

Statement of Accounts 2021/22

Introduction

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). The LGE Act provides for the establishment of CJCs through Regulations (CJC Establishment Regulations).

The South West Wales CJC will comprise Carmarthenshire County Council, the City and County of Swansea Council, Pembrokeshire County Council and Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council (“the Constituent Councils”). In respect of some functions, both Pembrokeshire National Park and Brecon Beacons National Park will also be members (Strategic Development Planning).

The CJC has prescribed functions related to the preparation of the Regional Transport Plan, Strategic Development Plan and the exercise of Economic Wellbeing powers. These are set out specifically as follows: (a) Economic well-being (section 76 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021) (b) Transport policies (section 108(1)(a) and (2A)(a) of Part 2 of the Transport Act 2000) (c) Strategic development plan (Part 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004)

It should be noted that the underlying policy intent in the development of the legislation which underpins the CJC is that a CJC should be treated as a member of the ‘local government family’ and, where appropriate, should largely be subject to the same powers and duties as local authorities in the way that they operate. CJCs, as public bodies undertaking public functions, are subject to the necessary public body duties that already exist in legislation.

The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee was formally constituted on 13th January 2022.

The Committee operated in limited form and incurred no costs within the financial year.

Financial Statements

No transactions were incurred during the financial year 2021/22, due to its limited activity. As such, no returns or financial statements were produced/completed.

The Director of Corporate Services Responsibilities

The Portfolio Section 151 Officer (Director of Corporate Services) is responsible for the preparation of the Joint Committee's Statement of Accounts, in accordance with proper accounting practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom (the Code) 2021/22.

Certification of Accounts

I certify that no transactions were incurred within the financial year 2021/22 in respect of the South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee.

Signed:



Dated:

06/09/22

Chris Moore FCCA

Director of Corporate Services

Swansea Bay City Region Deal Section 151 Officer

Carmarthenshire County Council



Audit Report

To be provided

Annual Governance Statement

The South West Wales Corporate Joint Committee is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards. It must also ensure that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for and used economically, efficiently and effectively and to secure continuous improvement and delivery in this regard.

The Joint Committee is responsible for putting in place appropriate arrangements for the Governance of its affairs and facilitating the effective exercise of its functions including having appropriate arrangements for the management of risk and portfolio delivery.

No Annual Governance Statement has been produced for financial year 2021/22. This will be reviewed in financial year 2022/23.

Governance arrangements are being developed and will be implemented within financial year 2022/23.

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