

Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council
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Democratic Services
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Chief Executive: Steven Phillips

Date: 15 January 2020

Dear Member,

SWANSEA BAY CITY REGION JOINT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE -
WEDNESDAY, 15TH JANUARY, 2020

Please find attached the following presentation for consideration at the next meeting of the **Swansea Bay City Region Joint Scrutiny Committee - Wednesday, 15th January, 2020.**

Item

3. **Presentations on Local Projects for Camarthenshire and the Regional Digital Infrastructure Project (Pages 3 - 16)**

Yours sincerely

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Carmarthenshire County Council

Swansea Bay City Deal Projects Update

Agenda Item 3



Life Science and Well-being development



An integrated project proposed for Llanelli

Proposed £40 million City Deal element will catalyse:

- The creation of 1,800 jobs
- A £467 million economic impact over 15 years

The City Deal elements of the project include:

- A business development centre providing incubation and acceleration facilities for research based business start-ups focussed on life sciences
- A well-being skills centre with facilities for education and training. This centre will feature a wide range of training opportunities from entry level through to postgraduate and continuing professional development. Where appropriate, training will be integrated with identified health board clinical services
- A clinical delivery centre with associated clinical research delivering a range of community focussed health and care



Full economic benefits for the site will be achieved through adjacency to:

Assisted living in a range of accommodation types, aimed at a wide range of need
This will include a nursing home, extra care facilities and supported living accommodation

The aim is to promote independence, enhanced through the use of latest supported living technologies developed by specialist research and development companies based within the business centre

In addition, the assisted living facilities will also provide a test bed to assist business development and research



Project development

Outline planning consent awarded in August, 2019
RIBA stage 3 design work continuing
Discussions on-going with academic partners

Next steps

New branding being imminently launched
Revised business case soon being submitted to Joint Committee for decision
Expected procurement of principal contractor in coming months
Start of main construction works on site later this year
Completion of zone one in 2022

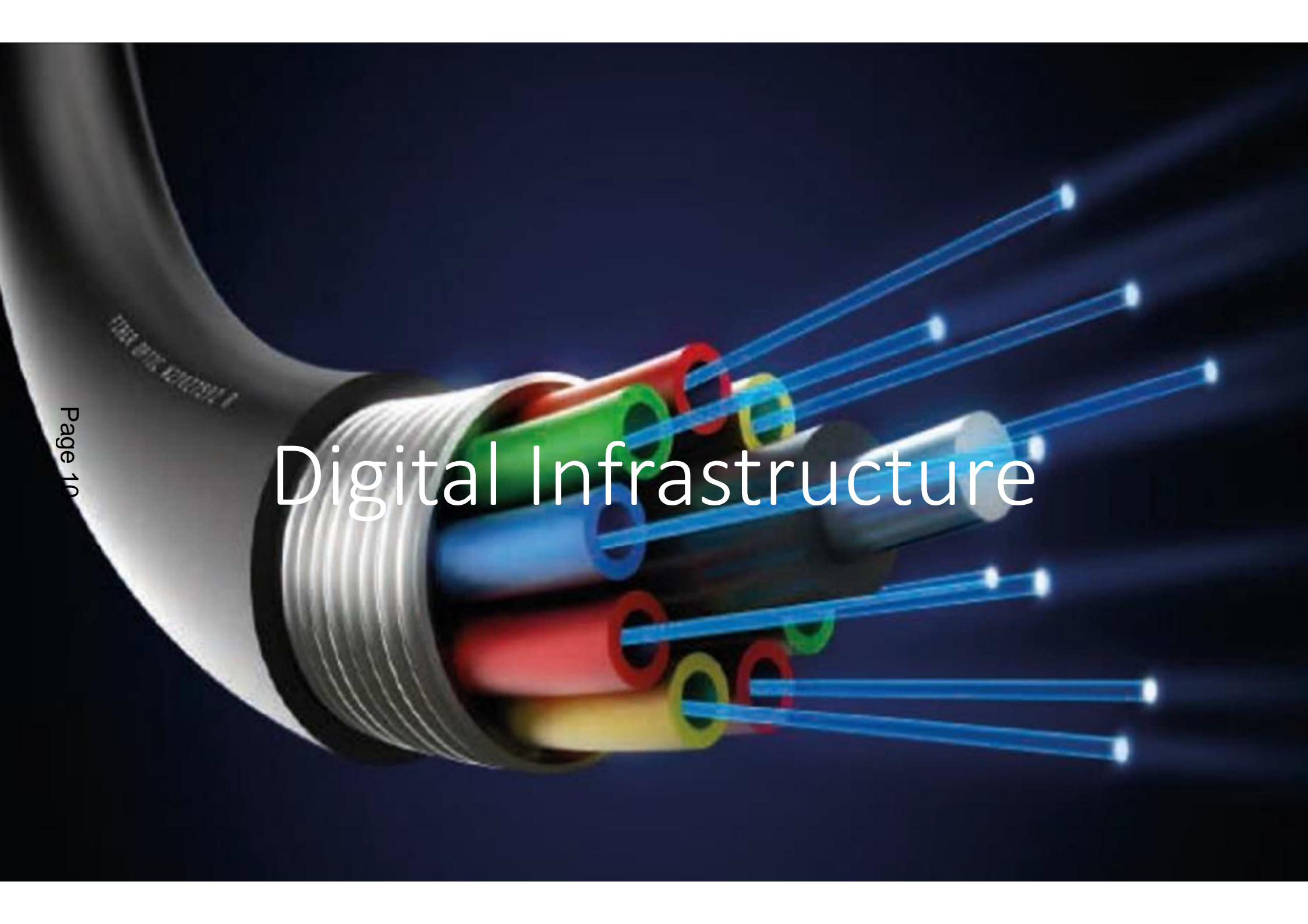
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Digital and creative industry cluster at UWTSO in Carmarthen
Industry worth over £90 million and 200 jobs in coming years
3,700 square metre first phase officially opened in October, 2018
First phase close to 100% occupation
S4C HQ and many other creative/digital businesses
Phase two design to start this autumn
Phase two construction earmarked for 2022
Fit-out, completion and occupation of phase two in 2023





Digital Infrastructure

Regional, state-of-the-art digital infrastructure will be introduced as part of a £55 million project

The project will consist of three elements:

- Transport corridor
- Rural
- Connected City

Together these projects will:

- Create digital infrastructure including gigabit fibre and the establishment of 5G testbeds to enable innovation and entrepreneurship
- Expand the provision of 4G and Wi-Fi capabilities to benefit both urban and rural areas of the region
- Develop digital infrastructure for key sectors including energy, manufacturing and life sciences




Project development

- Consultant appointed to develop business plan
- Dedicated project manager appointed
- Submission of project to Joint Committee for decision by the end of April, 2020



Skills and Talent

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A regional £30 million project that will develop pathways that enable local people to access high-quality employment opportunities being created through City Deal projects

To identify skills and training needs, work will take place alongside:

- The private sector
- Schools
- The higher and further education sector
- Third sector training providers

Anticipated submission of business case to Joint Committee for decision by the end of April, 2020

Questions

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