



Committee Member
Swansea Bay City Region
Joint Scrutiny Committee

By e-mail

Dear Committee Member

RE: Swansea Bay City Region

I am writing to you as Chair of the Joint Scrutiny Committee for the Swansea Bay City Region of my intention to hold an Extraordinary meeting towards the end of January following the recent events surrounding the Wellness Village/Delta Lakes project.

It is my view that Councillor Rob Stewart in his capacity as Chair of the Joint Committee, and Mark James in his capacity as the Chief Executive for the authority designated as the Accountable Body for the Swansea Bay City Deal, and the constituent authority with responsibility for the project in question, be requested to attend the meeting as witnesses.

It is important that the Joint Scrutiny Committee receives an up to date account on the sequence of events that have taken place. It is understood that the purview of the Joint Scrutiny Committee is somewhat restricted to the three regional projects; however the committee will need assurances regarding the impact of recent events on the wider programme.

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In preparation for the meeting I would like to propose the following lines of enquiry for the Joint Scrutiny Committee to focus on during the meeting:

- How many reviews/investigations are currently being undertaken in order to provide assurances around the Swansea Bay City Deal? It is currently understood that the UK Government, Welsh Government, Wales Audit Office and the Joint Committee are undertaking reviews/investigations. I propose that the Joint Scrutiny Committee request sight of the terms of reference and timetables for each of the reviews/investigations being undertaken.
- What is the impact and implications on the wider programme and projects within the Swansea Bay City Deal as a result of the recent events?
- What is the current status for each of the 11 projects? Are there any projects which are on hold? What is the impact of placing any projects on hold? If there are any projects continuing, what assurances can be provided to the Joint Scrutiny Committee?

In addition to the above, I would propose that the Joint Scrutiny Committee receives an updated risk register in preparation for the meeting.

I would welcome your thoughts on the above proposed lines of enquiry and any additional questions/lines of enquiry that you would like to raise at the meeting by mid-January preferably, as this will enable the questions and lines of enquiry to be provided to the witnesses in advance of the meeting, so that the purpose and the expectations required of them are clear beforehand.

On the day of the meeting I propose to hold a two hour pre-briefing session in preparation for the main meeting. A legal representative from Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council will be at the meeting, and I propose that the Chief Financial Officer appointed under Section 151 by

the Accountable Body be available at the meeting to answer any questions. Please advise me whether you think it is appropriate to invite any other witnesses to the meeting based on the lines of enquiry outlined above, or any additional lines of enquiry/questions that you may have.

Further details regarding the time and location of the meeting will be circulated in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "PP. John Davis".

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Chair of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Scrutiny Committee

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