

City Regeneration Programme Board – Summary Report	
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Reporting Period	February 2022

Project: Copr Bay

- Handover of the scheme is to be the w/c 21st February. Council officers are aligned with two days of familiarisation on the 21st and 22nd February. Test event tickets for Friday 25th and Saturday 26th went on sale.
- Issues still persist with labour availability.
- Positive discussions have also taken place with BGCL addressing the outstanding construction issues.

Project: Swansea Central North

Masterplan

- RIBA Stage 1 proposals are expected to be submitted shortly.
- RIBA Stage 2 Target date October 2022.

Office Hubs

- Meetings with potential tenants in progress to establish requirements.
- Risk Decision making timelines and governance of interested tenants could impact office hub delivery if timelines are not aligned

Project: 71/72 The Kingsway

Progress

- Piling operations ongoing, with relocation of access ramp undertaken to enable this to progress. A
 temporary closure of the westbound lane on The Kingsway was required to enable work to continue
 further to Picton Lane access being closed by Hacer
- Picton Lane closure originally agreed between 19/01/22 to 01/02/22, extended to 04/02/22.
- w/c 07/02 required overnight closures of junction of Plymouth St/ Oxford St to enable site set up.
 Weather constraints prevented its completion additional day on the 22/02 agreed.

Programme - started 22/11/21 – projected completion 08/23. No change.

Commercial updates - Avison Young/JLL and |Cushman's reviewed draft HoT's for first tenant for prospective flex tenants. Joint agents preparing lettings strategy.

Barclays Bank – BYUK programme for delivery unacceptable. Alternate procurement option required to meet ERDF funding programme requirement.

Project: Wind Street

- Nominated auto bollard sub-contractor still to return to site now scheduled for early March.
- Operational meeting held with traders/SWP representative



Project Lead: TE, DH, GE

Project: TAN15 Development and Flood Risk

Strategic Flood consequence assessment (SFCA)- SC notified WG on intentions regarding preparation of Regional SW joint stage 1 SFCA, as required by WG 31.01.22

- 1.**SFCA stage 1** for SW regional authorities **timescale 04.03.22- 04.07.22**. The Stage 1 SFCA brings together the various policies, plans, strategies relevant to a high-level overview of flood risk. Not expected to enable progress with key issues of TAN15, but demonstrates a co-ordinated and joint working approach aligning with WGovt requirements and aligning with SE Wales approach.
- 2. **Swansea /River Tawe Appraisal Timescale 07.03.22-18.06.22.** A more detailed assessment to highlight 'real life' issues presented by the new TAN15 to WG. Key outputs to include:
 - a. Development of a detailed understanding of the flood risk to strategic development sites along the River Tawe (City Centre, SA1, Tawe Riverside and Swansea Vale).
 - b. Assess compliance with the new TAN15.
 - c. Undertake high level testing of flood mitigation options that may enable TAN15 compliance.
 - d. Identity other potential options for managing flood risk and development, including potential changes in TAN15 policy/guidance
 - e. Presentation and workshop of findings

Project: Castle Square

Water Jets/Fountain Options for scale and location of water fountain feature, pavilion B design and scope of lighting agreed.

WG Transforming Towns Grant – Formal offer letter received for eligible funding /spend during 2021/22.

Leaf Boat- meeting arranged with original artist Amber Hiscott to discuss options for de commissioning/relocation. Feasibility study required to look at relocation options.

Heritage consultation Meeting held with Cadw- to discuss update on scheme and heritage Impact assessment.

Landscape Strategy- Outline design being updated.

Project: Shaping Swansea

Strategic Partnership Agreement, agreed subject to Legal approval and then to be signed Once signed progress can start on schemes.

Project: Community Hub

Emergency enabling works completed. Phase 2 to start end of February.

Paper Storage

Not enough future physical storage to relocate out of the Civic Centre, looking at scanning options, internal/external options being looked at.

Project: Palace Theatre

80% cost certainty expected before the end of the month where further review can be undertaken on a more definitive position. In the meantime, VE options are being reviewed, without compromising heritage, end product quality, and let ability.



Project: Skyline

Land Assembly Strategy- On going discussions continue.

Skyline – positive discussions continue.

Project: Swansea Vale

The initial proposed site at Swansea Vale is still a front runner for P&R relocation.

Project: Repurposing

St David's Place: Preparatory/soft strip works to Former Mecca bingo being costed. Concept and designs for building to be included in Swansea Central North stage 1 submission

Swansea Market: improvements works continue. Improvement works to the market entrances and Portland Street public realm improvements to be aligned.

Next Block: funding and planning permission secured for conversion of upper floors into residential and refurbishment of commercial units

Castle Cinema: planning application received for residential units

Primark: Discussions with owners continue.

Public Realm:

Portland Street / Oxford Street Junction: GI Infrastructure funding application submitted. Initial proposal being developed. Aim for deliver in FY22/23.

St Marys Place: Concept and designs for building to be included in Swansea Central North stage 1 submission. Traffic circulation to be considered incorporation with the Castle Square works.

The 'Lanes': investigating funding and delivery options

Marina Pocket Squares: investigating funding and delivery options

Spring Clean and BAU improvements: ongoing. New street furniture installed, including cycle racks.