

SBCD PROJECT PROGRESS UPDATE

January 2019



Digital Infrastructure - Regional Project Project Authority Lead Carmarthenshire County Council

Business Plan Update

- RO and Mike Galvin met with CUBE on Monday 14th January to discuss progress
- Economic options appraisal currently under development
- Overall development currently two weeks behind schedule although assured progress will be back on track by the end of January
- Weekly catch ups now scheduled between Regional Office, CUBE and Mike Galvin to ensure slippage is recovered
- Draft Full Business Case expected end February 2019

Project Update

- Meetings held between Mike Galvin and Three and Factory of the Future and Pembroke Dock Marine projects with future areas of cooperation identified
- Mike Galvin represented the SBCD region at a WG 5G Workshop to identify Welsh opportunities for 5G and also indicate funding priorities, and also a WG Infrastructure Workshop which reviewed common infrastructure investment opportunities with WG and across regions

Other

- SBCD Region LFFN funding bid presented to Joint Committee, December 14th 2018 and subsequently submitted to DCMS for consideration.
- Follow up call with DCMS Thursday 17th January 2019

Initial draft Full Business Case to be submitted to RO February 2019

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

Business Plan Update

- Updated business case submitted to Governments in December 2018
- Approval of Council funding pending business plan sign off.

Project Update

Box Village and Innovation Precinct

- The University has entered into a development agreement with a private sector partner to take forward the delivery of Box Village
- Advanced funding is in place covering project design and planning submission for Box Village
- Contractor appointed and progressing design for planning submission (two stage design and construct)
- Submission of planning application - March 2019
- Commencement of construction subject to planning approval
- Practical completion subject to finalisation of construction procurement strategy

Digital Village

- The Kingsway Infrastructure Project recommenced on 7th January 2019
- Digital Village design being progressed.

Digital Square & Arena

- Entering pre contract services agreement with the primary contractor for Digital Square & Arena.
- RIBA Stage 4 commencing once pre contract services agreement is signed.
- Advanced construction enabling works recommencing after Christmas break.

Other

- Ongoing discussions with Mike Galvin on the Digital project and the LFFN Wave 3 Bid

Draft 5 Case Business Model well developed – submitted to UK & WG December 2018

Yr Egin - Project Authority Lead Carmarthenshire County Council

Business Plan Update

- Draft response prepared in response to further questions received from UKG / WG

Project Update

- Phase 1 iconic Yr Egin formally opened October 2018
- Phase 2 commencement of construction planned for December 2019
- Phase 2 completion planned for March 2021

Project Lead addressing comments received from the two governments

CENGS - Project Authority Lead Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

CENGS - Swansea Bay Technology Centre (Capital):

Business Plan Update

- Business case in development, economic case being finalised – due for submission to RO Feb 2019.

Project Update

- Out to tender on design and build contract end Jan 2019
- Two stage procurement exercise to commence end Jan 2019
- Planning application / approval June 2019 – Sept 2019
- WEFO ERDF match funding confirmed - £3m ERDF P4.4, currently at mobilisation stage
- Construction period Autumn 2019 – end 2020

First draft version Business Case for Technology Centre (Capital element) - to be submitted to RO Feb 2019

CENGS - Organisation (Revenue):

Business Plan Update

- Business case in development

Project Update

- Met with Satellite Application Catapult to discuss synergies
- On-going engagement with WG to discuss synergies with other data / analytics activity
- Following a soft market testing exercise, the project team will carry out a procurement exercise to appoint an organisation to run the CENGS organisation.
- Private sector investment will be identified during the implementation of the project through licences etc.

First draft version Business Case for *Operational Element (Revenue)* - anticipated submission to RO end June 19

Skills and Talent - Regional - Project Authority Lead Carmarthenshire County Council

Business Plan Update

- Following feedback from the governments on the draft version Full Business case, Project Lead has drafted an addendum to the plan - this has been submitted to the governments by Regional Office
- Delivery of the Skills & Talent project will align with the eleven SBCD projects
- Regional Learning & Skills Partnership has worked closely with WG's Policy advisors on its content

Project Update

- Work continues with schools across the region and specific schemes have been identified to raise the skills of young people required by the City Deal projects.
- Working with a private sector partner to develop a basic financial skills project to be rolled out across all schools in the region
- Working with secondary schools (Carmarthenshire as a pilot) on a specific Welsh Baccalaureate for post 16 students with a specific area of work for students to work on around the City Deal projects
- A pre-16 package has also been developed and distributed to schools in Carmarthenshire
- Training Solutions Committee are working on the skills gaps and identifying solutions for the skills gaps within the region
- RSLP have been engaged with industry across the region to highlight the City Deal and ensure that any skills gaps identified meet with the wider needs of businesses across the region

Awaiting feedback from the UKG & WG on supplementary information provided by the Project Lead

Homes as Power Stations - Regional Project
Project Authority Lead Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council

Business Plan Update

- Preparing response to comments received from UKG & WG on initial draft business case

Project Update

- Pathfinder / proof of concept development at Neath (former care home Hafod site) on site, construction commenced. 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 to co-ordinate the HAPS programme
- Regional RSL engagement on going.
- Private sector engagement commenced, to develop further once business case approved and programme team established.
- On-going engagement with key stakeholders incl. Western Power Distribution, Welsh Government, mortgage providers.

Project Lead addressing comments received from the two governments

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

Business Plan Update

- Regional Office feedback on initial draft business case submitted to Swansea University, Project Lead, in July 2018
- Project Lead continuing to develop initial draft full business case

Project Update

- Project will focus on the two sites at Morriston and Singleton to create new Research, Development & Innovation facilities

Project Lead to send revised Full Business Case to Regional Office - anticipated February 2019

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

Business Plan Update

- Full Business Case approved in principle by Council pending an independent review.

Project Update

- Outline Planning Application unanimously approved (10/01/19) pending NRW's Flood Consequences Assessment
- Arup are nearing the completion of the design development work for phase 1 elements (Wellness Hub, Community Health Hub and primary infrastructure). This work will be completed by the end of February

- Positive engagement with core partners continues, including Hywel Dda University Health Board and Swansea University
- Whole site financial plan is currently being developed. Aim to submit to financial markets in Feb 2019.

Other

- Project has progressed to Gateway 2 of the Department for International Trade Wales portfolio as a High Potential Opportunity (HPO) project to be marketed to 108 countries
- The Council has invited Wales Audit Office to review project compliance, risk management and governance arrangements and management of public assets. Review currently live.

Pembroke Dock Marine - Project Authority Lead Pembrokeshire CC

Business Plan Update

- PDM project team (led by Milford Haven Port Authority) revising draft full business case following meeting in Pembroke Dock with the governments, Regional Office and Pembrokeshire County Council on 28th September, 2018
- Supplementary information provided by the PDM project team on 29th November has been forwarded by Regional Office to the two governments for review and feedback

Project Update

- Marine Energy Testing Areas (META) - Project Design Envelope and site selection has been finalised
- META - Scoping submitted to NRW on November 16th
- META - Public exhibitions to be held in Pembrokeshire on 4th - 6th Dec and 11th - 12th Dec 18
- Pembroke Dock Improvements (PDI) - Hangar Annex Planning Applications approved 14th Dec 2018
- PDI - Framework contractors contacted for Fee Proposals to carry out design feasibility of Slipway build, graving dock infill and access assessment between the two assets, Timber pond infill method, and a swept path analysis for the transport corridor between Gate 1 & Gate 4

Other

- Letter sent from project leads via the RO to both UK and Welsh Government outlining critical dates and dependencies in December 2018.

Awaiting feedback from the UKG & WG on supplementary information provided

Factory of the Future - Project Authority Lead Neath Port Talbot CBC

Business Plan Update

- Engagement continues with external expert to develop robust business case.
- In depth analysis of financial case with particular emphasis on revenue generation undertaken.

Project Update

- Land issues still to be resolved
- Architectural and M&E designs process continuing.

- Vortex IOT announced as the first industrial partner of Factory of the Future in December.

Revised draft Business Case to be submitted to Regional Office - anticipated Jan 19

Steel Science - Project Authority Lead Neath Port Talbot CBC

Business Plan Update

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- In depth analysis of financial case with particular emphasis on revenue generation undertaken.

Project Update

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Revised draft Business Case to be submitted to Regional Office - anticipated Jan 19