## Please ensure that you refer to the Screening Form Guidance while completing this form.

### Which service area and directorate are you from?

Service Area: Planning and City Regeneration, Economic Development and External Funding Directorate: Place

## Q1 (a) What are you screening for relevance?

New and revised policies, practices or procedures
Service review, re-organisation or service changes/reductions, which affect the wider community, service users and/or staff
Efficiency or saving proposals
Setting budget allocations for new financial year and strategic financial planning
New project proposals affecting staff, communities or accessibility to the built environment, e.g., new construction work or adaptations to existing buildings, moving to on-line services, changing location
Large Scale Public Events
Local implementation of National Strategy/Plans/Legislation
Strategic directive and intent, including those developed at Regional Partnership Boards and Public Services Board, which impact on a public bodies functions
Medium to long term plans (for example, corporate plans, development plans, service delivery and improvement plans)
Setting objectives (for example, well-being objectives, equality objectives, Welsh language strategy) Major procurement and commissioning decisions
Decisions that affect the ability (including external partners) to offer Welsh language opportunities and services

### (b) Please name and fully <u>describe</u> initiative here:

### The Swansea Bay City Deal Skills and Talent Programme Business Case

The Swansea Bay City Deal is a £1.3bn investment in 9 major projects across the Swansea Bay City Region which is made up of Carmarthenshire, Neath port Talbot, Pembrokeshire and Swansea. The City Deal is being funded, subject to the approval of project business cases by the UK Government, the Welsh Government and the private and public sectors.

The Skills and Talent Programme is a unique programme within the suite of nine projects that make up the Swansea Bay City Deal portfolio that will deliver skills training solution offering the best value sustainable skills infrastructure to develop the workforce of the future.

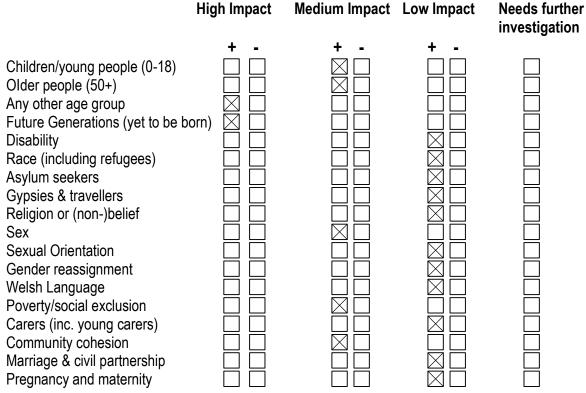
The overarching aim of the programme is to strengthen collaboration and increase investment that will significantly boost the quality and quantity of trained and skilled individuals through the intervention of the programme.

The aim is to:

- To directly deliver at least 2,200 additional skills and support the development of around 14,000 individuals with higher level (between 2-8) skills within 10 years.
- To create at least 3000 new apprenticeship opportunities, to include level 3 to Degree apprenticeships.
- To create at least 2 Centres of Excellence within specific sectors to develop the region as being "the best" area for skills development.
- To create a clear career pathway from school education through further and higher education in the key areas of digital; construction, energy; smart manufacturing and life-science and wellbeing, achieved through engagement and development work with schools increasing the number of pupils following the STEM subjects in FE and HE.

• To deliver 20 new/updated course frameworks to ensure they meet the industry training needs for the future.

# Q2 What is the potential impact on the following: the impacts below could be positive (+) or negative (-)



# Q3 What involvement has taken place/will you undertake e.g. engagement/consultation/co-productive approaches? Please provide details below – either of your activities or your reasons for not undertaking involvement

The overarching aim of the programme is to strengthen collaboration and increase investment that will significantly boost the quality and quantity of trained and skilled individuals through the intervention of the programme.

- Phase1 of the programme will carry out mapping of the City Deal skills gaps and analysis
  of the training needs for the City Deal projects and the wider regional benefits. The
  needs analysis will consider the business needs; gender and equality imbalances
  and the needs and availability of the existing and future workforce through re-training
  and increasing awareness of opportunities.
- Phase 2 identify the skills gaps across the five key themes and the programme team will work with stakeholders to develop pilot projects to deliver the skills training and upskilling identified. The Skills and Talent programme will not duplicate existing provision, but will work with all training providers across the region to ensure that the courses delivered through the pilot projects, or the amendment of existing frameworks will meet the future skills needs for the region and will provide a lasting legacy of skilled individuals across the Swansea Bay region.

- Phase 3 will work with schools across the region to highlight opportunities that will be generated through the City Deal projects and develop clear pathways to help young people make the right choices in schools. The aim will be to increase the number of pupils following STEM subjects in Further and Higher Education.
- Phase 4 identify opportunities to create Centres of Excellence in the region that will be the legacy of the programme and identify the region as being the best place to learn specific sector skills.
- Q4 Have you considered the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015 in the development of this initiative:
  - a) Overall does the initiative support our Corporate Plan's Well-being Objectives when considered together?

Yes 🖂	No	
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- b) Does the initiative consider maximising contribution to each of the seven national well-being goals? Yes ⋈ No □
- c) Does the initiative apply each of the five ways of working? Yes ⊠ No □
- d) Does the initiative meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs?
  - Yes 🛛 🛛 No 🗌

Q5 What is the potential risk of the initiative? (Consider the following impacts – equality, socio-economic, environmental, cultural, legal, financial, political, media, public perception etc...)

High risk	Medium risk	Low risk
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Q7 What is the cumulative impact of this proposal on people and/or communities when considering all the impacts identified within the screening and any other key decisions affecting similar groups/ service users made by the organisation?

(You may need to discuss this with your Service Head or Cabinet Member to consider more widely if this proposal will affect certain groups/ communities more adversely because of other decisions the organisation is making. For example, financial impact/poverty, withdrawal of multiple services and whether this is disadvantaging the same groups, e.g., disabled people, older people, single parents (who are mainly women), etc.)

The Skills and Talent programme is required because the region suffers from a series of overarching economic issues including low GVA, lack of well-paid job opportunities, skills shortage, high levels of economic inactivity and outward youth migration. The region is characterised by a higher proportion of individuals with no qualifications when compared with national averages. A high number of individuals in the region are currently in low skilled, low paid and unstable employment and subsequently a lower-than-average level of individuals are

in higher paid, meaningful employment. The programme will help address the skills gaps by working with the City Deal projects and regional stakeholders to develop and deliver the skills needs for the future in the region

## **Outcome of Screening**

## **Q8** Please describe the outcome of your screening below:

- Summary of impacts identified and mitigation needed (Q2)
- Summary of involvement (Q3)
- WFG considerations (Q4)
- Any risks identified (Q5)
- Cumulative impact (Q7)

The overarching aim of the programme is to significantly boost the quality and quantity of trained and skilled individuals in the region and this will be its biggest impact.

The programme will help address the skills gaps by working with the City Deal projects and regional stakeholders to develop and deliver the skills needs for the future in the region

The scheme is unlikely to impact on any specific groups as defined within the Equality Act 2010.

The scheme has been considered against the five ways of working (long term, prevention, integration, collaboration, involvement) in the Well-being of Future Generations sustainable development principle. Skills and Talent will directly contribute to our objectives:

- Long Term –Skills and Talent development is a long-term investment that enables transformative actions at many levels.
- Prevention –Skills delivery represents an opportunity to improve services and provide a stable platform for future change.
- Integration –Skills development is a critical enabler across many sectors and makes integration simpler and more effective.
- Collaboration –Skills and Talent opens significant new opportunities to involve people and organisations in working together and increase prosperity in the region.
- Involvement Part of the project is to deliver upskilling, which is fundamental to opening
  opportunities for all and increasing the chance for all to get employment and have a
  better standard of living.

Finally, the scheme is unlikely to impact on the Council's obligations under the Welsh Language Standard Regulations 2015.

(NB: This summary paragraph should be used in the relevant section of corporate report)

Full IIA to be completed

Do not complete IIA – please ensure you have provided the relevant information above to support this outcome

NB: Please email this completed form to the Access to Services Team for agreement before obtaining approval from your Head of Service. Head of Service approval is only required via email.

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