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Dear Councillor Mary Jones

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Thank you for your letter dated 19th January 2018. This response provides further information as specifically requested.

How the outcomes and effectiveness of the work carried out as a result of the Legacy Fund will be measured and monitored

Swansea's Legacy Fund Plan was submitted to Welsh Government for approval on the 26th January 2018. Details remain subject to change pending approval.

Performance measures and targets have been set within the Legacy Fund Delivery Plan and are based on previous reporting and focussed on measuring what matters. Well-being and Prosperity outcomes will be measured including; individuals feeling less isolated, individuals feeling positive about their health and wellbeing, parents being able to access employment or training due to afterschool and holiday childcare provision, individuals accessing employment skills training, number of qualifications achieved and numbers securing employment.

Third Party Organisations delivering Legacy Fund projects will have service level agreements (SLA) in place, that outline the monitoring, performance and reporting requirements.

How successfully the Legacy Fund Projects integrate with, and support, the effective delivery of the Communities for Work and Communities for Work Plus programmes will be measured by monitoring the number of referrals between the programmes and via narrative feedback.

Monitoring and measuring performance will be completed on the performance measures, targets and the Welsh Government outcomes. This will include site visits, quality checks on activity and the involvement of the local community. Monitoring information will include numerical data, narrative of activity and individual case studies.

Monitoring reports will be submitted to Welsh Government as set out in the Legacy Fund guidance.

How much Legacy Funding would be allocated to 'Faith in Families' and the projects where the money would be used;

The allocation of the Legacy Funding to Faith in Families and other projects are listed below. Faith in Families have been allocated 44% of the Legacy Funding.

Project	Total Allocation (Staff & Delivery)
Faith in Families; Healthy Attitudes Project After School and Holiday Club Project Parenting Support (High Scope Play Group) Improving Adult Life Skills and Opportunities	£235,637
Bonymaen Kids Play Initiative Homework Club	£27,819
Financial Inclusion Project	£60,126
Welfare Benefits Project	£60,126
Employment Skills Project	£34,621
Digital Inclusion Project	£55,126
Swansea Working Coordination	£43,642
Management & Premises	£19,970
Total	£537,067

Whether closure / evaluation reports on Communities First will be available to the public;

Various evaluations of Communities First have taken place throughout the life-course of the programme both nationally and locally. These evaluations have generally informed programme changes based on evidence and stakeholder consultation.

The Welsh Government do not have current plans to publish an evaluation of the Communities First programme at this time, the last published Welsh Government evaluation was published in February 2015: <http://gov.wales/statistics-and-research/evaluation-communities-first/?lang=en>

Swansea plans to undertake an evaluation with people who have engaged with Communities First to produce a brief evaluation on how Communities First in Swansea has most effectively supported people. Once completed this will be publically available.

Facilities / support available for drug and alcohol problems within wards;

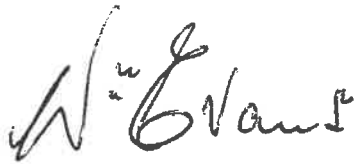
Young people under 18 affected by drugs or alcohol should be signposted to The Place / InfoNation, 47 The Kingsway, Swansea, SA1 5HG. Telephone 01792 472002.

This information is available at www.swansea.gov.uk/alcoholanddrugs
Adults over 18 affected by drugs or alcohol should be signposted to Abertawe Alcohol and Drug Assessment Service (AADAS), 42 St James Crescent, Uplands, Swansea, SA2 9OP. Telephone 01792 530719.

Both The Place / InfoNation, and AADAS welcome drop-ins.

'Day and Night' Wales Drug and Alcohol Helpline is a point of contact for anyone in Wales wanting further information or help relating to drugs and or alcohol. The helpline is open 24hrs a day, 365 days of the year. Telephone 0808 808 2234.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "W. Evans". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "W" and a distinct "E".

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