

The amounts that the CJC must calculate are:

- a) The amount which the CJC estimates it will spend in respect of the financial year in the exercise of its functions (including spending on administration and other overheads);
- b) The amount which the CJC considers appropriate to raise for contingencies arising in respect of the financial year;
- c) The amount which the CJC considers appropriate to be held as a reserve to meet expenditure it considers will be incurred in respect of future financial years;
- d) Any amount which the CJC considers is necessary to meet liabilities outstanding in respect of any earlier financial year.

Consideration of course must be given to potential officer commitments that have been given as part of funding i.e., some staff have been recruited to undertake CJC related work.

### Statutory Minimum Requirements

The LGE Act stipulates that it is a requirement of the partners to:

- Take steps to promote or improve the economic wellbeing of its area.
- Prepare a strategic development plan.
- Preparation of a regional transport plan.

As a legal basis, provided steps are in place to monitor compliance with the Regional Economic Wellbeing Plan (and Energy Plan) then it would be contended that the CJC is fulfilling its statutory duty – it has established a plan and is now actively implementing it within individual authorities.

### Meetings

From a governance perspective, as a statutory minimum, the CJC is required to hold the following meetings annually:

- One meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee to review the financial affairs of the CJC, review any financial statements and sign off any accounts and other matters which they are legally obliged to undertake.
- One meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- One meeting of the Standards Committee to agree the annual report.

There will clearly be a need for two meetings to develop and take decisions concerning the CJC Budget.

### Policy Work

As CJs are part of the local government family, there is a statutory obligation that they comply with responsibilities under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, Equality Act 2010, Welsh Language Standards, and other corporate arrangements. There is a requirement for an overarching policy to be put in place. This work is nearing completion, once the Corporate Plan is in place which satisfies these elements, the CJC will only be required to monitor compliance or update as and when required.

### Sub Committees cost profile

Reference should be made to Appendix A of this report. The identified sum of £220,000 will allow for incremental progress to be made by the CJC in 2024/2025 whilst also reflecting the challenging financial climate. A sum of £106,700 to a planning and programme management budget heading is seen as a suitable means of ensuring that the CJC can respond to any requirements emerging during the year.

A detailed breakdown of the continuity budget is presented in Appendix A. The continuity budget option would allow the levy to be maintained at a similar level to 2023/24. Reserves have been accumulated due to expenditure having not begun in the first year of operation and limited activity within 2023/24. It is anticipated that these reserves will be in the region of £729k at the end of 2023/24. If members desire, it is reasonable to apply up to £529k of these reserves in the following 2 – 3 years to keep the levy at a low figure, we would then plan to carry a reserve balance of £200k potential unknowns or variance in expenditure. I

would not advise discharging all the £729k balance in one year. This plan would facilitate a lower levy for 2 years.

### **Option 2 Continuity budget minus 10% in 2024-25**

Given the budgetary pressured faced by local authorities it is suggested that the continuity budget have a further option of reducing the levy on the constituent local authorities by 10%, whilst recognising the reserves are available to fund the individual sub committees if the committee so choses to at a later date. This option is presented in Appendix B.

### **Option 3 Optimal - Full Cost Operational Budget in 2024/25**

The draft budget for 2024/25 is demonstrating estimated expenditure of £2,082,899. This would be an increase of £1.465M on the current budget, which would fall on the Constituent Authorities. A detailed breakdown is presented in Appendix C. Details of budget requirements are highlighted below:

#### Joint Committee and Accountable Body

- The current budget for the Joint Committee and Accountable Body is estimated at £254,423. Assumptions used are demonstrated below:
- Local authority services – increased by 4% or as directed by the Local Authority undertaking the activity.
- Audit Wales – increased by 6.4%.
- Financial Services – aligned to CCC salary inflation rates.

#### CJC Sub Committees

- A key facet of the work of the CJC from a delivery perspective is the allocation of budget to the 4 sub committees. It should be noted that the CJC endorsed the Terms of Reference for the 4 Sub Committees at its meeting of 11 October 2022.
- In noting the above, for the CJC to meet its statutory duties and strategic priorities, sufficient budget will need to be allocated to each of the 4 sub committees and as such liaison has been ongoing between the CJC / Section 151 function and the Regeneration Directors from the Constituent Councils.

### **Economic Development Sub-Committee - Executive Lead – Carmarthenshire.**

- The CJC has already endorsed the Regional Economic Development Plan (REDP) as its strategic economic wellbeing framework. A dedicated staff resource will be required to deliver the REDP. The indicative cost is estimated at £410k for 2024/25 to include a Project Manager, Programme Officers (4 Officers), and a Project Management Assistant. Support costs include Democratic services (£16k) and consultancy services (£103k).
- A five-year operational budget has been estimated at £1.755M. Further information is set out in Appendix C.

### **Strategic Planning Sub-Committee – Executive Lead – Neath Port Talbot**

- There is a statutory duty upon the CJC to prepare the Strategic Development Plan (SDP). The 'optimal option' included therein is outlined below (year 1), with further information set out in Appendix C.
- The indicative cost is estimated at £581k for 2024/25 to include a Project Manager, 2 Principal Planning Officers, 2 Planning Officers, and a Technical/Administrative Assistant. Support costs include Projects & Activities expenditure (£70k) and consultancy services (£155k).
- A five-year operational budget has been estimated at £2.469M.

### **Transport Sub-Committee – Executive Lead – City and County of Swansea**

- There is a statutory duty upon the CJC to prepare the Regional Transport Plan (RTP). The Transport Sub Committee budget will be directed at supporting the tasks required to undertake the initial stages of the development of the Regional Transport Plan as set out in the Implementation Plan submitted to WG in Oct 2023. For 2024/25 the WG grant of £100k has been included, however, further ongoing support and funding will be required from WG to complete the overall process.
- The indicative cost is estimated at £391k for 2024/25 to include a Regional Transport Plan Development and Programme Lead Officer and a Graduate Trainee. Consultancy services are expected to be £262k.
- A five-year operational budget has been estimated at £1.687M. Further information is set out in Appendix C.

### **Energy Sub-Committee – Executive Lead – Pembrokeshire**

- The CJC has already endorsed the RES. Regional Energy Planning within the Southwest Wales CJC is moving into an exciting phase of delivery and implementation with the aim of meeting the region's vision of "Harnessing the region's low carbon energy potential across its on and offshore locations, to deliver a prosperous and equitable net zero carbon economy which enhances the well-being of future generations and the region's ecosystems, at a pace which delivers against regional and national emissions reduction targets by 2035 and 2050." The Regional Strategy adopted in 2021 and subsequent action plans are being finalised, the local area energy plans are due for delivery within the next few months and the scale of work towards Net Zero 2030 and 2050 is beginning to take shape. Against this backdrop there is also an incredible amount of regional energy work and projects being undertaken at local, national, and international levels and members of the CJC Energy Committee have been briefed on these projects.
- As the work towards delivery, implementation, monitoring, and reporting begins to ramp up there is a need to prioritise resource capacity and focus on sensible financial propositions to make delivery realistic and achievable. These new roles and funding will directly help support delivery of the regional

energy actions identified by the region as priority, using evidence from this work, and the Local Area Energy Plans, to build a viable investment prospectus and business cases to ensure delivery of the regional targets.

- The indicative cost is estimated at £305k for 2024/25 to include a Regional Energy Lead Officer and a Secretariat Support Officer. Consultancy services are expected to be £150k and Marketing & Advertising is expected to be £45k.
- A five-year operational budget has been estimated at £1.299M. Further information is set out in Appendix C.

### **Regional Management Office**

- Salary Costs - aligned to CCC salary inflation rates.
- Consultancy and Specialist Support Fees – Increased to align to support requirements expected of Management Office.
- Work has commenced to streamline support for the CJC and City Deal arrangements. It is considered that there is scope to bring the support arrangements and further advice will be provided to Members once the work is further progressed.
- It is intended that the levy is split between 4 authorities based on population size (mid-year 2021 – Statswales.gov.uk).
- It should be noted that further consideration will be required as to any contribution from the National Park Authorities. Under the current legislation the National Park Authorities (NPAs) are only financially obligated to support the strategic planning aspects of the CJC.

Reserves have been accumulated due to expenditure having not begun in the first year of operation and limited activity within 2023/24. It is anticipated that these reserves will be in the region of £729k at the end of 2023/24. If members desire, it would be reasonable to apply up to £529k of these reserves in the following 2 – 3 years to keep the levy at a lower figure, we would then plan to carry a reserve balance of £200k for potential unknowns or variance in expenditure in the future. I would not advise discharging all the £729k balance in one year. This plan would facilitate a slightly lower increase in levy for the next 2 years but would rise more significantly after 2025/26.

## **4 Financial Impacts**

- 4.1 The report presents 3 options for the operational budget for 2024/25. The first option, a continuity budget, is a minimal budget is costed at £615,049, the second option is the continuity budget costed at £615,049 with a reserve offset of 10%, and the third option, an optimal budget a total cost budget is £2,082,899. This report recommends that the budget is set based on Option 2 which is a continuity budget less ten percent reduction in line with the pressure that the constituent authorities are facing. Reserves are currently forecasted to stand at £729k, this will help to support the budget for 2024/25 and will also provide resilience to support the development of the CJC further

in 2024/25 and future years. If the committee agrees Option 2 the levy breakdown will be as follows.

<b><u>Local Authority Levy 2024/25</u></b>	<b>£</b>
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	191,188
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	151,281
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	114,094
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	99,414
	<b>555,978</b>

4.2 To ensure fairness and equality across the regional funding will be provided by local authority contributions through the form of a levy, based on population size. Surpluses that accrue in any year will be contained and ring-fenced within the CJC reserve account and will be utilised for future expenditure.

## 5 Integrated Impact Assessment

5.1 The CJC is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
- Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage.
- Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language.
- Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
- Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

5.2 The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the ‘well-being goals.’

5.3 There is no requirement for an Integrated Impact Assessment for this report as the setting up of the CJC is underpinned by legislation and this report is to establish financial arrangements in accordance with legislation. With reference to Appendix C of this report, and the impending consultation on the Draft Corporate Plan, it is considered that the ratification of this budget can facilitate the delivery of the CJC’s emerging identified well-being objectives.

## **6 Workforce Impacts**

- 6.1 Currently any employment within the CJC will be undertaken by constituent authorities and the financial arrangements relating to such are considered in this report.

## **7 Legal Impacts**

- 7.1 There is a legal requirement for the CJC to agree its 2024/2025 budget, together with the levy charge apportionment by 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. Furthermore, reference is made to the statutory duties placed upon the CJC in respect of regional transport and strategic development planning.

## **8 Risk Management Impacts**

- 8.1 Failure to set a balanced budget would render the CJC in breach of its obligations exposing itself to legal challenge. In addition, suitable arrangements must be put in place to ensure that the constituent authorities and national park authorities are able to fulfil their legal obligations in establishing the CJC.
- 8.2 It is considered that the continuity budget as presented will meet the requirement to set a balanced budget. Furthermore, and in endorsing the content of the optimal budget, the CJC will be providing a platform upon which to start delivering upon the aspirations and objectives it has identified within the emerging Corporate Plan.

## **9 Consultation**

- 9.1 There is no requirement for formal consultation however, constituent authorities have been consulted.

## **10 Reasons for Proposed Decision**

- 10.1 To ratify the CJC budget as placed before Members for their approval to allow the CJC to meet its obligations to set its 2024/2025 budget no later than 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024.

## **11 Implementation of Decision**

- 11.1 This decision is proposed for immediate implementation.




## **Appendices**

Appendix A – Continuity budget 2024/25, option 1.

Appendix B – Continuity budget 2024/25 with 10% levy reduction, option 2.

Appendix C – Optimal budget 2024/25, option 3.


# Appendix A

 <b>South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee</b> <b>Continuity Budget</b> <i>Financial Years 2023/24 to 2027/28</i>						
Description	Budget 2023-24 (£)	Provisional Outturn 2023/24 (£)	Indicative Budget 2024/25 (£)	Indicative Budget 2025/26 (£)	Indicative Budget 2026/27 (£)	Notes
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Joint Committee</b>						
<b>Democratic Services</b>						
Democratic, Scrutiny and Legal Support Costs	73,700	73,700	76,648	78,564	80,528	Provided by NPT
<b>Democratic Services Total</b>	<b>73,700</b>	<b>73,700</b>	<b>76,648</b>	<b>78,564</b>	<b>80,528</b>	
<b>Legal and Governance</b>						
Monitoring Officer and Service Support	18,700	18,700	19,448	19,934	20,433	Provided by NPT
<b>Legal and Governance Total</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>19,448</b>	<b>19,934</b>	<b>20,433</b>	
<b>Accountable Body</b>						
Audit Wales Financial Audit	22,000	1,764	1,877	1,924	1,972	Based on audit costs of SBDC (independent audit of financial statements)
Section 151 Officer Recharge	20,693	20,693	21,521	22,059	22,610	Provided by CCC
<b>Accountable Body Total</b>	<b>42,693</b>	<b>22,457</b>	<b>23,398</b>	<b>23,983</b>	<b>24,582</b>	
<b>Governance &amp; Internal Audit</b>						
Internal Audit	22,000	16,500	23,170	24,325	25,540	Provided by Pems
Sub-Committee Support Costs & Expenses	16,500	11,000	18,150	18,604	19,069	Provided by Pems
<b>Governance &amp; Internal Audit Total</b>	<b>38,500</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>41,320</b>	<b>42,929</b>	<b>44,609</b>	
<b>Support Services</b>						
ICT & Data Protection Services	22,000	22,000	22,880	23,452	24,038	Provided by NPT
Financial Services	57,009	5,000	59,289	60,772	62,291	Provided by CCC
HR Services	11,000	2,000	11,440	11,726	12,019	Provided by NPT
<b>Support Services Total</b>	<b>90,009</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>93,609</b>	<b>95,950</b>	<b>98,348</b>	
<b>Joint Committee Total</b>	<b>263,602</b>	<b>171,357</b>	<b>254,423</b>	<b>261,359</b>	<b>268,500</b>	
<b>SWWCJC - Sub Committees</b>						
Economic Development SC	20,000	5,000	20,600	21,012	21,432	Based on information provided by sub committee leads
Planning SC	20,000	-	20,600	21,012	21,432	Based on information provided by sub committee leads
Transport SC	20,000	50,000	51,500	53,045	54,106	Based on information provided by sub committee leads
Transport SC WG grant funded	-	125,000	100,000	-	-	
Energy SC	20,000	5,000	20,600	21,012	21,432	Based on information provided by sub committee leads
Planning & Programme management	140,000	-	106,700	103,919	101,597	For future years this budget is used to balance to original budget of 2023/24
<b>SWWCJC - Sub Committees Total</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>320,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>	
<b>SWWCJC - Regional Management Office</b>						
Salary (Inc. On-costs)	60,135	29,126	64,390	66,213	68,085	Business Manager left 5/6/23, assumed 3 mths charge for replacement in 2023/24
Training of Staff	1,000	-	1,030	1,051	1,072	
Public Transport - Staff	250	-	258	263	268	
Staff Travelling Expenses	810	150	834	851	868	
Admin, Office & Operational Consumables	1,000	100	1,030	1,051	1,072	
Consultancy and Specialist Adviser Fees	51,206	10,000	52,742	53,797	54,873	
ICTs & Computer Hardware	1,250	1,250	1,288	1,313	1,340	
Subsistence & Meetings Expenses	1,000	520	1,030	1,051	1,072	
Conferences, Marketing & Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	
Projects & Activities Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	
Translation/Interpreter Services	15,000	1,000	15,450	15,759	16,074	
Printing & Copying	2,500	50	2,575	2,627	2,679	
<b>Regional Management Office Total</b>	<b>134,151</b>	<b>42,196</b>	<b>140,626</b>	<b>143,974</b>	<b>147,402</b>	
<b>Contingency/Reserves</b>						
Provision for Contingency/Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Contingency/Reserves Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total SWWCJC Expenditure</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>398,553</b>	<b>715,049</b>	<b>625,333</b>	<b>635,902</b>	
<b>Funding Contributions</b>						
<b>Partner &amp; Other Contribution</b>						
Brecon Beacons NPA	-	-	-	-	-	
Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	-	-	-	-	-	
Co-Opt Partners	-	-	-	-	-	
Welsh Government Revenue Grant	-	125,000	100,000	-	-	Award of Funding in relation to SWWCJC to develop Regional Transport Plan
ERF Grant	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Partner &amp; Other Contribution Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>125,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Local Authority Levy</b>						
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	212,431	212,431	212,431	212,431	212,431	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	168,090	168,090	168,090	168,090	168,090	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	126,771	126,771	126,771	126,771	126,771	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	110,460	110,460	110,460	110,460	110,460	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
<b>Total SWWCJC Income</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>617,753</b>	
<b>Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>344,200</b>	<b>2,704</b>	<b>(7,580)</b>	<b>(18,149)</b>	
<b>Movement to Reserves (Contingency)</b>						
<b>Description</b>						
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	-	384,824	729,024	731,728	724,148	
Net Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	-	344,200	2,704	(7,580)	(18,149)	
<b>Balance Carry Forward</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>729,024</b>	<b>731,728</b>	<b>724,148</b>	<b>705,999</b>	
<b>Use of £475k reserves in 2024/25 and carry a reserve of £200k</b>						
<b>Local Authority Levy</b>						
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	212,431	212,431	154,929	124,078	218,672	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	168,090	168,090	122,591	98,179	173,029	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	126,771	126,771	92,456	74,045	130,496	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	110,460	110,460	80,560	64,518	113,705	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
<b>Total SWWCJC Income</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>450,537</b>	<b>360,821</b>	<b>635,902</b>	
<b>Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>344,200</b>	<b>(264,512)</b>	<b>(264,512)</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Movement to Reserves (Contingency)</b>						
<b>Description</b>						
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	-	384,824	729,024	464,512	200,000	
Net Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	-	344,200	(264,512)	(264,512)	0	
<b>Balance Carry Forward</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>729,024</b>	<b>464,512</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	

## Appendix B

	South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee Continuity Budget with 10% levy reduction Financial Years 2023/24 to 2027/28					
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<b>Democratic Services Total</b>	<b>73,700</b>	<b>73,700</b>	<b>76,648</b>	<b>78,564</b>	<b>80,528</b>	
<b>Legal and Governance</b>						
Monitoring Officer and Service Support	18,700	18,700	19,448	19,934	20,433	Provided by NPT
<b>Legal and Governance Total</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>19,448</b>	<b>19,934</b>	<b>20,433</b>	
<b>Accountable Body</b>						
Audit Wales Financial Audit	22,000	1,764	1,877	1,924	1,972	Based on audit costs of SBCD (independent audit of financial statements)
Section 151 Officer Recharge	20,693	20,693	21,521	22,059	22,610	Provided by CCC
<b>Accountable Body Total</b>	<b>42,693</b>	<b>22,457</b>	<b>23,398</b>	<b>23,983</b>	<b>24,582</b>	
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Internal Audit	22,000	16,500	23,170	24,325	25,540	Provided by Pems
Sub-Committee Support Costs & Expenses	16,500	11,000	18,150	18,604	19,069	Provided by Pems
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Transport SC WG grant funded	-	125,000	100,000	-	-	
Energy SC	20,000	5,000	20,600	21,012	21,432	Based on information provided by sub committee leads
Planning & Programme management	140,000	-	106,700	103,919	101,597	For future years this budget is used to balance to original budget of 2023/24
<b>SWWJC - Sub Committees Total</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>320,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>220,000</b>	
<b>SWWJC - Regional Management Office</b>						
Salary (Inc. On-costs)	60,135	29,126	64,390	66,213	68,085	Business Manager left 5/6/23. 2 mths charge for replacement, cover provided by NPT via invoice
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Public Transport - Staff	250	-	258	263	268	Due to replacement starting in Feb
Staff Travelling Expenses	810	150	834	851	868	Due to replacement starting in Feb
Admin, Office & Operational Consumables	1,000	100	1,030	1,051	1,072	Reduced charge (10% of budget) comparable with previous year
Consultancy and Specialist Adviser Fees	51,206	10,000	52,742	53,797	54,873	Reduced charge forecasted at 20% of budget
ICTs & Computer Hardware	1,250	1,250	1,288	1,313	1,340	Potential ICT costs for replacement staffing
Subsistence & Meetings Expenses	1,000	520	1,030	1,051	1,072	Reduction of 50% in budget due to lower activity
Conferences, Marketing & Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	
Projects & Activities Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	
Translation/Interpret Services	15,000	1,000	15,450	15,759	16,074	Reduced translation costs expected
Printing & Copying	2,500	50	2,575	2,627	2,679	Notional charge included
<b>Regional Management Office Total</b>	<b>134,151</b>	<b>42,196</b>	<b>140,626</b>	<b>143,974</b>	<b>147,402</b>	
<b>Contingency/Reserves</b>						
Provision for Contingency/Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Contingency/Reserves Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total SWWJC Expenditure</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>398,553</b>	<b>715,049</b>	<b>625,333</b>	<b>635,902</b>	
<b>Funding Contributions</b>						
<b>Partner &amp; Other Contribution</b>						
Brecon Beacons NPA	-	-	-	-	-	
Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	-	-	-	-	-	
Co-Opt Partners	-	-	-	-	-	
Welsh Government Revenue Grant	-	125,000	100,000	-	-	Award of Funding in relation to SWWJC to develop Regional Transport Plan
ERF Grant	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	125,000	100,000	-	-	
<b>Local Authority Levy</b>						
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Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	110,460	110,460	99,414	99,414	99,414	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
<b>Total SWWJC Income</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>555,978</b>	<b>555,978</b>	<b>555,978</b>	
<b>Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>742,753</b>	<b>655,978</b>	<b>555,978</b>	<b>555,978</b>	
	-	344,200	(59,072)	(69,355)	(79,924)	
<b>Movement to Reserves (Contingency)</b>						
<b>Description</b>						
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	-	384,824	729,024	669,953	600,597	
Net Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	-	344,200	(59,072)	(69,355)	(79,924)	
<b>Balance Carry Forward</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>729,024</b>	<b>669,953</b>	<b>600,597</b>	<b>520,673</b>	
<b>Use of £475k reserves in 2024/25 and carry a reserve of £200k</b>						
<b>Local Authority Levy</b>						
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	212,431	212,431	154,929	124,078	218,672	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	168,090	168,090	122,591	98,179	173,029	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	126,771	126,771	92,456	74,045	130,496	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	110,460	110,460	80,560	64,518	113,705	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
<b>Total SWWJC Income</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>450,537</b>	<b>360,821</b>	<b>635,902</b>	
<b>Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>742,753</b>	<b>450,537</b>	<b>360,821</b>	<b>635,902</b>	
	-	344,200	(264,512)	(264,512)	0	
<b>Movement to Reserves (Contingency)</b>						
<b>Description</b>						
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	-	384,824	729,024	464,512	200,000	
Net Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	-	344,200	(264,512)	(264,512)	0	
<b>Balance Carry Forward</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>729,024</b>	<b>464,512</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	

## Appendix C

		<b>South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee</b> <b>Optimal Budget</b> <i>Financial Years 2023/24 to 2027/28</i>				
Description	Budget 2023-24 (£)	Provisional Outturn 2023/24 (£)	Indicative Budget 2024/25 (£)	Indicative Budget 2025/26 (£)	Indicative Budget 2026/27 (£)	Notes
<b>Expenditure</b>						
<b>Joint Committees</b>						
<b>Democratic Services</b>						
Democratic, Scrutiny and Legal Support Costs	73,700	73,700	76,648	78,564	80,528	Provided by NPT
<b>Democratic Services Total</b>	<b>73,700</b>	<b>73,700</b>	<b>76,648</b>	<b>78,564</b>	<b>80,528</b>	
<b>Legal and Governance</b>						
Monitoring Officer and Service Support	18,700	18,700	19,448	19,934	20,433	Provided by NPT
<b>Legal and Governance Total</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>18,700</b>	<b>19,448</b>	<b>19,934</b>	<b>20,433</b>	
<b>Accountable Body</b>						
Audit Wales Financial Audit	22,000	1,764	1,877	1,924	1,972	Based on audit costs of SBCD (independent audit of financial statements)
Section 151 Officer Recharge	20,693	20,693	21,521	22,059	22,610	Provided by CCC
<b>Accountable Body Total</b>	<b>42,693</b>	<b>22,457</b>	<b>23,398</b>	<b>23,983</b>	<b>24,582</b>	
<b>Governance &amp; Internal Audit</b>						
Internal Audit	22,000	16,500	23,170	24,325	25,540	Provided by Pembs
Sub-Committee Support Costs & Expenses	16,500	11,000	18,150	18,604	19,069	Provided by Pembs
<b>Governance &amp; Internal Audit Total</b>	<b>38,500</b>	<b>27,500</b>	<b>41,320</b>	<b>42,929</b>	<b>44,609</b>	
<b>Support Services</b>						
ICT & Data Protection Services	22,000	22,000	22,880	23,452	24,038	Provided by NPT
Financial Services	57,009	5,000	59,289	60,772	62,291	Provided by CCC
HR Services	11,000	2,000	11,440	11,726	12,019	Provided by NPT
<b>Support Services Total</b>	<b>90,009</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>93,609</b>	<b>95,950</b>	<b>98,348</b>	
<b>Joint Committee Total</b>	<b>263,602</b>	<b>171,357</b>	<b>254,423</b>	<b>261,359</b>	<b>268,500</b>	
<b>SWWCJC - Sub Committees</b>						
Economic Development SC	20,000	5,000	410,442	426,125	441,174	Based on information provided by sub committee leads
Planning SC	20,000	-	581,029	602,480	622,408	Based on information provided by sub committee leads
Transport SC	20,000	50,000	291,172	404,349	415,277	Based on information provided by sub committee leads
Transport SC WG grant funded	-	125,000	100,000	-	-	
Energy SC	20,000	5,000	305,207	315,616	324,375	Based on information provided by sub committee leads
Planning & Programme management	140,000	-	-	-	-	For future years this budget has been utilised by the 4 sub committees
<b>SWWCJC - Sub Committees Total</b>	<b>220,000</b>	<b>185,000</b>	<b>1,687,850</b>	<b>1,748,570</b>	<b>1,803,234</b>	
<b>SWWCJC - Regional Management Office</b>						
Salary (Inc. On-costs)	60,135	29,126	64,390	66,213	68,085	Business Manager left 5/6/23, assumed 3 mths charge for replacement in 2023/24
Training of Staff	1,000	-	1,030	1,051	1,072	
Public Transport - Staff	250	-	258	263	268	
Staff Travelling Expenses	810	150	834	851	868	
Admin, Office & Operational Consumables	1,000	1,000	1,030	1,051	1,072	
Consultancy and Specialist Adviser Fees	51,206	10,000	52,742	53,797	54,873	
ICTs & Computer Hardware	1,250	1,250	1,288	1,313	1,340	
Subsistence & Meetings Expenses	1,000	520	1,030	1,051	1,072	
Conferences, Marketing & Advertising	-	-	-	-	-	
Projects & Activities Expenditure	-	-	-	-	-	
Translation/Interpret Services	15,000	1,000	15,450	15,759	16,074	
Printing & Copying	2,500	50	2,575	2,627	2,679	
<b>Regional Management Office Total</b>	<b>134,151</b>	<b>42,196</b>	<b>140,626</b>	<b>143,974</b>	<b>147,402</b>	
<b>Contingency/Reserves</b>						
Provision for Contingency/Reserves	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Contingency/Reserves Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Total SWWCJC Expenditure</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>398,553</b>	<b>2,082,899</b>	<b>2,153,903</b>	<b>2,219,136</b>	
<b>Funding Contributions</b>						
<b>Partner &amp; Other Contribution</b>						
Brecon Beacons NPA	-	-	-	-	-	
Pembrokeshire Coast NPA	-	-	-	-	-	
Co-Opt Partners	-	-	-	-	-	
Welsh Government Revenue Grant	-	125,000	100,000	-	-	Award of Funding in relation to SWWCJC to develop Regional Transport Plan
ERF Grant	-	-	-	-	-	
	-	<b>125,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	
<b>Local Authority Levy</b>						
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	212,431	212,431	681,874	740,678	763,110	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	168,090	168,090	539,546	586,077	603,827	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	126,771	126,771	406,918	442,011	455,397	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	110,460	110,460	354,561	385,138	396,802	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
<b>Total SWWCJC Income</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>1,982,899</b>	<b>2,153,903</b>	<b>2,219,136</b>	
<b>Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>742,753</b>	<b>2,082,899</b>	<b>2,153,903</b>	<b>2,219,136</b>	
	-	<b>344,200</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Movement to Reserves (Contingency)</b>						
<b>Description</b>						
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	-	384,824	729,024	729,024	729,024	
Net Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	-	344,200	0	0	0	
<b>Balance Carry Forward</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>729,024</b>	<b>729,024</b>	<b>729,024</b>	<b>729,024</b>	
<b>Use of £475k reserves in 2024/25 and carry a reserve of £200k</b>						
<b>Local Authority Levy</b>						
City and County of Swansea Council (Levy)	212,431	212,431	625,302	649,718	763,110	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Carmarthenshire County Council (Levy)	168,090	168,090	494,783	514,103	603,827	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Neath Port Talbot CBC (Levy)	126,771	126,771	373,158	387,729	455,397	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
Pembrokeshire County Council (Levy)	110,460	110,460	325,145	337,841	396,802	Levy charged to local authorities based on Population Size
<b>Total SWWCJC Income</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>1,818,387</b>	<b>1,889,391</b>	<b>2,219,136</b>	
<b>Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)</b>	<b>617,753</b>	<b>742,753</b>	<b>1,818,387</b>	<b>1,889,391</b>	<b>2,219,136</b>	
	0	<b>344,200</b>	<b>(264,512)</b>	<b>(264,512)</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Movement to Reserves (Contingency)</b>						
<b>Description</b>						
Balance Brought Forward from previous year	-	384,824	729,024	464,512	200,000	
Net Provision of Service - Surplus / (Deficit)	-	344,200	(264,512)	(264,512)	0	
<b>Balance Carry Forward</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>729,024</b>	<b>464,512</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>200,000</b>	