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Appendix A

Monthly Programme / Project Update

December 7th 2020



Digital Infrastructure

Project Partner Lead: Carmarthenshire County Council



Gareth Jones
Project Manager

Activities Completed

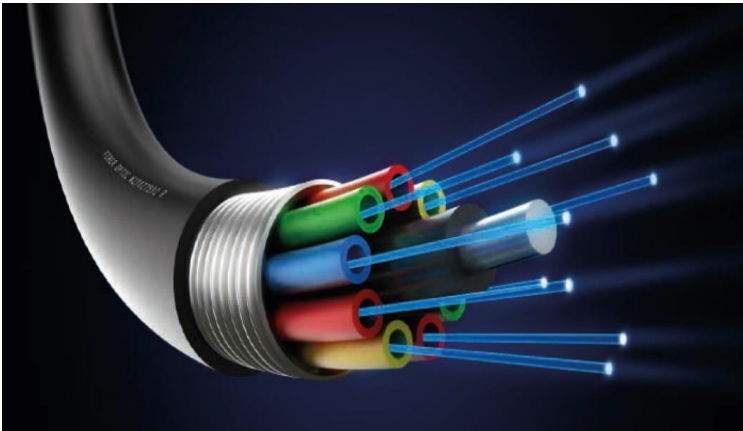
Business Case authorised and endorsed by the 4 Local Authorities of the region.

Business Case authorised and endorsed by City Deal Programme Board.

Business Case endorsed and supported by Economic Strategy Board.

External stage gate peer review conducted on the Programme with an outcome status of Amber/Green.

Additional representation obtained for Digital Programme Board from both Health Authorities and both Universities.



Activities Planned

Further Business Case amendments and strengthening following feedback from partners and stakeholders.

Business Plan submission to Joint Committee for consideration in November.

Preparation for resource recruitment.

Further engagement with partners at a local, regional and national level.

Regional funding bid to supplement existing plans and resources from Welsh Governments Local Broadband Fund.



Risks

Policy decisions from Welsh Government (PSBA).

A lack of Telecoms suppliers with the necessary appetite and / or ability to deploy.

Government timescales for authorising the Business Case.

Issues

Lack of human resource allocated to the Programme.

Insufficient financial resources allocated to address all the regions Digital Infrastructure aspirations.



Skills and Talent

Project Partner Lead: Carmarthenshire County Council



Jane Lewis
Project Manager

Activities Completed

Business Plan and supporting documentation presented to Economic Strategy Board in July 2020

Workshop held with Joe Flanagan, Advisor to Welsh Government, on the 5-Case Business Model to review the Business Plan

Activities Planned

Workshop is planned with the project leads and training leads to review the Business Plan and strengthen the Economic Case in line with the 5-Case business model

Update of the Business Plan following the workshop and submit to Programme Board in December. Business Plan to go to all four regional Local Authorities for approval in January.

Business Plan submission to Joint Committee for consideration in January.

Risks

Delay in implementing the Skills and Talent programme could impact on the delivery of the skills required by the approved projects

Issues

Impact of Covid-19 on the training landscape and the changing needs of businesses as a result of the pandemic



Homes as Power Stations

Project Partner Lead: Neath Port Talbot Council



Activities Planned



Formal submission of Business Case to PMO and Governments in November 2020

Third party funding agreements to be developed / agreed for the two HAPS funds

Workshop with key stakeholders to develop brand

Technical advisory group to be established



Activities Completed

Gateway review completed June 2020

Economic Case revised

Pathfinder development at Neath complete

HAPS regional Project Board established. Met on 5th November



Risks

Unable to appoint project team until Business Case is approved

Issues

Ensure alignment to other energy efficiency in housing programmes. This is in progress



Swansea City & Waterfront Digital District



Huw Mowbray
Project Manager

Project Partner Lead: City & County of Swansea



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Swansea Council

Activities Completed

Arena

Arena external box now watertight.

Virtual ministerial topping out ceremony held to celebrate reaching a key construction milestone.

New branding and letting website launched for arena.

Work is advancing on iconic bridge linking the arena site with Swansea city centre to be put in place early 21.

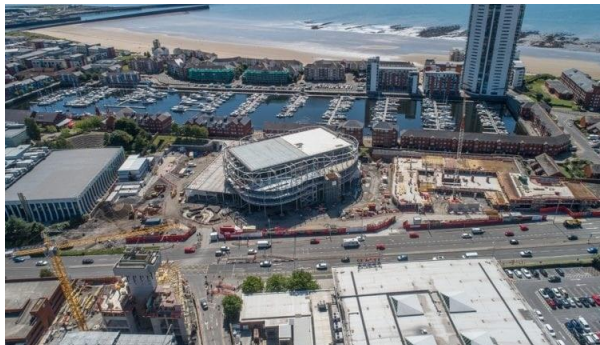
71/72 kingsway

Construction tender responses being analysed for 71/72 The Kingsway.

Letting discussions continue.

Box Village

Planning permission for Box Village progressing.



Activities Planned

Arena

Letting discussions on ancillary commercial space at arena.

Bridge fabrication to be completed.

71/72 kingsway

Construction tender for 71/72 The Kingsway analysed.

Cabinet decision on 71/72 The Kingsway Q4 2020

Further detailed lettings discussions continue for 71/72 The Kingsway

Box Village

Pre application discussions on planning.



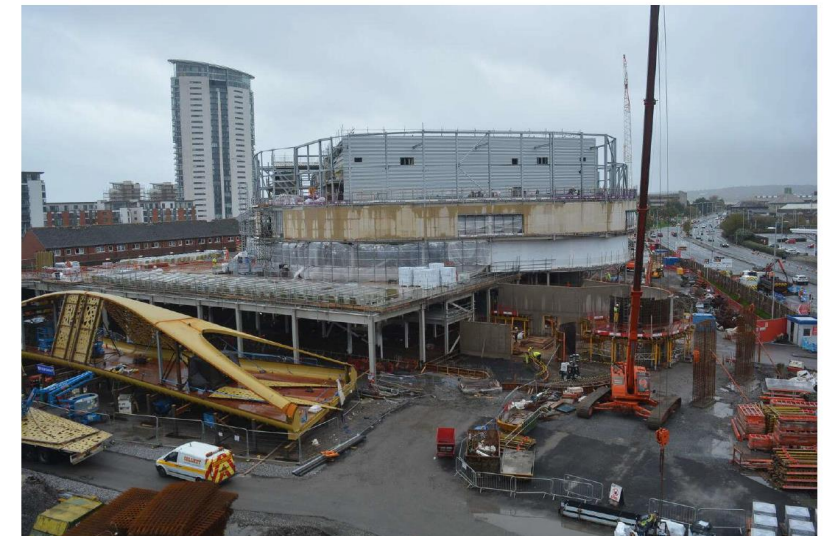
Risks

Effect of Covid-19 on construction, including programme slowdown and impact on costs

Effect of Covid-19 upon level and type of commercial demand for Box Village and Innovation Precinct

Issues

Delivery of outputs likely to be affected by Covid-19



Arena waterproof cladding. Bridge construction

Pentre Awel

Project Partner Lead: Carmarthenshire County Council



Dr Sharon Burford
Project Manager

Activities Completed

RIBA Stage 3 designs and recommendation finalised and approved by Executive Board and Full Council.

Business Case complete and submitted to Regional Programme Management Office, Economic Strategy Board and Authority political structure, programme Board and unanimously approved by CCC Full Council in October

External Gateway Review completed and submitted to Project Board.

MoU signed with Academic Partners

Ecology work completed.

Memorandum of Understanding prepared and issued to Financial Markets – one bid received



Activities Planned

Business case to be submitted to Joint Committee in November.

Procurement documents in preparation to secure a main contractor for Zone 1 Q4 2020. Specialist legal advice in place. Early market engagement with Framework contractors November.

Community Benefits workstream established to ensure optimisation of local procurement / supply chain opportunities.

Heads of Term Agreements in preparation with tenants.



Risks

Potential for loss of engagement by academic and health partners due to delay.

Issues

Delay in procurement due to approval of City Deal Business Case



Pembroke Dock Marine

Project Partner Lead: Pembroke Dock Marine Board



Tim James
Project Manager



Wave Hub



HWB MOROL
DOC PENFRO
PEMBROKE DOCK
MARINE

Activities Completed

Paper to WEFO, PCC & Crown Estate submitted on PDZ outputs – discussions ongoing but supportive to date. (IP4)

MHPA, MEW and ORE Catapult all presented at Renewable UK's Floating Wind Conference 2020 on 7th of October. (OP11/16)

Partners all submitted supporting evidence to BEIS for CFD support for FLOW and Marine Energy revenue support (OP15)

MHPA and MEW submitted evidence to BEIS for Offshore Wind Manufacturing Support Scheme (30.10.20 (OP8/15)

MEW & MHPA hosted stand and session at WG Regional roadshow (OP11/12)

MHPA have supported an application to Innovate UK under the South Wales Industrial Cluster Deployment project. If successful, the project will leverage £37m of added value work across South Wales (IP3/OP5/6/8)

Activities Planned

Securing approval on co-funding and in principle support from WEFO and other key stakeholders on the revised PDZ outputs by 18th of November.

PDI and META Phase 2 planning applications both imminent (IP1/5B).

Establishing the formal project governance has commenced.



Risks

Ability to continue to deliver commitments while project funding agreements are being finalised and COVID management continues to draw stakeholder focus.

Issues

PDM partners, PCC and Accountable Body to agree and sign-off funding agreements.

Revised timings and outputs requires formal sign off prior to contract exchange.

Supporting Innovation & Low Carbon Growth



Project Partner Lead: Neath Port Talbot Council



Activities Completed

Swansea Bay Technology Centre - RIBA Stage 5 construction commenced 12/10/2020

Steel and metals project refocused to align to the industrial decarbonisation agenda

Critical Friend Review completed October 2020

Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth project board met on 4th November



Activities Planned

Business Case revisions underway and due for formal submission to PMO and Governments in November 2020

Welsh Government / UK Government workshop planned for 12/11/2020

Industry Wales workshop with partners planned for Nov 2020

Critical Friend Review action plan in delivery phase



Risks

Delay in approval of City Deal Business Case impact on already secured European Regional Development Fund match funding

Air quality monitoring sensors purchased at risk prior to business case approval

Covid-19 impact on jobs created outputs

Issues

Need to ensure Low Emission Vehicle Charging Infrastructure sub-project aligns to current and pipeline regional activity



Life Science & Well-being Campuses



Keith Lloyd
Project Lead

Project Partner Lead: Swansea University



Activities Completed

- Masterplan of Singleton Campus site completed
- Zoning and outline floorplans completed for Phase I at Singleton and Morriston
- Outline costs completed for Phase I Singleton and Morriston
- Collaborative research and innovation activities continue
- Development of new skills provision under development
- Synergies and differentiators between Pentre Awel and Campuses defined.



Activities Planned

- Redevelopment of the Business Case in Q4 2020 for submission to the PMO
- Obtain letters of support to evidence partner commitment to support outline business case
- Progress structured private sector engagement activities/plan
- Finalise feasibility studies with architects and cost consultants
- Finalise commercial arrangements between City & Council and the Health Board



Risks

- Impact of current pandemic and economic downturn on securing co-investment from the private sector
- Impact on timescales as a result of the pandemic, impact on private sector and competing priorities particularly in health

Issues

- Communication of the project's evolution



Yr Egin

Project Partner Lead: UWTSD



Prifysgol Cymru
Y Drindod Dewi Sant
University of Wales
Trinity Saint David



Geraint Flowers
Project Manager

Activities Completed

The Phase 1 Lessons Learned Activity successfully completed, which brings the University's evaluation process to a close in advance of formal Gateway 5 Monitoring and Evaluation approval

Ministerial reporting session completed – Questions raised over evidence of demand for Phase 2 (See activities planned)



Activities Planned

Following completion of the Egin Phase 1 project and Joint Committee approval of the Full Business Case, the University is now proceeding with the next stages of the Integrated Assurance Action Plan in accordance with the agreed timetable

Formal Welsh/UK Government business case approval still outstanding as of 11th November

Discussions between Carmarthenshire County Council and the University are proceeding at pace to complete the Phase 1 Funding Agreement

“Evidence of demand” study currently being commissioned



Risks

Effect of Covid-19 on the Welsh/UK/global economies and the creative sector, and the implications for future level and nature of demand for Yr Egin

Issues

Implications of the recently announced Welsh Government strategy to achieve much increased levels of permanent remote working post Covid-19 and to develop a network of local, community-based working hubs

