

SOUTH WEST WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

Report of the Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

Report Title: Approval of statement of accounts 2021/22

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| Purpose of Report | To provide the Joint Committee with the Statement of Accounts for year ended 2021/22. |
| Recommendation | That the Joint Committee receive and approve the Statement of Accounts for 2021/22. |
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Background:

- 1.1 The SWWCJC was formally constituted on 13th 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 13th January 2022 the SWWCJC agreed that for 2021/22 a zero budget be set with no levy raised, as budget costs were minimal due to some costs being picked up by a Welsh Government revenue grant (£250k) and also some costs being absorbed by the constituent authorities.

Statement of Accounts 2021/22:

- 2.1 Following advice from Audit Wales, as no transactions were received during the financial year 2021/22 for the SCWWCJC due to limited activity there was no requirement to prepare any return or financial statements for this period.

- 2.2 The statement attached confirms no transactions were incurred by SWWCJC in 2021/22 and is signed by the Portfolio Section 151 Officer.
- 2.3 The SWWCJC did receive a revenue grant awarded by Welsh Government which was receipted by The City and County of Swansea Council to the value of £250k. This grant award was to support the formation and development of the SWWCJC and was administered by City and County of Swansea.
- 2.4 No Annual Governance Statement has been produced for 2021/22 and these arrangements have been developed and implemented within 2022/23

Financial Impacts:

The financial statements attached have been prepared in accordance with proper accounting practice. Financial costs were minimal due to limited activity and were either absorbed by constituent authorities or funded through Welsh Government grant.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

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.

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'.

Workforce Impacts:

There are no workforce impacts for this report

Legal Impacts:

The SWWCJC is responsible to prepare Statement of Accounts in accordance with legislation and failure to do so would render the SWWCJC in breach of its obligations.

Risk Management Impacts:

The SWWCJC is responsible for putting appropriate Governance arrangements in place for the management of risk and portfolio delivery. Failure to prepare Statement of Accounts would result in a breach of legal obligation.

Consultation:

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

Reasons for Proposed Decision:

To receive and approve the financial statements for the SWWCJC for financial year 2021/22.

Implementation of Decision:

With immediate effect.

Appendices: None

List of Background Papers: Attached - Statement of Accounts for 2021/22