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Dear Councillor Day

Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay Project

Thank you for your letter dated 27 November on the Scrutiny Programme Committee's interest and possible scrutiny involvement in the Tidal Lagoon Swansea Bay (TLSB) project from an economic impact perspective.

To update you on the Council's involvement in the project to date, the City and County of Swansea has, under the provisions of the Planning Act 2008, the status of "relevant local authority" for this application on the basis that part of the application proposals are located within the administrative boundary of the County and adjacent to it.

As a relevant local authority, the City and County of Swansea was formally invited to submit a local impact report (LIR) to the Examining Authority (ExA), giving details of the likely impact of the proposed development on this Authority's area. This report was agreed by Development Management and Control Committee on the 3rd July 2014 along with a number of other recommendations to fully engage the City and County of Swansea in the examination process. This has included making submissions to the 7 individual deadlines to date, attending issue-specific hearings, negotiating a Section 106 Obligation and agreeing a Statement of Common Ground.

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A progress report was also presented to Members of the Development Management and Control Committee on the 9th October 2014.

The examination period formally closes on the 10th December and the ExA then has a further 3 months to make a recommendation to the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change (SOS). The SOS then has a further 3 months to make the final decision as to whether or not to grant development consent.

In relation to the project's economic impact, relevant information has been provided by TLSB in its Planning Application and during the examination process of the economic and community benefits that may potentially arise should the project be granted consent. The 3-year construction phase is estimated to have an impact to Wales of: -

- £454 million additional economic output;
- £173 million Gross Value Added (GVA);
- 5,540 person years of employment (or 1,847 full-time equivalent jobs per annum).

The operational phase per annum to Wales is estimated at:-

- £5.2 million additional output;
- £2.2 million GVA; and
- 81 (66 in Swansea) net operational employment (an updated estimate given in a document provided by TLSB in relation to Deadline V).

Community benefits are also being secured within a Section 106 Obligation: -

- TLSB will implement a local employment scheme to secure the use of local labour, contractors, and goods and services during construction as well as the operation of the Offshore Visitor Centre and Education Facility (so far as lawful and practicable) in line with Beyond Bricks and Mortar objectives;
- In addition to the lagoon, TLSB is providing offshore buildings (Visitor Centre and Western Landfall facility), public realm and access, transport (shuttle bus) and travel plan, cycle racks, and funding towards highway access improvements and public art provision;
- A Community Trust Fund, an Electricity Subsidy to eligible households and a programme of environmental mitigation are also being secured.

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Regarding possible scrutiny involvement, the Committee should appreciate that the Council has a more limited influence on the project as a "relevant local authority" than if it was the "examining authority". Allowing for this, the Committee could consider the above information in relation to the role the Council has played in identifying and securing economic benefits from the project. Relevant Officers within the Council you may wish to contact in relation to this project are Richard Jones (Planning), and Steve Marshall and Steve Phillips (Business and Economic Development).

Yours sincerely



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