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Projects Update

October 2020



Digital Infrastructure

Project Partner Lead: Carmarthenshire County Council



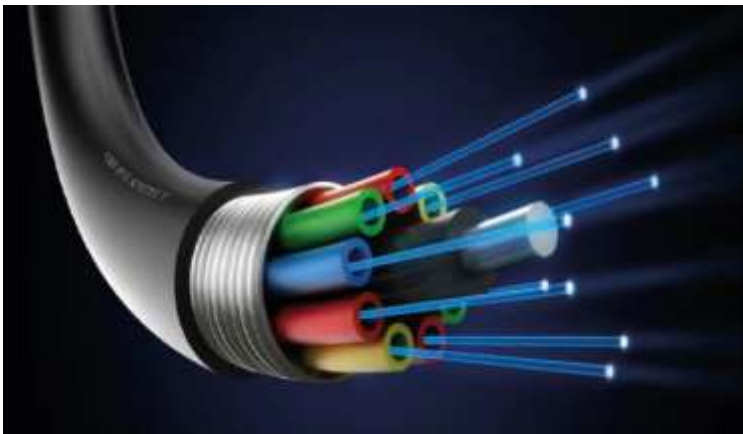
Activities Completed

Business Plan and supporting documentation collated and revised to reflect wider connectivity developments and feedback based on discussions with partners and stakeholders

Business Plan submitted to PMO on August 31 for feedback

Business Plan presented to Economic Strategy Board on Thursday September 10

Business Plan considered at Programme Board on September 24



Activities Planned

A workshop is planned with DCMS

Business Plan to go to all four regional local authorities for approval in coming weeks

Business Plan submission to Joint Committee for consideration in November

Further engagement with partners at a local, regional and national level



Risks

Digital Infrastructure policy decisions from UK Government and Welsh Government

Telecomms appetite for investing in Wales

Issues

A lack of understanding regarding the digital programme and its purpose



Homes as Power Stations

Project Partner Lead: Neath Port Talbot Council



Lisa Willis
Project Manager

Activities Completed

Gateway review completed June 2020

Economic Case revised

Formal submission of Business Case to PMO

Pathfinder development at Neath complete

HAPS regional Project Board established. First met on Friday September 18



Activities Planned

Formal submission of Business Case to both Governments

Technical advisory group to be established

Project team to be recruited



Risks

Unable to appoint project team until Business Case is approved

Issues

Ensure alignment to other energy efficiency in housing programmes. This is in progress



Skills and Talent

Project Partner Lead: Carmarthenshire County Council



Jane Lewis
Project Manager

Activities Completed

Business Plan and supporting documentation presented to Economic Strategy Board in July 2020

Workshop held with Joe Flanagan, advisor to Welsh Government, on the 5-Case Business Model to review the Business Plan

Pilot initiatives identified with schools in the region

Workshop with project leads and training leads to review the Business Plan and strengthen the Economic Case in line with the 5-Case business model. This took place on September 23



Activities Planned

Update of the Business Plan following the project leads/training leads workshop and submit to Programme Board in October

Business Plan to go to all four regional Local Authorities for approval in November

Business Plan submission to Joint Committee for consideration in December



Risks

Delay in implementing the Skills and Talent programme could impact on the delivery of the skills required by the approved projects

Issues

Impact of Covid-19 on the training landscape and the changing needs of businesses as a result of the pandemic



Swansea City & Waterfront Digital District

Project Partner Lead: City & County of Swansea



Cyngor **Abertawe**
Swansea Council



Huw Mowbray
Project Manager

Activities Completed

Steelwork complete for indoor arena

Testing of arena digital façade panel complete

Planning permission secured for 71/72 The Kingsway

Construction tender issued for 71/72 The Kingsway

Work has started on iconic bridge linking the arena site with Swansea city centre

Hotel developer selected for site close to the arena



Activities Planned

Construction tender for 71/72 The Kingsway expected back by the end of November

Cabinet decision on 71/72 The Kingsway Q4 2020

Further lettings discussions planned for 71/72 The Kingsway

Ministerial visit planned for indoor arena site

Outline planning application for Box Village to be submitted in Q3 or Q4 2020. UWTSD considering due diligence and programme due to Covid-19



Risks

Effect of Covid-19 on construction, including programme slowdown and impact on costs

Effect of Covid-19 upon level and type of commercial demand for Box Village and Innovation Precinct

Issues

Delivery of outputs could be affected by Covid-19



Pentre Awel

Project Partner Lead: Carmarthenshire County Council



Dr Sharon Burford
Project Manager

Activities Completed

RIBA Stage 3 designs finalised and approved by Executive Board

Business Case complete and submitted to Regional PMO, Economic Strategy Board, Authority political structure and Programme Board

External Gateway Review undertaken in September

MoU prepared with Academic Partners

Ecology work underway on site to ensure timely discharge of pre-commencement planning conditions

Memorandum of Understanding prepared and issued to Financial Markets. Good level of interest from investment companies



Activities Planned

Business case to be taken to both CCC Full Council and Joint Committee in October

Procurement documents in preparation to secure a main contractor for Zone 1 Q4 2020

Community Benefits workstream established to ensure optimisation of local procurement / supply chain opportunities

Heads of Term Agreements to be prepared with tenants. Discussions ongoing.

Workstream set up and ongoing to develop a whole site operating model



Risks

Potential for loss of engagement by academic and health partners due to delay in procuring a principal construction contractor

Issues

Delay in procurement due to approval of City Deal Business Case



Pembroke Dock Marine

Project Partner Lead: Pembroke Dock Marine Board



Wave Hub



CATAPULT
Offshore Renewable Energy



Tim James
Project Manager

Activities Completed

Business Case approved by UKG and WG

Marine Energy Engineering Centre of Excellence: Up to 13 FTE currently employed

Marine Energy Test Area: Phase 1 consented and operational procedures being created with support from the European Marine Energy Centre. Marine Energy Wales have released the State of the Sector report

Pembroke Dock Infrastructure: Ground investigation complete for PDI slipway. Detailed design work for hangar annexes is complete

Ministerial visit to project from David TC Davies

MHPA, ORE Catapult and PCF have all applied to Innovate UK under the South Wales Industrial Cluster Roadmap Phase 2 project. If successful, the project will leverage £1.5m of added value work across South Wales

Activities Planned

Further recruitment to the Marine Energy Engineering Centre of Excellence once project risks are addressed

Formal submission of Pembroke Dock Infrastructure planning application. Issue of construction tender anticipated for Q1 2021

Survey work for Bluegem Wind's 96MW Floating Wind Erebus project has commenced, and the project team are hiring support staff from the Pembroke Dock offices (Bridge Innovation Centre)



Risks

Ability to draw down WEFO funding, while project funding agreements are being finalised

Issues

PDM partners to agree and sign-off funding agreements

Covid-19 impact on project delivery schedule



Supporting Innovation & Low Carbon Growth



Project Partner Lead: Neath Port Talbot Council



Activities Completed

Swansea Bay Technology Centre - RIBA Stage 4 complete

Steel and metals project refocused to align to the industrial decarbonisation agenda

Gateway review completed June 2020

Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth project board met on 11th September

Scoping workshop held with industry and academia to develop the Industrial Futures Advanced Manufacturing Production Facility



Activities Planned

Swansea Bay Technology Centre – RIBA Stage 5, construction, start date 12th October 2020

Business Case revisions underway and due for formal submission to PMO and Governments in October 2020

Critical Friend Gateway Review planned for October 2020



Risks

Delay in approval of City Deal Business Case impact on already secured European Regional Development Fund match funding

Air quality monitoring sensors purchased at risk prior to business case approval

Covid-19 impact on jobs created outputs

Issues

Need to ensure Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure sub-project aligns to current and pipeline regional activity



Life Science & Well-being Campuses

Project Partner Lead: Swansea University



Professor Keith Lloyd
Project Lead

Activities Completed

Masterplan of Singleton Campus site completed

Zoning and outline floorplans completed for Phase I at Singleton and Morriston

Initial costing completed for Phase I Singleton and Morriston

Collaborative research and innovation activities continues

Development of new skills provision under development



Activities Planned

Redevelopment of the Business Case in late 2020 for submission to the PMO

Structured private sector engagement activities to be undertaken



Risks

Impact of current pandemic and economic downturn on securing co-investment from the private sector

Issues

Communication of the project's evolution



Yr Egin

Project Partner Lead: UWTSD



Activities Completed

Yr Egin Phase 1 Full Business Case submitted and approved by Joint Committee in July 2020

Formal Welsh/UK Government approval expected in October 2020



Activities Planned

Following completion of the Egin Phase 1 project and Joint Committee approval of the Full Business Case, the University is now proceeding with the next stages of the Integrated Assurance Action Plan in accordance with the agreed timetable

The Phase1 Monitoring and Evaluation Plan was completed in August and the Lessons Learned exercise from Phase 1 is now underway with expected completion in mid-October

Discussions between Carmarthenshire County Council and the University are proceeding at pace to complete the Phase 1 Funding Agreement



Risks

Effect of Covid-19 on the Welsh/UK/global economies and the creative sector, and the implications for future level and nature of demand for Yr Egin

Issues

Implications of the recently announced Welsh Government strategy to achieve much increased levels of permanent remote working post Covid-19 and to develop a network of local, community-based working hubs

