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City Deal

Programmes / Projects Update
SBCD Joint Scrutiny Committee
20th July 2021



Business Engagement

SBCD Portfolio Office



Peter Austin
Business Engagement
Manager

Activities Completed

- Coordinated monthly and extraordinary ESB meetings with Hollie & Chris Foxall
- Coordinating ESB visit to Swansea Arena with Hollie & Swansea CC
- Follow up meeting with WG Relationship Management Team
- Met with Ross Gill SQW re regional Regen Framework
- Completed individual meetings with regen Directors
- Attended SQW Regional Framework feedback session
- Coordinating E&I Framework to final draft
- Introductory meeting with Deb Bowen-Rees new IOD Regional Chair
- Met with Swans Community Trust – passed information to PL's
- Met with Office Principles passed information to Swansea PL's
- Met with graduate start up video/ PR business from Llanelli – passed info to Pentre Awel project
- Met with Business News Wales re regional Energy supplement and coordinated response from stakeholders
- Received presentation from Dragon Decommissioning-Cymru,

Activities Planned/Ongoing

- Follow on meetings between WG RMT and SBCD projects
- Assisting PDM/Haven EZ with procurement event
- Ongoing discussions with Business News Wales re ways of working going forward
- Developing joint work programme SBCD & Wales Co-op
- Developing Social Value evaluation proposal for SBCD
- Working with Sell2Wales to develop SBCD project page on procurement platform
- Launch revised Sell2Wales project page
- Arrange procurement workshops with S2W & project teams
- Promote Wales Start-up Awards
- Add procurement page to SBCD Website
- Developing portfolio forward plan



Risks

Ongoing alignment of Regional Strategy development to development of E&I framework

Lack of coordinated approach to engagement and investment across portfolio

Issues

Delays in recruitment of Comms and Marketing Officer



Yr Egin - June 2021



Project Partner Lead: UWTSD



Activities Completed

The Phase 1 Lessons Learned Activity successfully completed, which brings the University's evaluation process to a close in advance of formal Gateway 5 Monitoring and Evaluation approval

Creative Sector Demand Study formally commissioned and underway (BOP). Part 1 has now been completed and information has been fed back to University. First Phase 2 engagement session of Creative Sector Demand Study has been conducted with industry representatives.

Phase 1 funding agreement now in place.



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 to deliver Egin Phase 2

Formal Welsh/UK Government business case approval still outstanding as of 11th November

University senior internal team has mobilised and will now work on development of Egin Phase 2.

'Policy Makers' Creative Sector Demand Study Workshop upcoming and final report in progress.



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



Pembroke Dock Marine – June 21



Project Partner Lead: Pembroke Dock Marine Board



Wave Hub



Activities Completed

PCC Planning Committee approved PDI application. Welsh Government withdrew holding direction (IP1)

First META deployment happened on the 17.06.21 with PR scheduled w/c 21st (OP16, IP5A, IP5B)

PDM presented at [Swansea University's Blue Economy online Linc](#) event 21/06. (OP16, OP11)

META, MEECE and MHPA presenting at [Wales Tech Week](#) 24/06. (OP11, OP16)

MEECE has recruited 3 engineers (all regionally based) through [UK-Government's kick start scheme](#). (OP1,13,14)

Williams Shipping have recruited 2 [Pembrokeshire based apprentices \(pictured\)](#) (OP1,13,14)

MHPA presented at the [APPG for Celtic Sea](#) 26.05 (OP15)

Activities Planned

Ongoing management of PDI Marine Licence and Listed Building Consents (IP1)

ORE catapults test buoy deployment contracts for marine operation and engineering support pending final approval.

PDM being featured at Celtic Sea Cluster Launch (September) Cardiff, [Global Offshore Wind](#), [PriMare Conference](#)



Jamie and Oisian have commenced their apprenticeship with Williams Shipping

Risks

Capital cost increase against PDI project budget set in 2017. (IP1)

MEECE's extension still outstanding but WEFO approved by WEFO subject to SBCD funding (IP6b)

Universities are increasingly concerned over their share of MEECE's outputs as a result on only having 18 months left against the ERDF funding period to recruit. (IP6)

Issues

Ensuring appropriate level of project governance and reporting is established to maintain the projects value to the SBCD whilst ensuring the project remains delivery and impact focused.

procurement for non WEFO funded phases has been paused due to SBCD funding delays.

Once SBCD funding is secured, each funding partner will need to re-profile their SBCD.

Swansea City & Waterfront Digital District

Project Partner Lead: City & County of Swansea

Activities Completed

Arena

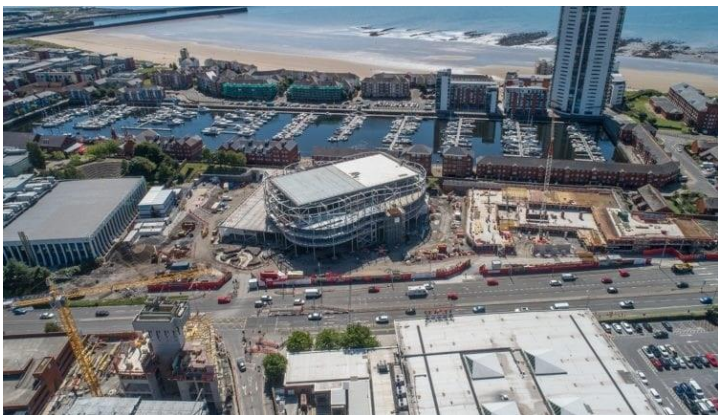
Arena cladding in progress.
Arena internal finishers and M & E equipment install commenced.
Coastal Parkland hard and soft landscaping commenced.

71/72 Kingsway

Contractor appointed and to start onsite in August

Innovation Matrix

Planning permission for Innovation Matrix progressing.



Activities Planned

Arena

Commence install of external arena LED's.
Practical completion in Autumn..
Agree terms and conclude the agreement with commercial tenants.
Hotel designs being progressed – difficulties in funding are impacting delivery timescales.

71/72 Kingsway

The Business case to be updated to reflect the 71-72 moving to FBC.

Aiming to commence construction Q3

Further detailed letting/operator discussions continue for 71/72 The Kingsway

Innovation Matrix

Pre application discussions on planning.



Huw Mowbray
Project Manager

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 71/72 Kingsway, Box Village and Innovation Precinct–
Hotel: difficulties in funding are impacting delivery timescales.

Issues

Delivery of outputs likely to be affected by Covid-19



Pentre Awel

Project Partner Lead: Carmarthenshire County Council



Dr Sharon Burford
Project Manager

Activities Completed

- Memorandum of Understanding prepared and issued to Financial Markets – Expression of interest received.
- Tender posted for:
 - Zone 1 contractor .
 - Zone 1 client – side support services
 - VAT - specialist advice to cover both construction and operation of Pentre Awel
- Submission made to PNC bank to secure funding for the hydrotherapy pool included as part of the aquatics facilities.
- MoU developed with clinical research partner.
- Reconfiguration of governance structure to best support the implementation phase of the project.
- All implementation groups in place with stakeholder lead.
- Continued engagement within stakeholder governance structures.



Activities Planned

- Assessment planning for all tenders.
- Commence procurement for design of Zone 3.
- Submit DIT submission for final stage approval.
- Confirm finance option for CCC from Institutional bids. Institutional investment not required for zone 1
- Heads of terms development commenced with Zone 1 tenants.
- Communications group reconvened . Key action to recommence engagement strategy to ensure wide participation and communications across sectors.



Risks

- Failure to maximise whole system benefits across all training providers on site due to individual confidentiality agreements. **Mitigation** – Project Board approval gained for the establishment of an Education Skills and Training Implementation Group.
- Infrastructure - public transport doesn't meet the needs of end users. Mitigation - Scoping work underway including community based provision.



Digital Infrastructure



Gareth Jones
Programme Manager

Programme Partner Lead: Carmarthenshire County Council



Activities Completed

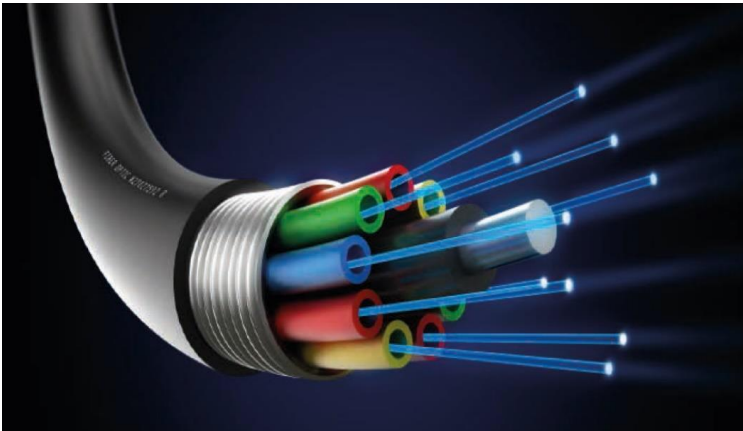
Detailed Programme financial budgets developed and ratified by Digital Board.

Project Managers recruitment ongoing, shortlisting complete, interviews and appointment imminent.

Regional Digital Programme Funding agreements drafted.

External specialist advisor recruitment ongoing, procurement specification complete with appointment expected in July.

Regional 5G workshops arranged for July.



Activities Planned

Project Manager resource appointments.

Specialist advisors resource appointment.

Regional Digital funding agreements agreed by Digital Board.

Regional 5G workshops to inform investment.

Detailed scoping of specific individual Projects within the Digital Programme.

Further develop procurement and state aid strategy.



Risks

Ongoing policy alignment of Regional Digital Infrastructure strategy and Welsh Government (PSBA).

A lack of Telecoms suppliers with the necessary appetite and / or ability to deploy, particularly rurally.

Visibility of commercial investment plans across the Region.

Issues

Lack of human resource allocated to the Programme.

Insufficient financial resources allocated to address all the regions Digital Infrastructure aspirations.



Homes as Power Stations

Project Partner Lead: Neath Port Talbot Council



Lisa Willis
Project Manager

Activities Completed

Submitted revised Economic Case to PoMO

Presentation to Minister David TC Davies 26/05/2021

Provided follow up information on supply chain development

On-going engagement with Industry Wales

Activities Planned

HAPS Project Board to meet June 2021

Third party funding agreements to be developed

HAPS regional funds criteria and allocation to be developed

Brand development activity

Project manager to be recruited



Risks

Unable to respond to requests for HAPS support as funds unable to be established prior to business case approval.

Issues

Ensure alignment to other energy efficiency in housing programmes. This is in progress with on-going engagement.



Supporting Innovation & Low Carbon Growth



Project Partner Lead: Neath Port Talbot Council



Activities Completed

- Business case submitted to PoMO
- Presentation to Minister David TC Davies
- WG/UKG policy workshop
- SILCG Programme Board met
- SWITCH – site visit to SaMI to inform procurement D&B brief
- On-going engagement with industry, academia and government



Activities Planned

- Technical Advisory Group to be formalised
- SILCG Programme Board to meet
- Dialogue with Skills & Talent project re: skills for the green economy
- Advanced Manufacturing Production Facility – pre-market engagement event planning
- Business case approval
- Meeting with SWIC



Risks

Delay in approval of City Deal Business Case impact on already secured European Regional Development Fund match funding – regular dialogue with WEFO

Issues

To ensure SILCG specialist facilities meet the needs and demands of the decarbonisation agenda – on-going consultation with government, industry and academia



Skills and Talent

Project Partner Lead: Carmarthenshire County Council



Jane Lewis
Programme Manager

Activities Completed

Business Case completed and currently in the process of being presented to the four Local Authorities.

Presented the business case to the ESB

Presentation to Director of Skills Welsh Government on the Skills and Talent programme

First meeting to the Gateway Zero review held and interviews scheduled for the 23rd and 24th June.



Activities Planned

Gateway 0 review planned for 23 – 25 June 2021.

Presentation to the four Local Authority Cabinet meetings before the 8th July 2021

Meeting scheduled for the 24th June with David R T Davies MP Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales.

Ongoing consultation with stakeholders.



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



Life Science & Well-being Campuses

Keith Lloyd
Project Lead

Project Partner Lead: Swansea University



Activities Completed

Collaborative research and innovation activities continue

Internal resource identified to help address feedback

Further defined governance to maximise partner contribution

Engagement with Grant Thornton Consultants.

Engagement with WG RMT, follow up meeting pending.

Continue to obtain letters of support to evidence partner commitment to support outline business case

Activities Planned

Engage with Ministerial session scheduled for the 16th June.

Address Business Case feedback in Q1 2021 for formal submission in Q2.

Present update on latest business case to ESB on the 21st June.

Development of comms and engagement material and progress structured private sector engagement activities/plan

Rebranding exercise with Waters – outcomes pending

Confirm and finalise commercial arrangements between City & Council and the Health Board

Recruitment of dedicated Project Manager for 12 months – advert now external, aim to recruit by mid July.

Define skills development.



Risks

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

Impact on timescales as a result of the pandemic, impact on private sector and competing priorities particularly in health

Impact on delivery due to lack of resource.

Issues

Communication of the project's evolution

