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Chair of Swansea Bay City Region Joint Committee
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Dear Chair,

**Re: Update on GVA for Portfolio Monitoring and Evaluation Report –
Inconsistencies raised by committee members**

I am writing to you as Vice Chair of the Swansea Bay City Region Joint Scrutiny Committee.

In our last meeting on the 13th February 2024, members raised concerns with an inconsistency relating to the 'Update on GVA for Portfolio Monitoring and Evaluation Report'.

You will note that in the Joint Committee meeting on the 16th of November 2023 the Joint Committee noted the following in regard to that report.

- 1) The confirmation from Governments that the Portfolio is not required to monitor and attribute GVA to programme and project interventions;
- 2) That SBCD PoMo will work with programmes and projects to develop alternative and appropriate SMART economic metrics for monitoring and evaluation.

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During scrutiny of this item, members of the Swansea Bay City Deal Joint Scrutiny Committee noted the impediments to the measurement and attribution of GVA as listed in the report and explained by officers. This led to concerns raised by members with regards to the inconsistency of using GVA figures to promote Swansea Bay City Deal on the official website, especially given that scrutiny of projects using GVA has effectively been removed.

Members agreed that I would write to you to highlight this inconsistency and we would appreciate further clarification as to how this inconsistency will be addressed.

Yours faithfully

Cllr. Tim Bowen

Vice Chair Swansea Bay City Region Joint Scrutiny Committee.

CC: All members Swansea Bay City Region Joint Scrutiny Committee