



Welsh Cities & Growth Deals
Integrated Assurance and Approval Plan



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WG Major Programme/Project Portfolio	Yes	IAH Ref	

An Integrated Assurance and Approvals Plan is a tool to plan assurance and approval points from discovery to the final stage of delivery of the Programme/Project lifecycle. A Portfolio/Programme/Project should have an IAAP that covers independent assurance reviews.

The UK Government and the Welsh Government are committed to working collaboratively to ensure that both Governments are content with the use of funding for city region and growth deals. A joint Government oversight board, the Welsh Cities and Growth Implementation Board (WCGIB) has been established for this purpose. The WCGIB is accountable for the oversight of the effectiveness of the governance, assurance and programme/project management arrangements at regional delivery level for each city and growth deal. The WCGIB has no role in the delivery of the City & Growth Deal Portfolios.

Both the UK Government and Welsh Government recognise that Programme and Project Management in conjunction with formal assurance approval points helps manage risk and improve delivery confidence. This approach supports all those responsible for successful delivery whilst providing funders and other stakeholders with confidence that the Programme can deliver to time, budget and quality.

Both the UK Government and the Welsh Government require that the Programme Management Office (PMO) for each city and growth deal submit a Risk Potential Assessment Form (RPA) for assessment by the WG Office for Project Delivery for each Portfolio/Programme and Project. An RPA is a mandatory requirement for all Welsh Government funded or part funded Portfolios/Programmes and Projects. Following assessment, the PMO for each city and growth deal is required to submit an Integrated Assurance and Approval Plan (IAAP) to the WCGIB for review.

Implementation of the IAAP by the PMO for each city and growth deal will provide the WCGIB with the foundation of appropriate and proportionate assurance throughout the life of each city and growth deal. It is however, recognised that additional assurance may be necessary at key decision points as required by the WCGIB. This additional assurance may be conducted jointly or separately by the UK and Welsh Governments as circumstances dictate.