



City and County of Swansea

Notice of Meeting

You are invited to attend a Meeting of the

Scrutiny Performance Panel – Development & Regeneration

At: Remotely via Microsoft Teams

On: Tuesday, 12 January 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Convenor: Councillor Jeff Jones

Membership:

Councillors: P M Black, P Downing, E W Fitzgerald, S J Gallagher, D W Helliwell, T J Hennegan, C A Holley, P R Hood-Williams, L James, M H Jones, P K Jones, S M Jones, W G Thomas and T M White

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- 5 Public Questions**
Questions must be submitted in writing, no later than noon on the working day prior to the meeting. Questions must relate to items on the agenda. Questions will be dealt with in a 10 minute period.
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Invited to attend:
Rob Stewart - Cabinet Member for Economy, Finance and Strategy (Leader)
Robert Francis-Davies – Cabinet Member for Investment Regeneration and Tourism
Phil Holmes – Head of Planning and City Regeneration
Huw Mowbray – Property Development Manager

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Clare James – Economic Development Manager
Victoria Thomson – External Funding Programme Officer
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Huw Evans
Head of Democratic Services
Tuesday, 5 January 2021
Contact: Emily-Jayne Davies 01792 636292

Agenda Item 4



City and County of Swansea

Minutes of the **Scrutiny Performance Panel – Development & Regeneration**

Remotely via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday, 3 November 2020 at 10.00 am

Present: Councillor J W Jones (Chair) Presided

Councillor(s)

P M Black
S J Gallagher
P R Hood-Williams
P K Jones
T Hennegan

Councillor(s)

E W Fitzgerald
D W Helliwell
L James
T M White
W Thomas

Councillor(s)

S M Jones
C A Holley
M H Jones
P Downing

Cabinet Members

Robert Francis-Davies
Rob Stewart

Cabinet Member - Investment, Regeneration & Tourism
Cabinet Member - Economy, Finance & Strategy (Leader)

Officer(s)

Huw Mowbray
Phil Holmes
Liz Jordan
Emily Davies

Property Development Manager
Head of Planning & City Regeneration
Scrutiny Officer
Scrutiny Officer

Apologies for Absence

Martin Nicholls

Confirmation of Convener

The Panel agreed that Cllr Jeff Jones would be re-appointed as Convener.

Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interests.

No disclosures of interest were made.

2 Prohibition of Whipped Votes and Declaration of Party Whips

No declarations were made.

3 Minutes of previous meeting(s)

The Panel considered letters and minutes from previous meetings and agreed the minutes of the meeting on 14th September 2020 as an accurate record of the meeting.

4 Public Question Time

No questions were submitted by members of the public.

5 Project Update Report

Huw Mowbray, Property Development Manager, updated the Panel on the regeneration projects in Swansea. The Cabinet Member for Economy, Finance and Strategy (Leader), and the Head of Planning and City Regeneration also attended for this item.

Swansea Central Phase 1

- The Panel was informed that there had been confirmed cases of Covid-19 on the Arena site, however, work was continuing to progress well in the circumstances. As per national guidance, contractors are sent home to self-isolate for fourteen days.
- Arena roof is now complete and the external cladding has also been completed meaning the Arena is now watertight.
- The Panel queried how many contractors and apprentices were local and how many from further afield.
- Drone footage of the Arena is to be provided, as a site visit is not currently feasible.
- Officers described plans for the 'Pause Point' area and the anticipated digital furniture being installed shortly, including digital goggles to view the developments and information about the history of the area.
- The Panel expressed some concerns over the Wellington Street developments in terms of tree planting and consultation with the Swansea Tree Forum. Officers informed the Panel that there had been sufficient consultation with all appropriate bodies in terms of tree planting.
- The residential block is now complete in terms of its height, and agreements with Pobl are also complete. The fitting out of this structure will now take place.
- ATG have had to make some redundancies across their company, however, have protected the core business and received equity investments. Officers confirmed that the core business is sound and there are no concerns about ATG's Swansea project at this time.
- ATG are currently looking to recruit a manager for the Swansea Arena.

Swansea Central North

- Discussions are ongoing in terms of potential occupiers.
- The Panel requested further information in the form of schematics to better inform people about the Swansea North development.
Agreed a short presentation on these images would be provided at the next meeting in January 2021.

Kingsway

- Panel queried whether pavement design in the Kingsway conformed to the Active Travel Design Guide (Welsh Government 2014) in order to properly segregate cyclists and pedestrians. Officers explained that extensive consultation had taken place with cycle groups and mobility groups, leading to a balanced design that took account of a range of features.
- The Panel asked whether bus stops along the Kingsway were being closed or relocated in order to avoid traffic build-ups when a bus was stationary at a designated stop. Works were currently being undertaken to remedy any defects whilst traffic flow was at its lowest, however, bus stop locations remained unchanged.
- Regarding Picton Yard, works had been completed to link lower Oxford Street with this area, however, construction works continue and this area therefore remains closed. An East-West link is also an aspiration and delivery of this project is being explored, although no concrete funding as yet.

71/72 Kingsway

- New hoardings graphics are due to be erected this week, following delays due to inclement weather.
- Concern expressed surrounding the return to offices and commercial units following the Covid-19 pandemic. Panel queried what the minimum percentage of occupancy should be in order to justify the expenditure on this development. Informed good demand from, in particular, 'Tech' businesses who value a collaborative and flexible office space.
- Officers undertook to provide further information on the budget of this development, and the impacts of Covid-19 on that budget, once these figures were duly available.
- The Panel asked about the success rate of the Zone Residential Grants (in the context of the Kingsway). Informed exceptionally successful programme and there remained a backlog of other projects awaiting funding. Officers undertook to provide a further report on these figures at the next meeting.

Wind Street

- The Panel queried why trees had been felled in Wind Street. Officers explained that minimal tree removal has been undertaken, following consultation groups.
- The Panel expressed concern over the general tree felling policy across the City. Officers stated that as many mature trees as possible are protected. Across the County the figures are net positive in terms of tree planting, the aim always to be planting more trees than removed.
- Concerns were raised over the impact of Covid-19 on Wind Street as both a night time and day time economy, and plans to help support recovery of business here. Officers informed the Panel that the Council have provided grants in excess of £1m to businesses to enable them to expand into areas of open space.

City Centre Marketing of Strategic Sites

- Officers outlined the huge response to this process in terms of the marketing launch, having over 2000 views nationally.
- Officers commented on the high quality of submissions.
- The process is ongoing and the shortlisting has been signed off to notify parties.

Strategic Sites and Project Overview

- Concerns raised over the Skyline project, as the time frame for this is set as 2026, and whether the operations team were likely to withdraw from this project. Officers reassured the panel that a number of conference calls with Skyline in New Zealand had taken place recently and they were therefore optimistic.
- The professional team appointed for Castle Square are at the stage of completing feasibility studies with a view to presenting a detailed scheme to move forward. Council has not yet committed capital to be allocated to funding the Castle Square development. The Panel is keen to see final plans for this project to ensure the objective is met for greener area.

Transpiration & Highways

- Questioned whether plans are being pushed forward under the metro scheme for Landore; in particular, to accommodate access to Morfa retail park, the Stadium and the newly developed distillery. The Panel were told that the Metro system is still being worked on as an idea.
- The Panel requested an update on the Fabian Way Innovation Corridor land negotiations.
- Concerns were raised over the research and evidence that justified some new cycle tracks, and whether demand was high enough to warrant the costs.
- Discussed the Mayals Road cycle track that is scheduled for construction soon and queried whether this had gone to tender. Officers suggested that further information could be sought from the Head of Highways and Transportation.

7. Draft Work Plan

The Panel discussed the draft work plan and agreed the following:

- The additional item of 'Foreshore' developments is to be added.
- 'The Impact of Brexit on Commercial Opportunities in Rural areas' be discussed at the January meeting if possible and appropriate.

Actions:

- Figures requested for the number of contractors (and apprentices) employed on the Arena site (local separately to external) during the start of the contract and also at this current time.
- Schematics / images of Swansea Central North requested for the next meeting on 12th January 2021 (*now acknowledged as having been received following this meeting*).
- Information requested on the number of trees, and species, being displaced under the Wellington Street developments.
- 71/72 The Kingsway: further information requested on the budget of this development, and the impacts of Covid-19 on that budget
- Zone Residential Grants: Officers undertook to provide a further report on these figures at the next meeting

The meeting ended at 11.58am

Agenda Item 6



Report of the Cabinet Member for Investment Regeneration and Tourism

Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel:
12 January 2021

Project Update 'Dashboard' Cover Report

Purpose:	The Project Update Report will provide information and updates on regeneration projects in Swansea
Councillors are being asked to:	Review the departmental 'Dashboard' report and feedback any comments to the relevant Cabinet Member.
Lead Councillor:	Councillor Jeff Jones Convener of the Development and Regeneration Performance Panel
Lead Officer & Report Author:	Huw Mowbray E-mail: huw.mowbray@swansea.gov.uk

1. Background

1.1 The Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel meets every two months to review the 'health' of the City Centre and regeneration projects within Swansea.

2. As part of the monitoring aspect of the Panel, a departmental 'Dashboard' report is made available for review and scrutiny.

2.1 This report contains updates on various projects throughout Swansea and provides detail and timelines where relevant.

3. The Panel is asked to review the report and ask any questions which they may have on the information provided.

3.1 The Panel can then follow up the meeting with a letter to the relevant Cabinet Member to ask questions and make further comments.

4. Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications.

Background papers: None

Appendices: None

Scrutiny

Dashboard Report
December 2020



Swansea City Regeneration - key objectives and current target dates.



Phase One

Development of a 3,500 capacity arena, a quality Hotel and 1.1acre Coastal Park with F&B units. A new bridge will connect the Arena to the City Centre, with additional car park and residential buildings also being built.

Target Completion Dates

- Arena: August 2021
- Bridge: August 2021
- Hotel: TBC



Swansea Central North

Development of a new City Centre Public Centre Hub and regeneration of St David's Sq

Target Completion Dates:

- Public Sector Office Hub: Q4 2024



Strategic Sites

Launch a JV partnership with private sector in order to develop key sites across Swansea for business and leisure purposes.

Target Completion Dates:

- Procurement Phase:
- Launch – September 2020
 - Shortlist bidders: Nov 2020
 - Dialogue: May 2021
 - Tender & Evaluation: July 2021
 - Preferred Bidder: Sept 2021



Tawe Riverside/Hafod Morfa

Develop a modern, attractive and vibrant riverside urban area, creating a place where people wish to live, work and visit, capitalising upon and celebrating the Tawe's unique contribution to the Industrial Revolution,

Target Completion Dates:

- Hafod/Morfa Copperworks Waterfront : Shaping Swansea- post 2021
- Skyline post 2021
- St Thomas Waterfront – Shaping Swansea -post 2021



Mariner Street

A mixed use development on a city centre gateway site formerly Mariner Street Car park opposite Swansea High Street train station comprising purpose built student accommodation of 780 bedrooms and ancillary communal facilities, with commercial units on the ground floor

Target Completion Dates:

- Structures Complete – March 2021
- Fit out Complete – June 2021
- Commissioning Complete – end June 2021



Kingsway Infrastructure

Redevelopment of Kingsway to add more public space ,improved pedestrian & cycling routes and better green landscaping,

Target Completion Dates:

- Road two way switch – August 2020 (achieved)
- Works completion – December 2020 (including all planting)



71/72 The Kingsway

Mixed-use development to create a quality digitally-enabled and flexible workspace suitable for a wide variety of companies, educational institutions and individuals.

Target Completion Dates:

- Construction Re-Pricing/VE Tender– w/c 14/12/20 to w/c 25/01/21
- Contract Award -03/21
- Build start – 05/21
- Build completion – 02/23



69/70 The Kingsway

Develop the former Barclays site to create a quality digitally-enabled and flexible workspace suitable for a wide variety of companies, educational institutions and individuals

Target Completion Dates:

- Construction Re-Pricing/VE Tender– w/c 14/12/20 to w/c 25/01/21
- Contract Award -03/21
- Build start – 05/21
- Build completion – 12/21



Wind Street

Reimagining of Wind Street to deliver a hospitable, attractive and safe area that showcases the best of the city's heritage and built environment; Inspires and encourages existing and new businesses

Target Completion Dates:

- Ph1 enabling works :11/20 - complete
- Ph 2 Main Works start – 01/21
- Ph 2 Main Works completion – 11/21



Castle Square

Opportunity to enhance the Square, to raise its quality and to make it more active, distinctive and vibrant space.

Target Completion Dates:

- Concept design :Nov 20
- Cabinet decision – Dec 20
- Work to begin: 2021
- Work to complete: 2022

Copr Bay - Phase 1

Timescales

Budget

Resource

Amber

Amber

Amber

Progress highlights

- **Main Contract:**
 - COVID impacting on BGCL programme. Current delay 6-weeks.
- **Design/ Construction:**
 - **Arena** – almost watertight. External cladding to commence shortly
 - **Church Hall** – Construction commenced on November 19th
 - **Park Pavilion** – Design progressing..
 - **Bridge** – Fabrication nearing completion. On course for moving into place end Jan 21.
 - **Temporary use area North side** – options being considered for services and utilities in this area to accommodate temporary use.
- **Hotel:**
 - Funding conditios with WG continue.
- **Digital** – Vodafone Contract engrossed & complete.
 - Wider CCTV- review undertaken to consider design and delivery as part of phase 1.
 - Bamboo sample due end if month
 - Pause point complete. Disappointingly vandals snapped trees within a day of installation.
- **Residential/ MSCP/ Commercial (North):**
 - Pobl agreement complete together with Show flat in readiness for NHBC inspection
- **Highways** – Wellington Street & Albert Row works complete prior to Christmas embargo
- **Art Strategy** - Heritage Panel artist procured and commenced design process. Protocol for Digital content to be prepared by Culture team
- **Marketing** – Good initial interest from launch of web site. New campaign will start in new year looking at start up commercial units on the ramp. E-newspapers produced which will be shared shortly.
- **Comms**
 - **Website** – reskinned and renamed to incorporate new brand. coprbayswansea.com
 - **Dec'20** – social media releases on church hall commencement, additional Disabled parking bays at Victoria Quay
 - **Jan '21** – Bridge installation. Announcement of Digital Wi-Fi partner

Actions to be completed for next CRPB

- Continuity of Internal meeting to discuss maintenance, running costs, events & lifecycle costs
- Consultation with Access Groups.
- Progress design of external LED's and control system.
- Progress design of Heritage Panel & liaise with residents.

Risks

- All ATG venues remain closed. Covid-19 is significantly affecting their business. Dialogue continues regularly to monitor ongoing position..
- Further programme impacts possible due to both the supply of both construction materials and labour through Covid-19 related issues
- Council's professional team costs could increase further if there are delays in construction
- The hotel delivery is at risk,
- Interfaces – Hotel and Part 2 (DZ2c)

Milestone Dates

- 2021 – New bridge to be craned into position early 2021

Progress highlights

- As part of the spending review, GPA have been awarded funding for multiple hub projects across the UK. We are awaiting details of the funding award in order to progress. An announcement from UK Government is expected in the New Year on the hub programmes
- Welsh Government continue to review their accommodation strategy, expected to support localised hubs.

Risks

- To commence RIBA Stage 1 all space requirements must be confirmed so the overall size of building can be calculated.
- Outputs from Transport Strategy on transport provision for office hub tenants will be crucial to secure agreement to lease, therefore delays may impact ability to secure occupiers.

Next Steps

- Swansea Council to review and finalise accommodation requirement for hub.
- Explore and appraise delivery models options
- Work with consultant team to prepare for project kick off once GPA confirm
- Continue to support Highways in developing Transport Strategy and revised Parking Standards.
- Cabinet report on Office Hub expected in Q1 2024 once brief and funding are confirmed

Kingsway – Infrastructure

Phase 2: Main Contract Works: 0

Timescales

Budget

Resource

Green

Amber

Green

Progress highlights

Risks

Update(s)

- **Completion** – completion December 2020 - defects to run into the New Year.
- **Drainage defects** repairs of defects to the drainage channels continue. Covers were reset on Union St, Picton Lane and on the zebra crossing near Portland St. We are continuing to explore what further works could be undertaking should a further lockdown be imposed in the New Year. Paving defects advanced along the Kingsway.
- Some complaints of skaters using/waxing up the granite planters – pre designed-in slats being filled by skaters and retrospective solutions being explored with suppliers.

Budget note

- amber only due to uncertainty over as yet unknown implications of Covid prolongation and extent of Dawnus defect costs,
- It is likely that we will be going over the agreed budget however some of this will be mitigated by the bond.

- If clear communications not agreed and implemented effectively for the defects work, then this risks Council's reputation.
- It is still too early to predict how COVID-19 will impact on the project:
 - **Budget implications** - yet to be determined, however prolongation and working restrictions will incur costs;

Next Steps

1. Defects work to complete;
2. Reconciliation of final account

71/72 The Kingsway

Timescales	Budget	Resource
Red	Amber	Green

Progress highlights

Risks

Update:

71/72 Tender Process

- All tenders received were non-compliant and in excess of the available budget the design team are undertaking VE and re-tendering to contractors on the South West Wales Regional Contractors Framework (SWWRCF) Lot 6 for repricing the pack week commencing (w/c) 14/12/20 for return on w/c 25/01/21.
- Contract Award anticipated to be -03/21 Cabinet - Special Cabinet may be required.
- Build start anticipated to be – 05/21.
- Build completion – 02/23.
- **Hacer –meeting scheduled to discuss** shared public realm design & programme.
- **Commercial Discussions – discussion ongoing** with operators/anchor tenants advanced & positive progress still being made – reporting in New Year.

- It is still too early to predict how **fully** COVID-19 will impact on the project Budget and programme implications arising from Covid impact are as yet unknown, however some early signs that bidders are experiencing time-lags from supplier pricing, requesting an additional tender return time.
- If the business case does not stand up then this will impact on match-funding approval.

Note:

- In light of the above, budget has been changed to Amber.
- In light of the above, programme has been changed to Red.

Next Steps

- Issue Tender w/c Dec 14th
- Progress draft viability/business case to be presented in New Year to enable continued dialogue with operators/anchor tenants.

Timecales	Budget	Resources
Green	Amber	Green

Progress highlights

Risks

Update

- **Advance work** already completed includes tree management which makes the area's historic architecture more visible, new street lights have been installed and new coloured pea-lights on trees now provide a vibrant backdrop.
- The **preferred tender for main works received and** FPR 7 report prepared agreed and start on site in New Year.
- **Stakeholder Liaison Meeting** – meeting in December cancelled due to delay in contract award and inability to introduce main contractor - and this will be reschedule in early January with an update to be sent to contacts prior to the Christmas break. Residents and disability contacts also to receive updates.

- It is still too early to predict how COVID-19 will impact on the project budget and programme implications.
- Risk of business failure from Covid-19 and nature of the street, opportunity to refresh the street to attract new business.

Next Steps

- Programming discussions with contractor for New Year commencement'
- Brief stakeholder group and hospitality sector.
- 17th December Cabinet Meeting to consider revised FPR7.

City Centre Marketing of Strategic Sites

Timescales	Budget	Resource
Green	Green	Green

Progress highlights

- Dialogue meetings with selected partners have begun
- Meetings arranged for bidders to have opportunity to meet representatives from SC planning and housing departments and Welsh Government
- Ongoing discussion with Council colleagues with regard to how to proceed with updating Parking Standards.
- Ongoing work identifying cost of flood risk mitigation work to West Car Park in order to demonstrate commitment to de-risking the development opportunity and meet existing Council obligations

Risks

- If the planning policy and travel plan are not acceptable to potential bidders and occupiers then this may compromise interest in the procurement. Individual sites will be discussed with potential bidders in Jan 2021
- If the Council cannot demonstrate it is actively seeking funding to bridge viability gaps then bidders may lose interest in the opportunity

Next Steps

- Dialogue meetings with shortlisted parties relating to St Thomas site w/c 14 December

Strategic Sites and Projects Overview

Project	Update	Timescale	Budget	Resource
Castle Square	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Consultants Spider management and Acme have completed the revised requirements for additional greenspace and increased commercial opportunities ▪ Reporting back to a meeting/presentation with Members on December 15th. ▪ Programmed for Corp Briefing and Cabinet in January for decisions on funding to progress to Stage 2 design and public consultation. 	G	G	G
Tawe Riverside	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing scoping and programming work on HMCW and Alamein Road/Normandy Road(as a future extension to HMCW) in progress to facilitate next steps and identify resource requirements. • Welsh Government cross departmental meeting and presentation held • Confirmation required of HMCW workplan and Strategy position.. 	G	G	G
Skyline Kilvey Hill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid has caused delay across all Skyline projects. • Skyline have agreed to submit their WG funding prior to Christmas 2020. • Skyline Timescales- If Skyline decide to proceed then : 12 month planning, 12 month design and 24 month build. 	A	A	G
Mariner Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works on site progressing in line with government guidelines. Site will close for two week Christmas period on 18th December. • Meetings ongoing between developer and Planning to discharge conditions. • Risk: Potential delay to completion due to Covid could impact opening for start of term Sept 2021 however current delay to program will still allow for Sept2021 opening. • Heads of Terms agreed with one anchor tenant. Discussions ongoing to secure second anchor tenant. 	G	G	G

External Funding Overview

Programme/Project	Update	Timescale	Budget	Resource
Palace Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall programme remains on track for June 2022 completion. • Media day arranged for 18th November, press release to follow to capture building and finds following enabling works, including preparations for main contractor and the project overall is on track. It was a successful day. • Planning approval received. LBC outcome expected mid-February 2021. • RIBA Stage 4 underway and nearing completion in the New Year. • Tender for main contractor scheduled and on track for January 2021 • Commenced marketing for end tenant 	G	G	G
Town Centre Loan Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demand remains strong for the product due to restrictions within the marketplace for finance. • Several applications requesting loan assistance are currently under review for due diligence £400k TCL has been approved and released for the Albert Hall restoration. • Hacer have requested TCL upfront for the former Woolworths property development. This is currently being assessed. 	G	G	A
Pontoons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Architect appointed to lead the design process for the Engine Houses site. • Brief for commissioning structural engineers is in development. • Ecological assessments complete. • TOPO survey to be commissioned • FLAG bid for additional funding is nearing conclusion with positive early feedback received 	A	G	G

Strategic Sites and Projects Overview

Project	Update	Timescale	Budget	Resource
Felindre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final version Ecology report is due Marketing continuing but COVID uncertainties are evident in quality and number of enquiries. Team are reviewing current marketing plan with agents and looking at what the additional steps are now needed. 	G	G	G
City C. Green Infrastructure Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Officer working group has reviewed and discussed a final version of the Strategy. Target dates agreed for reporting to. Economy and Infrastructure PDC then to Cabinet in Feb for adoption. 	G	G	G
Swansea Vale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Still awaiting final Ecology Report to be distributed Mitigation management plan to be drawn up. Working to identify the constraints for the development site and what areas need to be retained, so that a marketing brief can be finalised. JV working group meeting held , team reviewing options to bring forward residential sites at Tregof including appointment of consultants to secure a planning consent. Estimate for further flood modelling being sought due to recent changes by NRW. 	A	G	A
Swansea Bay Regeneration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oystermouth Road underpass (Civic C. West car park)- An action is required to permanently block this pedestrian route to the beach. This action is one element of the Council's long term commitment to addressing climate change related flood risks to the city. This also contributes towards the de-risking sites being marketed through the Shaping Swansea, though further more significant actions will also be required at the Sailbridge site. A draft scheme has been prepared for the underpass, which also provides for an alternative ramped beach pedestrian access nearby. 	G	A	A

External Funding: Tawe Riverside Corridor (Hafod Copperworks)

Programme/ Project	Update	Timescale	Budget	Resource
01. Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme				
Weighbridge Office Porter's Lodge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme will run concurrently with the Powerhouse Redevelopment Project – see Powerhouse Update. Year One funding from TRI confirmed from Welsh Government, Year Two to allocate budget also. 	G	A	G
Vivian Engine House	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lime render to chamfered corner of Vivian Engine House complete – lime wash colour to be agreed with Cadw and applied likely in Easter 2021. CCTV provision extended until end December 2020 Options for lighting and power supply to be appraised and costed. Enhanced site FCA to be commissioned in conjunction with development colleagues. 	G	G	G
Bascule Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Afon Engineering commissioned via the SHP contract to carry out the metal work repairs to the Bascule Span – completion due Summer 2021. Revised FPR7 being prepared to outline current scheme costs. 	A	R	G
White Rock Site	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smith's Canal – south of the tunnel: Archaeology report received. This will allow further detail to be included in future master planning of the site and funding requirements. 	A	A	A
Laboratory Building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning and LBC submitted, outcome expected end of January 2021. RIBA stage 4 due to complete before the end of the November, including cost plan. The RIBA Stage 3 plans, show 20 car parking spaces, which includes 1 DDA allocated to the Laboratory building within the Landore Park and Ride for illustrative purposes only. Laboratory emergency works are underway. Engagement with WG to identify funding for the scheme underway. 	R	R	A
Hafod/ Morfa canal bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unlikely the existing TRI funding programme can fund the reinstatement of the canal bridges – further consideration needed on funding streams or future programmes to accommodate. . Bridges designed to RIBA 3. 	A	A	A

External Funding: TRI Swansea Market

Programme/ Project	Update	Timescale	Budget	Resource
01. Targeted Regeneration Investment Programme				
Swansea Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The new Market toilets are now complete and in operation and are maintained and operated in line with Covid regulations. Two design concepts have been shortlisted for the central area which will be subject to consultation commencing at the end of December. A concept design for the new casual trading area has also been developed which will be able to cater for a range of casual trades. The contract award to Vodaphone for a City Centre wide WIFI system, includes the Market. , The programme is for completion is May/ June 2021 and is subject to Covid and Brexit implications. Solar Panels: In addition to the Improvements Plan, solar panels will be installed to the Market roof in the New Year as part of the Council's energy saving programme. 	A	A	G

External Funding: Tawe Riverside Corridor (Hafod Copperworks)

Programme/ Project	Update	Timescale	Budget	Resource
Powerhouse Re-development Penderyn/HLF/ SU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contractors Progress meetings held monthly as a minimum. Next NLHF progress meeting scheduled for March 2021. Contractors have submitted an Extension of Time application for 4 weeks, 2 weeks EOT has been awarded – completion date now 8th October 2021. A grant application has been sought for WG to fund the disposal of bagged contaminated material and stockpiled rubble. All previous stored stone and material will remain on site following consultation with Regeneration and Highways colleagues. . Agreement to Lease with Penderyn agreed and is awaiting completion. Given the sites development proposals, there is a need to address the knotweed and general management of vegetation around the site to assist future development. . The services routes to the building is currently being reassessed for suitability, with consideration to the wider site redevelopment, and costs, and will be discussed when further details are known with the relevant departments. 	G	R	G

Agenda Item 7



Report of the Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism

Development & Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel 12th January 2021

Swansea Rural Development Programme

Purpose	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• To provide an overview of the service area• To provide a briefing requested by the Board about Swansea Rural Development Programme and Rural Commercial Opportunities
Content	This report includes a summary of Swansea Rural Development Programme including Swansea Food Partnership and rural business support.
Councillors are being asked to	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make recommendations to Cabinet Member
Lead Councillor(s)	Councillor Robert Francis-Davies, Cabinet Member for Investment, Regeneration & Tourism
Lead Officer(s)	Martin Nichols – Director of Place Phil Holmes – Head of Planning & City Regeneration Paul Relf -Economic Development and External Funding Manager Clare James – Economic Development Manager
Report Author	Vicki Thomson External Funding Programme Officer ☎ 07796275087 / 01792 636992 ✉ vicki.thomson@abertawe.gov.uk



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Swansea Rural Development Partnership



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Rhaglen Datblygu Gwledig 2014-2020

- Fe'i hariennir gan raglen Cronfa Amaethyddol Ewrop ar gyfer Datblygu Gwledig (EAFRD) a chaiff ei hariannu gan yr Undeb Ewropeaidd a Llywodraeth Cymru.
- Bwriad: Cynyddu cynhyrchiant, amrywiaeth ac effeithlonrwydd busnesau ffermio a choedwigaeth yng Nghymru, gwella eu hysbryd cystaldeuol a'u cydnherthedd, lleihau eu dibyniaeth ar gymorthdaliadau.
- Gwella amgylchedd Cymru, annog arferion rheoli tir cynaliadwy, rheoli adnoddau naturiol mewn ffordd gynaliadwy a gweithredu o ran yr hinsawdd yng Nghymru.
- Hyrwyddo twf economaidd gwledig cryf a chynaliadwy yng Nghymru ac annog mwy o ddatblygiad lleol a arweinir gan y gymuned.

Rural Development Programme 2014-2020

- Funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) programme funded by the European Union and Welsh Government.
- Aims to: Increase the productivity, diversity and efficiency of Welsh farming and forestry businesses, improving their competitiveness and resilience, reducing their reliance on subsidies.
- Improve the Welsh environment, encouraging sustainable land management practices, the sustainable management of our natural resources and climate action in Wales.
- Promote strong, sustainable rural economic growth in Wales and encourage greater community-led local development.

Y RhDG yn Abertawe

- Mae Grŵp Gweithredu Lleol Partneriaeth Datblygu Gwledig Abertawe yn gweinyddu'r gronfa LEADER a arweinir gan y cyhoedd.
- Mae'r Grŵp Gweithredu Lleol yn cynnwys cynrychiolwyr o'r sector preifat, y trydydd sector a'r sector cyhoeddus.
- Mae'n gweithredu ar draws 8 ward leol.
- Maent wedi adnewyddu eu SDLI yn ddiweddar i fabwysiadu magwedd Un Blaned, ac mae ganddi dri nod strategol, sef:
 - Cynyddu lles a chydnerthedd ecosystemau drwy gynnal ac ychwanegu gwerth at adnoddau naturiol a diwylliannol
 - Datblygu mentrau cludiant ac ynni cynaliadwy sy'n lleihau allyriadau ac yn lliniaru effeithiau newid yn yr hinsawdd
 - Cryfhau hunan-gynladwyedd yr economi leol a chefnogi cymunedau actif, cadarn a chysylltiedig

The RDP in Swansea

- Swansea Rural Development Partnership's Local Action Group administers the locally led 'LEADER' fund.
- The Local Action Group is made up on private, third, and public sector representatives.
- Operates over 8 rural wards.
- Recently refreshed their LDS to take a One Planet approach, and has three strategic aims which are to:
 - Increase wellbeing and ecosystem resilience through maintaining and adding value to natural and cultural resources
 - Develop sustainable transport and energy initiatives that reduce emissions and mitigate climate change impacts
 - Strengthen the self-sufficiency of the local economy and support active, resilient, and connected communities

Un Blaned

Beth yw ymagwedd Un Blaned?

- Ymwybyddiaeth o effaith ein gweithredoedd ar y blaned a gweithredu i leihau'r adnoddau rydym yn eu defnyddio/gwastraffu/cynhyrchu.
- Yn Abertawe, ffigwr cyfartalog ôl-troed byd-eang un person yw 3.25 gha, a phe byddai pawb yn byw eu bywyd yn yr un modd, byddai angen 2.25 'Daear' yn ychwanegol arnom i gynnal ein ffordd o fyw.
- Mae'r ymagwedd Un Blaned yn ystyried dyfodol cynaliadwy a chydnerth.

Ein Gweledigaeth

- Rydym am gael dyfodol 'Un Blaned' ar gyfer Abertawe wledig sy'n gwneud y canlynol:
- cynyddu cydnerthedd a hunanddibyniaeth gymunedol drwy gynhyrchu mwy o'r hyn y mae'n ei ddefnyddio;
- gwneud hyn mewn modd sy'n llai niweidiol i iechyd pobl a'r amgylchedd;
- cefnogi adnoddau naturiol a bioamrywiaeth fwy helaeth;
- annog rhoi'r gorau i wastraff diangen;
- cynhyrchu rhagor o swyddi lleol ac arwyddocaol;
- rhoi mwy o ddiogelwch rhag y posibilrwydd o darfu ar weddill y byd o ran amgylchedd, masnach a'r economi;
- lleihau ôl-troed ecolegol a charbon yr ardal.

One Planet

What is a One Planet approach?

- Awareness of the impact our activities have on the planet & taking action to reduce the resources we consume/waste we produce.
- In Swansea, the average global footprint per person is 3.25 gha, if everyone lived this way we would need 2.25 more 'Earths' to sustain our lifestyles.
- A One Planet approach looks to a resilient sustainable future.

Our Vision

- We want a 'One Planet' future for rural Swansea that:
- increases community resilience and self-reliance by producing more of what it consumes;
- does this in a way that's less damaging to people's health and the environment;
- supports more abundant natural resources and biodiversity;
- encourages an end to needless waste;
- yields more local and meaningful jobs;
- gives greater protection from the possibility of disruption in the rest of the world in the environment, trade and the economy;
- reduces the area's ecological and carbon footprints.

Allbynnau Prosiect RhDG Abertawe

Swansea RDP Project Outputs

Allbwn	Output	Targed y rhaglen cyfan / Programme total target	Wedi'i gyflawni ond heb ei hawlio eto (wedi gweld tystiolaeth archwilio) / Achieved but not yet claimed (have seen audit evidence)
Nifer yr astudiaethau dichonoldeb	Number of feasibility studies	7	8
Nifer y rhwydweithiau sefydledig	Number of networks established	4	4
Nifer y swyddi a ddiogelwyd trwy brosiectau a gefnogwyd	Number of jobs safeguarded through supported projects	0	2.9
Nifer o weithgareddau peilot a gynhaliwyd / gefnogwyd	Number of pilot activities undertaken/ supported	6	7
Nifer yr hybiau cymunedol	Number of community hubs	10	12
Nifer o gamau lledaenu gwybodaeth / hyrwyddo a / neu weithgareddau marchnata i godi ymwybyddiaeth o'r SDLI a / neu ei brosiectau	Number of Information dissemination actions / promotional and/or marketing activities to raise awareness of the LDS and/or it's projects	4	13
Nifer y rhanddeiliaid yn cymryd rhan	Number of stakeholders engaged	90	122
Nifer y cyfranogwyr a gefnogir	Number of participants supported	40	132
Nifer o swyddi a grewyd	Number of jobs created	0	0.5

Sefyllfa ariannol

Grant RhDG a ddyfarnwyd	£ 1,454,000.00
Gwariant hyd at fis Rhagfyr 2020	£ 761,525.55
Arian sy'n weddill hyd at fis Medi 2023	£ 692,474.45

Cyllid ar gyfer prosiectau LEADER

Ailbroffilio cyllidebau	£ 525,945.00
Cyfanswm y gyllideb a ddyrannwyd i Prosiectau a gymeradwywyd hyd yn hyn	£ 244,045.00
Cyllideb sy'n weddill i'w dyrannu i ddyraniadau prosiectau	£ 281,900.00

Financial position

RDP Grant Awarded	£ 1,454,000.00
Spend to Dec 2020	£ 761,525.55
Remaining to Sept 2023	£ 692,474.45

Funding for LEADER Projects

Reprofile Budgets	£ 525,945.00
Total Budget Allocated to Approved Projects to date	£ 244,045.00
Remaining Budget to allocate to Project Allocations	£ 281,900.00

Prosiectau a Ariennir: Cwblhawyd

- Solar Cymunedol Killan - astudiaeth dichonoldeb
- Cyfleuster Addysg Tŷ Crwn yr Oes Haearn
- Marchnad y Mill
- Astudiaeth Dichonoldeb i archwilio'r potensial am Brosiect Lliniaru Allyriadau Carbon Cymunedol
- Gower Explorer y Sul 2016
- Llais Cymunedol Gwledig Abertawe
- Gower Explorer 17-19
- Darganfod Abertawe heb gar
- Cynllun Llysgenhadon
- Canolfan Adnoddau ac Ymwelwyr Abertawe wledig
- Rhwydwaith Trafnidiaeth Cynaliadwy
- Astudiaeth Dichonoldeb Canolfannau Gweithgareddau Gŵyr
- Astudiaeth Dichonoldeb Blaendraeth Porth Einon
- Astudiaeth Dichonoldeb Hwb Cymunedol Pennard

Funded Projects: Completed

- Killan Community Solar – feasibility study
- Iron Age Roundhouse Education Facility
- Market at the Mill
- Feasibility Study to investigate viability of Community Carbon Offset Project
- Gower Sunday Explorer 2016
- Swansea Rural Community Voice
- Gower Explorer 17- 19
- DMST Swansea without a Car
- Ambassador Scheme
- Rural Swansea Resource and Visitor Centre
- Sustainable Transport Network
- Gower Activity Centres Feasibility Study
- Port Eynon Foreshore Feasibility Study
- Pennard Community Hub Feasibility Study

Prosiectau RhDG cyfredol

- Amaethyddiaeth â Chymorth y Gymuned

Amaethyddiaeth â Chymorth y Gymuned Creu economi wledig hunangynhaliol trwy gynnwys y gymuned, addysg, masnach a gwelliannau amgylcheddol

- Llwybrau beicio oddi ar y ffordd Gŵyr

I annog mwy o feicio anffurfiol yn ardal Gŵyr gan ddefnyddio'r rhwydwaith llwybrau ceffyl presennol fel ffordd o fwynhau cefn gwlad a sicrhau cyn lleied o gyswllt â phosib rhwng beicwyr a cheir a cherbydau modur. Bydd beicwyr yn gallu dewis llwybrau a chylchffyrdd byrrach neu deithiau hir. Yn ogystal, bydd y prosiect yn gwella'r rhwydwaith yn gyffredinol er lles marchogwyr a cherddwyr.

- Big Meadow – Surf and Turf

Byddwn yn sefydlu Cynllun Amaethyddiaeth â Chymorth y Gymuned (CSA) arloesol (CSA Big Meadow) wedi'i gyfuno â rhaglen breswyl (Surf N Turf) sy'n cynnwys cymunedau gwledig ar draws Gŵyr ac sy'n darparu blychau llysiâu lleol di-blastig yn uniongyrchol i dros 50 o gartrefi.



Current RDP projects

- Community Supported Agriculture

Creating a self-sufficient rural economy through community engagement, education, trade & environmental improvements.

- Gower Off Rd Cycle Routes

To encourage more informal cycling on Gower using the existing network of bridleways as a way of enjoying the countryside, whilst keeping any interaction with cars and motorised vehicles to a minimum. Riders will be able to choose shorter rides and circuits or long distance rides. In addition the project will improve the network generally for the benefit of horse riders and walkers.

- Big Meadow – Surf and Turf

Set up an innovative Community Supported Agriculture (CSA) scheme (Big Meadow CSA) combined with a residential programme (Surf N Turf) engaging rural communities across Gower and providing locally grown, plastic free veg boxes direct to 50+ households.

Proses ymgeisio dau gam ar gyfer grantiau mawr

- Mae'r broses ymgeisio dau gam ar gyfer y gronfa ariannu hon yn cynnwys Ffurflen Syniad am Brosiect (PIF) sy'n arwain at gais llawn.
- Y grant mwyaf sydd ar gael ar gyfer prosiect 12 mis yw £30,000. Gellir cael £40,000 am brosiect 15 mis a £50,000 ar gyfer prosiect 18 mis
- Gofynnir am o leiaf 30% o arian cyfatebol ar gyfer pob prosiect
- Uchafswm o £140,000 ar gael yn y rownd ariannu ddiwethaf
- Yr amserlen ar gyfer cyflawni ceisiadau yw oddeutu 22 wythnos
- Rhaid gorffen pob prosiect erbyn mis Chwefror 2023

Two Stage Application Process for Large Grants

- Two stage application of this funding pot includes a Project Idea Form (PIF) which leads onto a full application
- Maximum grant available for a 12 month project is £30,000. 15 month project is £40,000 and 18 month project £50,000
- Minimum 30% match funding required for all projects
- Maximum £140,000 grant pot available in the last round of funding
- Application turnaround time is approximately 22 weeks
- All projects must finish by February 2023

Cais Carlam Un Cam

- Cais llawn un cam heb gyflwyno Ffurflen Syniad am Brosiect
- Y grant uchaf sydd ar gael yw £5,000
- Gofynnir am o leiaf 30% o arian cyfatebol
- Yr amserlen ar gyfer ceisiadau yw 7 wythnos
- Y cyntaf i'r felin gaiff y swm uchaf o £50,000 o'r gronfa ddyrannu.
- Un cais carlam yn unig a ganiateir i bob sefydliad. Ond, gallwch gyflwyno cais am y gronfa arian grant fwy ar ôl cyflwyno cais am grant carlam (os bydd arian ar ôl)
- Cynigir y cyfle i chi gyflwyno'ch cais am adborth unwaith cyn ei gyflwyno'n derfynol

One Stage Fast Track Application

- One stage full application without the need for a PIF
- Maximum grant available is £5,000
- Minimum 30% match funding required
- Application turnaround time is 7 weeks
- Maximum £50,000 funding pot administered on a rolling window basis, as and when applications are submitted
- Only one fast track application per organisation allowed. But you can apply for the larger grant pot after applying for the fast track grant (if there is funding still available)
- Applicants will be offered the opportunity to submit applications for feedback once before final submission

Cymorth Busnesau Gwledig

Er bod y Rhaglen Datblygu Gwledig yn canolbwyntio ar ddull cymunedol yn hytrach na chefnogaeth a datblygiad busnes unigol, mae tîm Rhaglen Datblygu Gwledig Abertawe yn cydnabod bod ein cymunedau gwledig yn cynnwys llawer mwy nag ymagwedd LEADER.

Mae tîm RhDG Abertawe yn cydnabod, er mwyn gwella iechyd, cyfoeth a lles yng nghymunedau gwledig Abertawe, fod cyfrifoldeb i weithio gyda busnesau i nodi'r dulliau angenrheidiol sy'n creu economi sylfaen gadarn.

Er mwyn manteisio ar gyfleoedd i wneud y mwyaf o'r economi wledig, gall y tîm ddarparu arweiniad a chefnogaeth i'r gymuned fusnes, neu atgyfeirio i'r sefydliadau perthnasol. Gall cefnogaeth fod drwy rwydweithio, rhoi adborth ar geisiadau cyllido neu weithiau drwy fod yn barod i wrando ar syniadau, fel y gwelir yn ystod y pandemig.

Mae pob ymholiad y mae'r tîm RhDG wedi'i dderbyn gan fusnes nad yw'n gymwys i gael cefnogaeth LEADER wedi cynnig cymorth pellach i geisio diwallu ei anghenion.

Rural Businesses Support

Although the Rural Development Programme is centred around a community approach rather than individual business support and development, the Swansea RDP team recognises our rural communities span much wider than LEADER approach.

The Swansea RDP team acknowledges that in order to increase the health, wealth and well-being in Swansea's rural communities, there is a responsibility to work with businesses to identify the necessary mechanisms that create a resilient foundational economy.

In order to capitalise on opportunities to maximise the rural economy, the team may provide guidance and support to the business community, or sign post to the relevant organisations. Support may be through networking, feeding back on funding applications or sometimes just being there to listen to ideas, as seen during the pandemic.

Every enquiry the RDP team has received from a business which is not eligible for LEADER support has and will be offered further support to try to meet their needs.

Trosolwg Masnachol yn Abertawe wledig C19

Dros y 9 mis diwethaf mae Abertawe wledig wedi profi effaith sylweddol oherwydd y pandemig a'r cyfyngiadau lleol a roddwyd ar waith i ddiogelu iechyd y cyhoedd.

Mae trafodaeth a gynhaliwyd â busnesau gwledig ers mis Mawrth wedi tynnu sylw at anawsterau ac ansicrwydd i nifer o sectorau.

Mae'r diwydiant twristiaeth wedi adrodd nad yw'n gallu manteisio ar wariant ymwelwyr; nid oes unrhyw alw wedi bod am lety er gwaetha'r cyfyngiadau teithio dramor; dim llawer o alw am wyliau yn lleol; ychydig iawn neu dim gallu i amrywiaethu; a cholledion ariannol

Mae'r diwydiant lletygarwch wedi adrodd bod colledion difrifol o ran masnach oherwydd y cyfyngiadau; cymorth ariannol annigonol ar gyfer busnesau llai; dim digon o gymorth mewn ymateb i'r busnesau y bu'n rhaid iddynt gau; anawsterau o ran amseriad y cyfyngiadau a lefelau stoc; aflonyddwch i gadwyni cyflenwi; cadw pellter cymdeithasol ac anawsterau wrth newid eu model busnes

Commercial Overview in Rural Swansea C19

Over the last 9 months Rural Swansea has experienced significant impact due to the pandemic and a wave of local restrictions put in place to protect public health.

Discussion undertaken with rural businesses since March have highlighted difficulties and uncertainty for a number of sectors.

Tourism have reported their inability to capitalise on visitor spend; demand for accommodation has been non-existent despite travel restrictions abroad; minimal demand for localised stay-cays; little capacity or no to diversify; and financial losses

Hospitality have report severe losses in trade due to the restrictions; insufficient assistance financially for smaller businesses; underfunded support in response to the closures; difficulties in timings of the restrictions and stock levels; supply chain disruptions; social distancing and difficulties diversifying their business model

Mae cynhyrchwyr bwyd cynradd ac uwchradd wedi adrodd bod diffygion yn y gadwyn gyflenwi oherwydd bod busnesau lletygarwch ar gau a'r cyfyngiadau a roddwyd ar y diwydiant; cymorth ariannol annigonol; gostyngiad mewn llwybrau i farchnata, gwerthu cyfyngol, gwastraff bwyd a'r methiant i arallgyfeirio'n hawdd. Masnach busnes i fusnes wedi lleihau'n sylweddol

Mae'r diwydiant manwerthu bwyd wedi gweld galw am gynnyrch lleol, mae'r rheini sy'n gallu dosbarthu nwyddau i gwsmeriaid wedi adrodd bod cynnydd mewn gwerthiant ond mae pryderon o ran cael cwsmeriaid unwaith y bydd yr archfarchnadoedd yn rhyddhau rhyngor o slotiau dosbarthu bwyd; cymorth ariannol annigonol ar gyfer busnesau bach; cau busnesau; yr anallu i fanteisio ar wariant ymwelwyr.

Mae pob busnes wedi nodi anawsterau gyda chymorth ariannol drwy weithgaredd masnachol cyfyngedig, diffyg eglurder ynghylch cyfyngiadau, anawsterau o fewn cadwyni cyflenwi ac ansicrwydd o ran adferiad yn y dyfodol.

Primary and secondary food producers have reported collapses in the supply chain due to closures in hospitality and restrictions placed on the industry; insufficient financial support; reduction in avenues to market, restrictive selling, food waste and unable to diversify easily. B2B trade significantly reduced

Food retail has seen demand for locally produced foods, those which have the capacity to deliver to customers have report increase in sales but have concerns regarding customer retention once supermarkets make delivery slots more available; insufficient financial support for smaller businesses; business closure; unable to capitalise on visitor spend.

All businesses have reported difficulties with financial support through restricted commercial activity, lack of clarity on restrictions, difficulties within supply chains and uncertainty in their future recovery.

Partneriaeth Bwyd Abertawe

Sefydlwyd Partneriaeth Bwyd Abertawe mewn ymateb uniongyrchol i drafodaethau â busnesau bwyd gwledig yn ardaloedd RhDG Abertawe a fynegodd angen am ymagwedd gydlynol wrth gefnogi a rhwydweithio busnesau bwyd a diod, yn ogystal â mynegi diddordeb ynddi. Sefydlwyd y bartneriaeth gyda nifer o randdeiliaid allweddol, gan ganolbwyntio ar weithio gyda busnesau i greu cymunedau gwledig bywiog a ffyniannus, cryfhau a byrhau cadwyni cyflenwi, annog datblygiad twristiaeth bwyd a chau'r bwlc rhwng bwyd gwledig a threfol.

Er bod y Bartneriaeth yn ei dyddiau cynnar ac wedi dioddef rhwystrau o ganlyniad i'r pandemig, mae wedi nodi nifer o feysydd allweddol yn seiliedig ar ymgynghoriad cychwynnol gyda busnesau bwyd a thwristiaeth wledig ar ddechrau 2020 ac yn fwy diweddar gyda'r grŵp Partneriaeth craidd.

Ar hyn o bryd nid oes gan Bartneriaeth Bwyd Abertawe unrhyw gyllideb ac mae'n chwilio am adnoddau i gyflawni canlyniadau a nodwyd i sicrhau llwybrau i'r farchnad.



Swansea Food Partnership

Swansea Food Partnership was set up as a direct response to discussions with rural food businesses in RDP areas, who expressed a need and interest in a coordinated approach for food and drink business support and networking. The Partnership was formed with a number of key stakeholders with the focus of working with businesses to create vibrant and prosperous rural communities, to strengthen and shorten supply chains, enhance food tourism offer and bridge the gap between rural and urban food.

Although Partnership is very much in its infancy and has suffered setbacks as a result of the pandemic it has identified a number of key areas based on an initial consultation with rural food and tourism businesses at the start of 2020 and more recently with the core Partnership group.

At present the Swansea Food Partnership has no funding and is seeking resources to achieve identified outcomes to achieve avenues to market.

Canlyniadau PBA

- gwell ymwybyddiaeth (mwy ac ehangach)/tuag at y cynnig bwyd/diod lleol;
- gwell canfyddiadau (ymddygiad tuag at) o fwyd/ddiod lleol - yn lleol ac yn ehangach;
- mwy o addysg ac o ansawdd gwell;
- rhwydweithiau lleol gwell (busnesau i fusnesau a busnesau i ddefnyddwyr);
- rhagor o bobl yn tyfu eu bwyd eu hunain;
- mwy o fwyd a diod yn cael eu cynhyrchu a'u prynu'n lleol, sy'n golygu;
 - diwydiant bwyd a diod yn defnyddio mwy o gyflenwyr lleol;
 - defnydd gwell (uniongyrchol) o fwyd a diod lleol gan gymunedau lleol;
- gwell isadeiledd i gefnogi busnesau bwyd a diod yn lleol (yn canolbwyntio ar fusnesau cychwynnol/bach);
- llai o wastraff bwyd (gan gynnwys pecynnu).

SFP Outcomes

- improved (more and wider) awareness/ towards the local food/drink offer;
- improved perceptions of (attitudes toward) local food/drink offer – locally and externally;
- more and better food education;
- stronger local networks (B2B and B2C);
- more people grow their own food;
- more food and drink is produced and consumed locally, which is comprised of:
 - greater use of local suppliers by the local food and drink industry;
 - better (direct) use of local food and drink by local communities;
- improved infrastructure to support food and drink businesses locally (focused on start up/small businesses);
- reduced food waste (including packaging).



Gweithgaredd PBA

- Sefydlwyd PBA ym mis Medi 19
- Digwyddiad: Abertawe. Cyrchfan Bwyd - 34 o brynwyr a 14 o gynhyrchwyr yn bresennol ym mis Chwefror 2020
- Cyngor Abertawe: Danfoniadau a chludfwyd - cyflenwyr bwyd ac eitemau hanfodol yn Abertawe ym mis Mawrth 2020, ymateb parhaus i COVID-19
- Cyfrifion cyfryngau cymdeithasol PBA yn cefnogi busnesau bwyd lleol: 1060 o ddilynwyr ar Instagram
- Cefnogi datblygiad cyfeiriadur bwyd a diod de Cymru
- Cyfleoedd i rwydweithio ac atgyfeirio busnesau i fusnesau
- Datblygu a chymorth gyda chais am gyllid
- Datblygu cyfle masnachol ar brosiectau cyfalaf
- Datblygiad prosiect yn bwydo i Gynllun Gweithredu Economaidd Partneriaeth Adfywio Abertawe
- Gweithdy PBA: Theori Newid
- Cysylltiadau PBA â Rhwydwaith Tlodi Bwyd Abertawe
- Gwaith datblygu ar gyfleoedd cadwyni cyflenwi

SPF Activity

- SFP formed Sept 19
- Event: Swansea a Food Destination attended by 34 buyer and 14 producers in Feb 2020
- Swansea Council: Deliveries and takeaways - suppliers of food and essential items in Swansea March 2020, on going C19 response
- SFP Social media accounts supporting local food businesses: 1060 followers on Instagram
- Supporting the development of South Wales food and drink directory
- Networking and sign posting opportunities B2B
- Funding application development and support
- Commercial opportunity development on capital projects
- Project development feeding to Swansea Regeneration Partnership Economic Action Plan
- SFP workshop: Theory of Change
- SFP links with Swansea Food Poverty Network
- Development work on supply chain opportunities

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Date: 15 October 2020

Dear Councillor Jones

I refer to your letter dated the 6th October 2020 which relates to the Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel held on the 14th September and I am pleased to reply to your questions as follows

1. Images of arena, north side residential core and MSCP.

I attach a file of the images as shown to the committee.

2. Panel visit to arena site to be arranged, once possible dates provided.

Unfortunately covid-19 cases have been identified on the Arena site which means that the site has now been closed for site meetings. We are arranging for drone footage for inside and outside the arena which will hopefully be available shortly to share with you. Once a site visit is viable I will make arrangements for you to visit.

3. Information on government departments interested in locating hubs in Swansea and number of jobs that are to be transferred to Swansea.

The majority of jobs to be located at the Swansea Hub (if approved and funded) are already based in the Swansea/greater Swansea area so are not being transferred/consolidated in the City. However, as part of the confidential discussions new jobs might be created if/when the hub opens and that potential increase has been included in their requirements. Plus the IMA is a new organisation to Swansea and that was based in the city as part of the Places for Growth (PfG) initiative. If Swansea Central North is the preferred option then we have been advised that more sensitive information can be shared. As you will be aware the decision on a public sector hub will be subject to a Cabinet report and I support the pre decision scrutiny of this at the relevant time.

4. Information on number of jobs to be created at distillery.

The Penderyn project will create 16.5 jobs.

5. Arrange direct discussion between Cllr Peter Jones and member of Huw Mowbray's team regarding Swansea Vale.

Officers have made contact with Cllr Jones to directly discuss Swansea Vale and Biodiversity.

6. Information requested in scrutiny letter dated 26 February 2020.

Whilst the Kingsway infrastructure is nearing completion final costs have not yet been agreed with the contractor. You will also be aware that there is still an ongoing legal matter in relation to the previous contractor Dawnus in terms of recovering costs due to them entering administration whilst works were ongoing. Once the final position is known I would be happy to share the information with the panel on a redacted basis

I trust this responds to the questions raised in your letter.

Yours sincerely



**Y CYNGHORYDD/COUNCILLOR ROB STEWART
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Images of Arena for Scrutiny Committee

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19th November 2020

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Summary: This is a letter from the Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel to the Cabinet Member for Economy, Finance and Strategy following the meeting of the Panel on 3rd November 2020. It covers the Project Update Report.

Dear Councillor Stewart,

We would like to thank you, Councillor Francis-Davies, Phil Holmes and Huw Mowbray for attending to present this item and respond to the Panel's questions. We appreciate your engagement and input.

We are writing to you to reflect on what we learnt from the discussion, share the views of the Panel, and, where necessary, raise any issues or recommendations for your consideration and response.

Dashboard Report

We received the usual monitoring update on the regeneration projects in Swansea. We are pleased by the progress on these projects overall but we do have some observations we would like to share with you.

Swansea Central Phase 1

We were informed that there had been confirmed cases of Covid-19 on the Arena site, however work was continuing to progress well in the circumstances. We understand that contractors are sent home to self-isolate for fourteen days as per

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national guidance. It was also explained to the Panel how teams are organised in shift patterns as a precautionary measure against Covid-19 and to ensure continuity in the development process. It was pleasing to hear that work has been managed well amid the pandemic; the Arena roof is now complete and the external cladding had also been completed meaning the Arena is now watertight.

The Panel queried how many contractors were local or from further afield. Officers undertook to provide further detailed figures on this point, however, we did hear that there will be applicable fluctuations in these figures depending on the type of work, for example, early steelworks required specialised contractors from outside the region. We understand that specific dates would enable a snap shot of such figures, reflective of specific work types and packages at that time.

Having previously asked if a visit could be arranged to the Arena site we now understand this may be able to take place in the early part of next year depending on circumstances at that time. In the meantime, we look forward to viewing drone footage of the development.

We heard that the Wellington Street works are progressing well, and also the Church Hall development is set to commence during November. It was interesting to hear the plans for the 'Pause Point' area and the anticipated digital furniture being installed shortly, including digital goggles to view the developments and information about the history of the area.

We expressed some concerns over the Wellington Street developments in terms of tree planting and consultation with the Swansea Tree Forum. Officers agreed to provide the Panel with exact information on the number of trees, and species, being planted here. We were informed that there had been sufficient consultation with all appropriate bodies in terms of tree planting.

We heard that the residential block is now complete in terms of its height, and that agreements with Pobl are also complete. The fitting out of this structure will now take place in accordance with development plans.

We queried the reporting, under Risks, of the increased funding need in relation to the Hotel due to Covid-19. We heard that this was not necessarily to change any of the design, but rather an unavoidable consequence of the pandemic in that private funding sources will not currently fund the development of hotels. It was explained that you are in discussions with Welsh Government and Visit Wales to overcome these funding issues.

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We were concerned that ATG venues around the world were currently closed due to Covid-19 and what possible impact this could have on the Swansea development. We heard that ATG had laid off some staff, (mostly on furlough), across their company. However, officers confirmed that they have protected the core business and received equity investments, and there are no concerns about ATG's Swansea project at this time. It was also explained that ATG are currently looking to recruit a manager for the Swansea Arena.

We expressed concern over the 'capital equalisation reserve' position and were informed repayment would be covered adequately over the next term of Council. Further clarity may be sought at some point regarding the plans to replenish the reserve through income streams.

Swansea Central North

We heard that discussions are ongoing in terms of potential occupiers. Officers explained that appropriate delivery model options are being explored, including the possibility of the Shaping Swansea strategic partner being involved.

We queried any impact of Covid-19 on the interest of prospective tenants. We heard that there had been limited impact in this case and that discussions were ongoing.

The Panel requested further information in the form of schematics to better inform people about the Swansea North development in relation to other developments in the area. It was agreed a short presentation on these images would be provided at the next meeting in January 2021.

Kingsway

We queried whether pavement design in the Kingsway conformed to the Active Travel Design Guide (Welsh Government 2014) in order to properly segregate cyclists and pedestrians. We expressed concerns about possible collisions and conflict between cyclists and pedestrians using this area of pavement. Officers explained that extensive consultation had taken place with cycle groups and mobility groups, leading to a balanced design that took account of a range of features, however, a more detailed response could be sought from the Highways & Transport Department. We will therefore be sending a separate letter to Cabinet Member Mark Thomas to request more detailed information on this.

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We asked whether bus stops along the Kingsway were being closed or relocated in order to avoid traffic build-ups when a bus was stationary at a designated stop. We heard that works were currently being undertaken to remedy any defects whilst traffic flow was at its lowest, however, bus stop locations remained unchanged.

We asked for an update on the plans for the 'Picton Yard' area, especially in relation to prospective footfall. We heard that works had been completed to link lower Oxford Street with this area, however, construction works continue and this area therefore remains closed. Officers outlined hopes for an historic link to be re-established here to encourage flow into the Kingsway. Officers explained that an East-West link is also an aspiration and delivery of this project is being explored, although no concrete funding as yet.

71/72 The Kingsway

We heard that the tender submissions are currently being evaluated in terms of the development at 71/72 The Kingsway. It was pleasing to hear that new hoardings graphics are due to be erected this week, following delays due to inclement weather.

We expressed concern surrounding the return to offices and commercial units following the Covid-19 pandemic. We queried what the minimum percentage of occupancy should be in order to justify the expenditure on this development. Officers informed us that discussions with potential operators have indicated a good demand from, in particular, 'Tech' businesses who value a collaborative and flexible office space. We heard that workshops were undertaken to analyse the impact of Covid - 19 on the use of this structure, the outcome of which included positive evaluations surrounding the use of dual staircases, aluminium and anti-viral materials, natural ventilation and outside space. Officers undertook to provide further information on the budget of this development, and the impacts of Covid-19 on that budget, once these figures were duly available.

We asked about the success rate of the Zone Residential Grants (in the context of the Kingsway). Officers explained that this had been an exceptionally successful programme and there remained a backlog of other projects awaiting funding if and when this can be secured from Welsh Government. Officers undertook to provide a further report on these figures at the next meeting.

We heard that there remains a demand for sufficient quality office space within the City Centre, which will lead to increased footfall and therefore increased demand for retail businesses.

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Wind Street

We were informed that work is progressing here. We heard that minimal tree removal has been undertaken, following consultation groups. New pea-lighting is scheduled to be installed in November. Drop-in sessions are planned to be scheduled as the design progresses.

We queried why trees are felled at all in Wind Street. Officers explained that the condition of some is not good, but more so because of operational limitations along the street. Two of three trees marked for felling now remain. We expressed concern over the general tree felling policy across the City. We were assured that as many mature trees as possible are protected.

We heard that across the County the figures are net positive in terms of tree planting, the aim always to be planting more trees than removed. We also heard that the bypass of the Enterprise Zone is one of the largest urban forests in the UK. We heard that there are exceptions made, especially within the City Centre, to accommodate a functional city centre design.

We raised concerns over the impact of Covid-19 on Wind Street as both a night time and day time economy, and plans to help support recovery of business in this area. We were assured that there are a number of different schemes in place helping to support hospitality and associated businesses across Wales. We were informed that the Council have provided grants in excess of £1m to businesses to enable them to expand into areas of open space.

City Centre Marketing of Strategic Sites

We asked how many bids were received and how soon we would have results on this. Officers outlined the huge response to this process in terms of the marketing launch, having over 2000 views nationally. We heard that there has been a substantial number of bids of high quality; the process is ongoing and the shortlisting has been signed off to notify parties. Officers commented on the high quality of submissions and how this reflects on the level of work happening in Swansea. Officers confirmed that further information is currently confidential but the quality of the shortlist is exceptionally high.

We queried whether private investors would be more prevalent in these marketing schemes.

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Strategic Sites and Project Overview

Skyline - We raised concerns over the Skyline project, as the time frame for this is set as 2026, and whether the operations team were likely to withdraw from this project. Officers reassured us that a number of conference calls with Skyline in New Zealand had taken place recently. Furthermore, a grant of £10 million from Visit Wales was still under discussion, and they were therefore optimistic about this project continuing.

Castle Square – Officers explained that the professional team appointed here are at the stage of completing feasibility studies with a view to presenting a detailed scheme to move forward. We understand we should have images in due course, although this is not yet at the point of a final design and the Council has therefore not yet committed capital to be allocated to funding. We are keen to see final plans for this project to ensure the objective is met for a greener area.

Transportation & Highways

We asked questions about the intention to extend the cycle track to the Copper Works site and Swansea Lower Valley. We also questioned whether plans are being pushed forward under the metro scheme for Landore; in particular, to accommodate access to Morfa retail park, the Stadium and the newly developed distillery. The Panel was told that Swansea has more miles of cycle path than any other area in Wales and that the Metro system is still being worked on as an idea.

Fabian Way Innovation Corridor – We raised questions over the progress of the land negotiations and how far the link road has progressed with WG support. We were informed that this area of land development is dealt with by the Corporate Properties Department. The Panel will be requesting further information from Corporate Properties on this point.

Active Travel Programme – We raised concerns over the research and evidence that justified some new cycle tracks, and whether demand was high enough to warrant the costs. We discussed the Mayals Road cycle track that is scheduled for construction soon and queried whether this had gone to tender. The Panel was informed that further information should be sought from the Head of Highways, and we will include this in the separate letter to Cabinet Member Mark Thomas.

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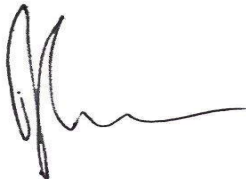
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Your response:

We hope you find this letter useful and informative. We would welcome your comments on any of the issues raised, but in this instance, please provide a formal written response by 10th December 2020 to the following:

- Figures for the number of contractors employed on the Arena site (local separately to external) during the start of the contract and also at this current time. Please also indicate (separately) the number of Apprentices involved in this development.
- Schematics / images of Swansea Central North as previously requested (*now received following this meeting*).
- Information on the number of trees, and species, being displaced under the Wellington Street developments.
- 71/72 The Kingsway: further information requested on the budget of this development, and the impacts of Covid-19 on that budget.
- Zone Residential Grants: Officers undertook to provide a further report on these figures at the next meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Councillor Jones

**Response to Questions Raised at the Development and Regeneration
Performance Panel on 3rd November 2020.**

Thank you for your letter of the 19th November 2020.

You raise a number of questions which I respond to below.

**BBM for Arena - The Panel queried how many contractors were local or from
further afield.**

October Buckingham report attached.

To be clear the figures change monthly. October was based upon bridge fabricators from Yorkshire and steel frame from Scotland which skews the figures. Area A, B & C are for Wales where 70% of companies are Welsh and D is everywhere else.

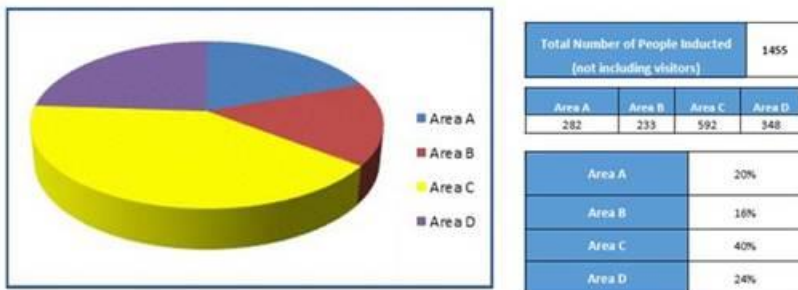
As we work through the next few months these figures for local companies will increase, this is shown in the graph below. The second table demonstrates that 60% of total spend for the project this far is spent locally within the SA1 postcode.

Within the report, Buckingham cannot use companies from A&B unless there is a compelling reason and they must provide a rationale so we have an audit process.





Employment Statistics: Bid promise to target at least 70% Local Labour (Area A & B)



Outcome	Measure	Unit & Targets	Methods
Support businesses to grow	Support for local SMEs/social enterprises	12 Hours	Organise at least 1 meet-the-buyer event with 2 people attending for 2 hours. Facilitate 2 workshops of 4 hours, or 4 one-to-one meetings of 2 hours to provide expert business advice
	Total amount (£) spent in local supply chain	60% of Project Value	Analyse all orders placed Reported monthly showing the clear link to the contractual activity

Wellington Street - Officers agreed to provide the Panel with exact information on the number of trees and species being planted here.

A planting programme has been undertaken as part of the works in Wellington Street and follows the planning approval that includes over 900 plants, shrubs and 11 semi mature trees. Consultation was undertaken as part of the planning application process. I attach a PDF copy of the layout of the scheme which sets out the species planted.

Swansea Central North

Officers will provide a presentation detailing the location and current thinking for the site to the January meeting of Scrutiny.

Success rate of the Zone Residential Grants

Officers will provide a presentation on success and figures at the January meeting.

Transport issues

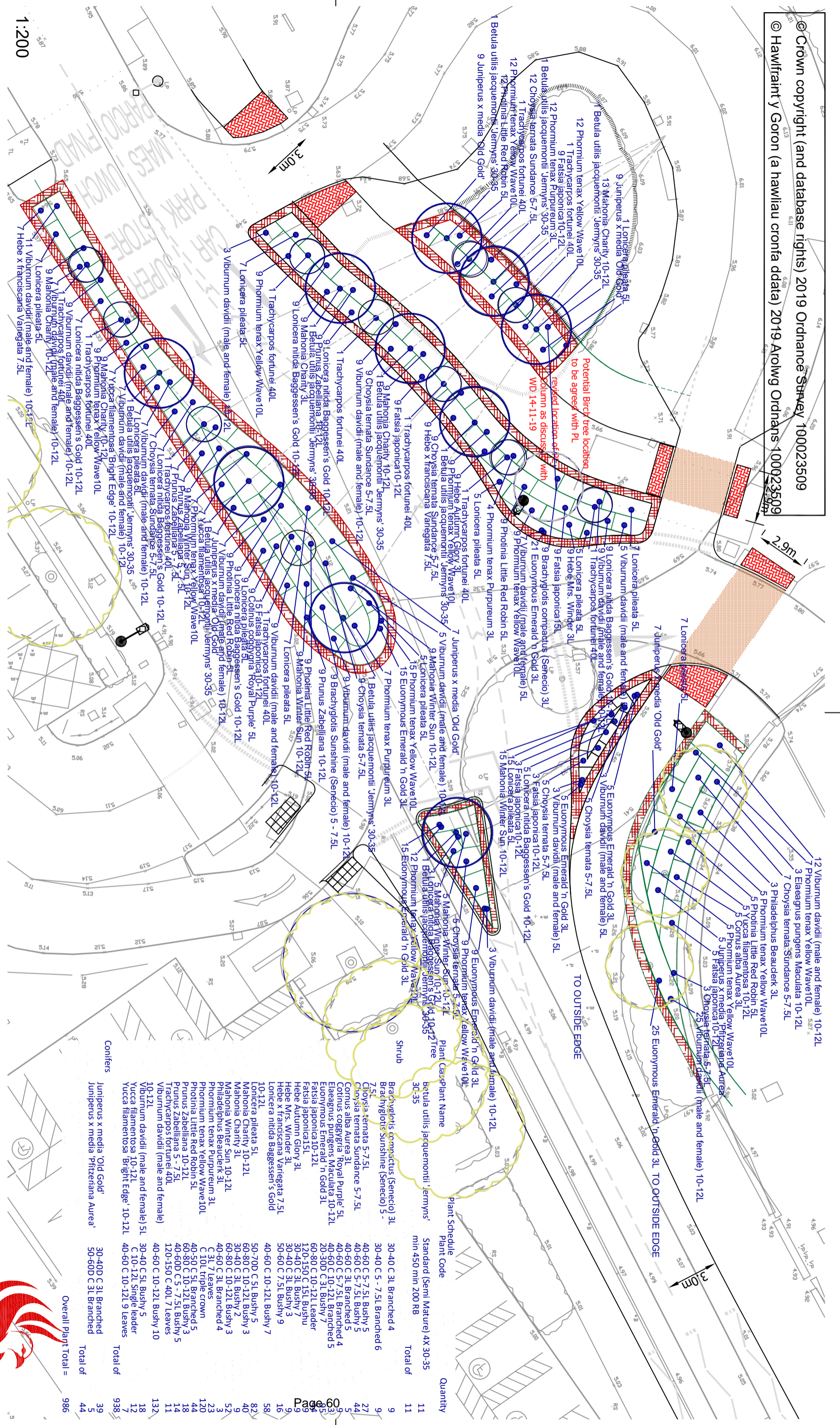
I understand Cllr Mark Thomas has replied separately on the highway issues.

Yours sincerely

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The
Wellington Street
 Based on MBSK191024-05
 New Planting Plan to reflect above layout

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Plant Schedule Name	Plant Code	Quantity
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30-40 C 5 - 7.5L Branched 6		9
40-60 C 5-7.5L Bushy 5		27
40-60 C 3L Branched 5		44
40-60 C 5-7.5L Branched 5		9
40-60 C 10-12L Branched 4		9
20-30D C 3L Bushy 7		85
60-80 C 10-12L Leader		29
120-150 C 15L Bushy		29
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50-60 C 7.5L Bushy 9		16
40-60 C 10-12L Bushy 7		58
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60-80 C 10-12L Bushy 3		52
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C 3L 7 Leaves		23
C 10L triple crown		120
40-50 C 5L Branched 5		44
60-80 C 10-12L Bushy 3		18
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120-150 C 40L 7 Leaves		11
40-60 C 10-12L Bushy 10		132
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Summary: This is a letter from the Development and Regeneration Scrutiny Performance Panel to the Cabinet Member for Environment Enhancement and Infrastructure Management following the meeting of the Panel on 3rd November 2020. It covers the Project Update Report.

Dear Councillor Thomas,

The Development & Regeneration Panel met on 3rd November 2020. During the discussion on the Dashboard Report, the following issues were highlighted which we would like to raise with you, for your consideration and response.

Dashboard Report

Kingsway

We queried whether pavement design in the Kingsway conformed to the Active Travel Design Guide (Welsh Government 2014) in order to properly segregate cyclists and pedestrians. We expressed concerns about possible collisions and conflict between cyclists and pedestrians using this area of pavement. Officers explained that extensive consultation had taken place with cycle groups and mobility groups, leading

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Active Travel Programme – We raised concerns over the research and evidence that justified some new cycle tracks, and whether demand was high enough to warrant the costs. We discussed the Mayals Road cycle track that is scheduled for construction soon and queried whether this had gone to tender. The Panel was informed that further information should be sought from Stuart Davies as Head of Highways and Transportation.

Your response:

We hope you find this letter useful and informative. We would welcome your comments on any of the issues raised, but in this instance, please provide a formal written response by 10th December 2020 to the following:

- We require a detailed response as to whether pavement design in the Kingsway conforms to the Active Travel Design Guide, chapter 6 (Welsh Government 2014) in order to properly segregate cyclists and pedestrians.
- Please confirm any changes to the locations of bus stops along the Kingsway.
- Please provide a concise synopsis of current developments relating to the Landore Metro.

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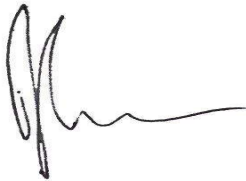
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- Mayals cycle track: please provide an update on this development, inclusive of any evidence used to justify the expenditure, and whether this item has been out to Tender.

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Councillor Jones,

RE: DEVELOPMENT & REGENERATION PANEL 3 NOVEMBER 2020

I am writing in response to your letter dated 19th November 2020 regarding the issues that you have highlighted for formal response, following the Development & Regeneration Panel meeting on 3rd November 2020.

A number of areas require a response, and as not all are linked, I shall outline my response to each area below.

Kingsway | Shared Use Path

The design of The Kingsway is fully compliant with the Active Travel Design Guidance, and extensive discussions took place with Guide Dogs Cymru and the Royal National Institute of Blind People during the design process.

The layout of The Kingsway, as agreed with the above mentioned user groups in particular, provides dedicated footways solely for use by pedestrians remaining in place along the frontage of buildings. This provision is made on both sides of the street. The southern footway is wider than the northern footway due to the retention of the carriageway in its original location. The northern side of the new two-way street benefits from a shared use path which permits both pedestrian and cyclist use. The shared use path is 5 meters wide, which exceeds the Active Travel Design Guidance permitted minimum width of 2.5 meters for such secondary routes. Along the shared use path at intermittent locations, local narrowing of the width to 2.5 meters has been implemented to facilitate loading bays. The use of these loading bays is time restricted to a maximum of 10 minutes, included as part of the Traffic Regulation Order, preventing vehicles becoming long term obstacles. The shared use path surface displays appropriate pedestrians and cycle signage indicating that both pedestrians and cyclists are permitted to use the route, highlighting its shared use nature.

Kingsway | Bus Stops

Two bus stops are provided along The Kingsway for inbound buses. The first is located outside Shaws at its eastern end, and the second fronting 71/72 The Kingsway at its western end. The second location at the western end is likely to be temporarily closed once works commence on the redevelopment of 71/72 The Kingsway. Both bus stops are located within laybys due to the high frequency of inbound buses on this route, and due to the duration that buses are stopped for to allow passengers to alight.

In the outbound direction, a single bus stop has been located between Cradock Street and Horton Street. This bus stop is served by a much lower frequency of bus services, and with a minimal number of passengers boarding the dwell time is minimal, causing little disruption to traffic within the surrounding low speed environment. A benefit to bus passenger and operators with this layout, is that the bus can continue its onward journey without any delay from time spent re-entering the traffic lane, assisting in ensuring the timetable is correct. This arrangement has also been found to reduce accidents between buses and other vehicles.

South West Wales Metro | Landore

The Metro approach being applied across Wales aims to provide a series of regional integrated public transport systems. The concept is to provide an accessible, integrated and comprehensive network using a variety of modes of transport.

Work continues on the Rail Business Cases, which are being progressed through the Welsh Transport Appraisal Guidance (WelTAG) Five Case Model for Better Business Cases.

At Strategic Outline Case (WelTAG Stage 1), feasibility design, operational assessment and WelTAG appraisal report of the various proposals to improve rail services and facilities in South West Wales, included the proposal of a new station being located in Landore, is shortly due to be concluded.

Landore is a proposed new station between Swansea and Llansamlet Stations. It would be served by the proposed Swansea Bay Metro Service to Pontarddulais, but subject to timetabling could also be potentially served by existing local stopping services. The station would serve Landore and the Copper Quarter including the Liberty Stadium and Morfa Retail Park. As such the station would be as much a destination as origin for journeys.

The Outline Business Case (WelTAG Stage 2) work is due to commence shortly, this will take forward a number of options, including the proposed station at Landore to test viability, demand and the costs of providing a new station. Feasibility proposals will be drawn up for Landore, with up to 2 options for siting of the station.

Mayals Road | Active Travel

The Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013 places a legal duty on local authorities in Wales to map, plan for and promote active travel journeys. It paves the way for a lasting transformation of how we plan and build walking and cycling infrastructure as well as encourage behaviour change in Wales.

It is the Welsh Government's ambition for people in Wales to use walking and cycling as the preferred way of getting around over shorter distances, and as a result, have committed increasing levels of funding in support of active travel schemes across Wales.

Swansea Council has been awarded over £12 million of funding from the Welsh Government's Active Travel Fund in the past three years, to support the improvement of existing infrastructure as well as the construction of new.

The construction of hybrid cycle lanes adjacent to Mayals Road will provide users with dedicated cycle provision that links into the existing cycle network to the south, National Cycle Network Route 4. Importantly, the route will also deliver a route that facilities and enables further connectivity by facilitating a wider strategic route for South Gower, to the north of the route, in future years. Ensuring that active travel routes are constructed in a manner that ensures continuity of provision, seeks to enable people to use active travel as a prominent and first-choice mode of transport for everyday journeys. The construction of dedicated cycle lanes will provide local residents and users from further afield with active travel provision that is not currently present in the area.

The design and programme for delivery, including cost estimates, were undertaken in-house by the Highway Improvements Team. This team has extensive experience of delivering a wide portfolio of multimillion-pound projects in Swansea. The main construction contract has been tendered and awarded using the South West Wales Regional Contractors Framework.

I trust that this provides you with the necessary information that is required in a formal written response. If you require any further information, please do not hesitate in contacting me.

Yours sincerely



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