

Digital Infrastructure - Regional Project
Project Authority Lead Carmarthenshire County Council

Business Plan Update

Business plan currently under review.

Discussions and workshops with partners and stakeholders on-going to ensure alignment to regional needs.

Feedback will inform business plan rewrite in coming months before it's taken through local and regional governance for approval.

Project Update

Project board created with senior representation requested from City Deal partners and other stakeholders. The project board will provide strategic leadership and direction for the development of the business case and its delivery over the lifetime of the project.

Various potential additional funding opportunities for Digital Infrastructure across the region also being explored.

Industry engagement ongoing to assess and prepare for the exploitation of Digital Infrastructure related opportunities once the project moves to delivery.

Dependencies

Engagement and commitment from regional partners and stakeholders.

City Deal funding assurances following Covid-19.

Immediate risks

A lack of understanding regarding the digital programme and its purpose.

Swansea City & Waterfront Digital District - Project Authority Lead Swansea Council

Business Plan Update

Business plan approved

Project Update

Box Village & Innovation Precinct

UWTSD considering due diligence and programme due to Covid-19.

Digital Square & Arena

Contractor progressing on site, steelwork now being erected.

Some delay being experienced due to contractor complying with Covid-19 working requirements.

Digital Village (71/72 The Kingsway)

Planning permission secured, with grant expected in June.
Contractor procurement through South West Wales Regional Contractor Framework to commence Q3 2020.
Letting discussions underway.
Swansea Council Cabinet decision Q4 2020.
Start on site Q1 2021.

Dependencies

Supply chain availability and affordability, given Covid-19 impact.

Immediate risks

Effect of Covid-19 on construction including programme slowdown and impact on costs.
Delivery of outputs likely to be affected by Covid-19.

Yr Egin - Project Authority Lead Carmarthenshire County Council

Business Plan Update

Formal approval of business case still awaited

Project Update

Phase 1 temporarily closed. Reviewing potential future implications of Covid-19

Dependencies

Formal project approval and release of funding

Immediate risks

Effect of Covid-19 on the Welsh/UK/global economies and implications for future demand

Low Carbon - Project Authority Lead Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Business Plan Update

Business case reviewed following a series of policy workshops with UK and Welsh Governments in 2019.
Business case now endorsed by Neath Port Talbot CBC, Economic Strategy Board, Programme Board and Joint Committee.
Awaiting feedback from Governments following business case submission.

Project Update

Swansea Bay Technology Centre (Tranche 1 project)

Morgan Sindall procured via South West Wales Regional Contractors Framework
Two-stage design and build contract
Full planning submitted April 2020
Planning decision due June 2020
Due on site Sept 2020
68-week construction contract
Jan 2022 – construction complete

National Steel Innovation Centre (Tranche 1 project)

Working group established (NPT and Swansea University)

Workshop held on 15/02/2020 to discuss site location, specification and equipment requirements

Decarbonisation – Hydrogen stimulus programme (Tranche 2 project)

On-going discussion and development of the outline business case with Hydrogen Centre and industry to maximise the opportunity of hydrogen for storage and fuel production.

Programme to be established following the construction of the Swansea Bay Technology Centre.

Decarbonisation – Electric vehicle charging infrastructure route map (Tranche 2 project)

Currently liaising with industry and academia to develop the outline business case for the electric vehicle programme

Decarbonisation – Air quality monitoring programme (Tranche 1 project)

NPTCBC procured air quality sensors

Currently formulating the communication and air quality reporting/dissemination strategies

Installation delayed due to the current lockdown situation. Anticipated that the installation of the sensors will take place in July 2020, with the situation under constant review.

Currently developing the monitoring and data analytics programme.

Industrial Futures – Advanced Manufacturing Production Facility (Tranche 2 project)

To be developed on Harbourside following the strategic employment site remediation programme

Project team liaising with industry partners including Industry Wales, Port Talbot Waterfront Enterprise Zone and academia to develop an appropriate facility

Design at the early stages

Industrial Futures – R&D innovation and growth facility (Tranche 2 project)

To be developed on Harbourside following the strategic site remediation.

Project team liaising with industry partners including Industry Wales, Port Talbot Waterfront Enterprise Zone (PTWEZ) and academia to develop an appropriate facility.

Design at the early stages.

Industrial Futures – Property Development Fund (PDF) (Tranche 1 project)

Gap funding Property Development Fund to encourage private sector investment in Harbourside which is aligned to PTWEZ priorities.

Initial discussions with Welsh Government.

Scheme application forms and guidance documentation prepared.

Dependencies

Hydrogen stimulus programme is dependent on the Swansea Bay Technology Centre.

All projects will deliver the decarbonisation agenda, while supporting post Covid-19 recovery through innovation and job creation.

Immediate risks

Swansea Bay Technology Centre

NPTCBC secured ERDF funding to part-fund this facility and are currently at mobilisation stage.

NPTCBC procured the contractor at risk, pending City Deal funding approval.

Air quality monitoring

NPTCBC procured the air quality monitors at risk, pending City Deal funding approval

Skills and Talent - Regional Project

Project Authority Lead Carmarthenshire County Council

Business Plan Update

Business plan finalised. Plan due for consideration by Economic Strategy Board in June

Project Update

Continued project work with education providers on exploring innovative ways to deliver skills linked to City Deal themes including digital, engineering and house-building.
Impact of Covid-19 being considered to gauge what new skills businesses will require.

Dependencies

Engagement and commitment from regional partners and stakeholders.
City Deal funding assurances following Covid-19

Immediate risks

Delay in business case approval/project funding will mean that the skills training required for other projects which have received approval may either not be progressed or be progressed at risk.

Homes as Power Stations - Regional Project

Project Authority Lead Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Business Plan Update

Regional business case endorsed by Neath Port Talbot CBC, City & County of Swansea and Carmarthenshire County Council. Business case considered by Pembrokeshire County Council on 18th May 2020. Currently undergoing a peer review
ESB support for project.

Project Update

Pathfinder/proof of concept development at Neath - construction complete, occupation imminent. This is a collaborative partnership between Neath Port Talbot CBC, Pobl and Specific (Swansea University).
UKG (BEIS) and WG monitoring and evaluation on-going.
Regional local authority steering and working group established.
Regional Registered Social Landlord (RSL) engagement on-going.
Private sector engagement commenced, with further development planned once business case approved and programme team established.
Meeting with WG to discuss how HAPS can align with their Optimising Retrofit programme.

Dependencies

All regional local authority approvals needed for submission of business case to Joint Committee for consideration.

Immediate risks

Unable to appoint project team until City Deal funding agreed.

Life Science and Well-being Campuses - Project Authority Lead Swansea Council

Business Plan Update

Commitment from regional partners confirmed. Work continues to finalise functional content for the Singleton site to align with the revised project strategy. Revised strategy aligns with emerging regional priorities of health, well-being and sport.

Ongoing wider master-planning work enabling phase 1 and 2 scoping at both Morriston and Singleton sites

On-going zoning work for the development at Singleton is being prioritised. Covid-19 had created some delays, with partners – including those in health - having been required to prioritise workloads. Those delays are now being overcome.

Project Update

Working group meetings continuing online to ensure project progress is being maintained. Innovation activity to develop pipeline continuing through HTC Accelerate and partner initiatives/organisations.

Key project stakeholders including Life Sciences Hub Wales (LSHW) supporting business development activities in parallel with infrastructure planning.

Dependencies

Alignment with Digital Infrastructure project, following planning meetings.

Immediate risks

Covid-19 risk and impact assessment has been undertaken.

Life Science and Well-being development Project Authority Lead Carmarthenshire County Council

Business Plan Update

5-case business plan redrafted.

Core Critical success factors unchanged since policy workshops with Governments.

Full Health Impact Assessment undertaken, and Well-being of Future Generations Act goals and ways of working developed.

Business case has been updated to account for impact of Covid-19 - this includes strengthening of the research business development proposals.

Memoranda of Understanding issued.

Prioritised for Gateway process.

Project Update

RIBA stage 3 design complete and submitted to CCC.

Planning ecology work agreed and tender underway. This work will ensure the requisite surveys and pre-commencement works can be undertaken over the summer months and will avoid any delay in construction commencing on site.

Positive responses from institutional funders meetings.

Procurement of principal construction contractor on schedule.

Rebranding completed.

Education, skills and training planning based on areas of medical skills shortages - these have been further evidenced by Covid-19.
Discussions held with education providers to ensure that the project continues to align with target growth areas to capitalise on all opportunities.
Research planning strengthened and wider involvement proposed.

Dependencies

Securing City Deal funding
Links with overarching Digital project

Immediate risks

Timely approval of City Deal business case to confirm funding in advance of procurement.
Covid-19 impact on construction industry including social distancing and impact on programme.
Covid-19 impact on higher education including growth strategies.

Pembroke Dock Marine - Project Authority Lead Pembrokeshire CC

Business Plan Update

Finalised and submitted

Project Update

Progressing all elements at risk. Covid-19 risk assessment complete and mitigation being undertaken.

Dependencies

Timely approval
Acceptable funding terms and conditions

Immediate risks

Inability for Universities to fully commit to MEECE due to the ongoing delays in approval.

Steel Science - Project Authority Lead Neath Port Talbot CBC

Project now included in the Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth suite of projects.
See update above.