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By e-mail

Dear Councillor Stewart

RE: Swansea Bay City Region

As Chair of the Joint (Regional) Scrutiny Committee, I am writing to register our concern over recent developments and public comment regarding one City Deal project, other related matters and the announcement by the UK and Welsh Governments of an independent review of the City Deal.

The Joint Scrutiny Committee is, of course, aware of its remit as set out in section 20.5 and Schedule 12 of the Joint Committee Agreement dated the 29th August 2018. As Chair I am of the view – shared by a number of Members of the Committee - that it is necessary in particular and in the current circumstances “to review and assess the Joint Committee’s risk management, internal control and corporate governance arrangements” in line with section 20.5 (b) of the Agreement and “to seek reassurance and consider if the City Deal is operating according to the Joint Committee Agreement, its Business Plan, timetable and/or is being managed effectively” in line with paragraph 2.1.3 of Schedule 12.

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I am aware that the City Deal Joint Committee is meeting this week to discuss these and related matters and that the holiday season is nearly upon us. However, I should be grateful for a response at your earliest convenience so that I may report to the Joint Scrutiny Committee as soon as is practicably possible. It is likely that the Committee will wish to hold an Extraordinary meeting in January to consider your response; take further evidence; review progress of the UK and Welsh Governments' Independent Review (so far as is practicably possible at the time) and make recommendations to the Joint Committee as set out in section 20.5 (d) of the Agreement.

I am sending a copy of this letter to other members of the Joint Scrutiny Committee and to the four Leaders of the constituent local authorities.

Yours sincerely,



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Chair of the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Scrutiny Committee

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