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<p>Karen Jones Chief Executive Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council</p> <p>By email</p>	<p>Luciana Ciubotariu Chief Executive Celtic Freeport</p> <p>By email</p>
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Dear Karen and Luciana,

Celtic Freeport Outline Business Case

Thank you for submitting your updated Outline Business Case (OBC) on 30 April 2024, which incorporates responses to the Critical Actions that were issued by Government on 3 April 2024.

Following a review of the Critical Action responses and the updated OBC by officials from both governments, we are delighted to advise you that the OBC has now been approved and we can take forward the legislative process to designate your tax sites.

You will be aware that the details of your tax sites were published on 15 October 2024 on [gov.uk](https://www.gov.uk). Businesses locating in these geographical areas will be able to benefit from tax reliefs once the tax sites are designated. The Statutory Instrument will be laid in UK Parliament on 17 October and the tax sites should be designated with effect from 26 November 2024.

Any actions that were not fully addressed at OBC stage have been carried forwards, for review within the Full Business Case (FBC) appraisal. We will provide further advice on these actions, once the FBC appraisal process has been concluded.

Congratulations on reaching this important milestone and we look forward to continuing our work together on the Freeports programme, and to offering support to your team as you progress through FBC stage and on to delivery.

Yours sincerely,

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