

## SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021

### Report Title SBCD Portfolio Gateway Review Action Plan

#### RECOMMENDATIONS/KEY DECISIONS

To advise on the approved Action Plan in response to the Gateway 0 Review Recommendations.

#### REASONS

##### 1. Introduction

The SBCD Portfolio Gateway Review Action Plan has been developed in response to the recommendations made in the Gateway 0 review undertaken in July 2021. The Portfolio Gateway Review Action Plan combines both the formal and advisory recommendations and provides detail on the specific actions required to fulfil these recommendations together with the priority, timing, ownership, status, and dependencies for each action.

##### 2. Background

As part of the assurance arrangements for the SBCD Portfolio, an independent Gateway 0 Review was undertaken in July 2021.

The Review was undertaken by an independent, external team in accordance with the Welsh Government Integrated Assurance Hub Guidelines. Seventeen 'conversations' were held with stakeholders between 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> July together with a workshop session with the four local authority Leaders.

The SBCD Portfolio received an Amber-Green Delivery Confidence Assessment (DCA) rating. The summary finding of the Review were:

1. Swansea Bay City Deal Portfolio has made significant progress in the past 12 months.
2. The establishment of a professional, well-resourced Portfolio Management Office has been key to the progress, as has the dedication and commitment of the SRO in evolving the governance arrangements.



3. It is also evident that the leadership of the individual programmes and projects has been key to successful delivery in these regards.
4. There is strong stakeholder support and optimism across all sectors and a commitment from the Joint Committee to spending wisely now that the funding has come on stream from UKG/WG.

The Review Team made four prioritised recommendations to the Portfolio SRO to ensure that the portfolio is positioned for effective management and delivery. There were also a number of advisory comments made to further support the delivery of Portfolio. The full Review report is attached as Appendix B. The next Gateway 0 Review for the Portfolio will be held in July 2022.

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