

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Regeneration & Sustainable Development Cabinet Board 12th April 2019

Report of the Head of Property & Regeneration Simon Brennan

Matter for Decision

Wards Affected:

All wards

Establishment of the Local Project Board for Neath Port Talbot

Purpose of Report

To approve the establishment of a Local Project Board, to be called 'Local Regeneration Programme Board', for Neath Port Talbot to provide leadership and accountability for strategic regeneration programmes and projects impacting in the local area.

Executive Summary

Background

The Welsh Government's Targeted Regeneration Investment (TRI) programme commenced in April 2018 and aims to support projects that promote economic regeneration – creating jobs, enhancing skills and employability and creating the right environment for businesses to grow and thrive – with a focus on individuals and areas most in need to ensure prosperity is spread to all parts of Wales. The TRI programme builds on the substantial experience and regeneration activities delivered through the previous Welsh Government Vibrant & Viable Places funding programme 2014 – 2017.

The Welsh Government criteria for accessing TRI funding requires that a Regional Plan for Regeneration is developed by local authority partners

which identifies the priority projects and actions to be delivered through the TRI programme. The South West Wales Regional Plan for Regeneration has been developed in agreement with the four local authorities in Neath Port Talbot, Swansea, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire, and has been approved by the Welsh Government.

Governance arrangements to deliver the TRI programme require that Local Project Boards are established in each of the local authority areas comprising public, private and third sector partners and will be responsible for local partner engagement, project development and assessment, and local financial and output monitoring. The Local Project Boards will report to the Regional Project Board (Regional Regeneration Directors Group) which will have responsibility for regional strategic project prioritisation, management of the regional financial allocation and outcome monitoring.

It is proposed that the Local Project Board for Neath Port Talbot will cover all strategic regeneration programmes delivered within the County Borough and will be called the 'Local Regeneration Programme Board'. The regeneration programmes to be covered by this Board include:

- European Structural and Investment (ESI) funding programmes (including Building for the Future)
- Valleys Task Force
- Neath Port Talbot led City Deal projects
- Neath Port Talbot strategic projects and programmes

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

Equality Impact Assessment

There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

Workforce Impacts

There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impacts

There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

Risk Management

There are no risk management issues associated with this report.

Consultation

There has been no requirement under the Constitution for external consultation on this item.

Recommendations

To approve the establishment of a Local Project Board 'Local Regeneration Programme Board' for Neath Port Talbot to provide leadership and accountability for strategic regeneration programmes and projects impacting in the local area.

Reasons for Proposed Decision

To enable the Council to continue to secure strategic regeneration funding to delivery Council priorities.

Implementation of Decision

The decision is proposed for implementation after the three day call in period.

Appendices

I – Local Regeneration Programme Board Terms of Reference

List of Background Papers

South West Wales Regional Plan for Regeneration

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Local Regeneration Programme Board

Terms of Reference

Purpose

The Local Regeneration Programme Board for Neath Port Talbot provides leadership and accountability for regeneration programmes and projects impacting in the local area.

It is a partnership comprising representatives from the public, private and third sectors working together to maximise the benefits of regeneration projects to improve the economic prosperity of the county borough.

The Board will be responsible for:

- Ensuring the successful delivery of regeneration projects and programmes in accordance with grant conditions, including achieving outputs, outcomes and financial management;
- Maximising the wider regeneration impacts of the projects and programmes to the wider community in terms of economic, social and environmental benefits, including monitoring community benefit clauses;
- Ensuring the effective monitoring and evaluation of the regeneration activities;
- Ensuring the coordination of the delivery of the regeneration projects and programmes with other developments in the area;
- Promoting Neath Port Talbot's regeneration programme's aims and achievements;
- Promoting effective engagement and involvement of stakeholders in the regeneration process;
- Ensuring linkages between employability programmes and regeneration activity;
- Acting as the Local Project Board for the Welsh Government Targeted Regeneration Investment (TRI) programme.

Membership

Deputy Leader, Cllr Anthony Taylor – Chair
Cabinet Member – Cllr Annette Wingrave
Neath Port Talbot Member – to be confirmed
Gareth Nutt – Director of Environment
Simon Brennan – Head of Property & Regeneration
Andrew Collins – Secretariat / Equalities Representative
Lisa Willis – European & Strategic Funding Manager
Nick Williams – Welsh Government
Gillian McGregor – Welsh Government
Neath Inspired Ltd – to be confirmed
Port Talbot Private Sector – to be confirmed
Registered Social Landlord (RSL) representation – to be confirmed
Third Sector – Tony Potts, CVS
Natural Resources Wales (NRW) – to be confirmed
Rural Development Plan (RDP) – Gareth Jones
Port Talbot Waterfront Enterprise Zone Board – Peter Evans

Working Arrangements

- The Board will meet on a quarterly basis
- The Board will be Chaired by the Deputy Leader
- Board members will nominate an appropriate representative should they be unable to attend a Board meeting
- The Board may invite Project Managers to attend meetings to update on progress
- The Board may invite representatives from other groups and organisations to its meeting from time to time to provide information, advice and assistance in the decision making process
- The Board will be organic and evolve in response to new strategic funding opportunities
- Secretariat to the board will be provided by Andrew Collins, Regeneration & Economic Development Manager.
- The Board will report to the Regional Project Board (Regional Regeneration Directors Group) as per governance arrangements for the Targeted Regeneration Investment (TRI) programme.