

APPENDIX C - SBCD Projects/Programme Highlights

Swansea Waterfront

- 3,500 seat Arena opened March 2022 - Over 145,000 tickets sold to date and over 55 performance events held. Over 8,000 targeted recruitment and training weeks.
- 71-72 Kingsway – 115,000 sq ft flexible office space for tech companies. Completion of construction work scheduled for Oct-23.
- Innovation Matrix – construction to commence end Feb-23.
- Innovation Precinct – planning permission application submission Apr-23.

Pembroke Dock Marine

- PDI works underway including slipway construction and hangar annexes.
- Significant links with Freeports.
- PDM partners working hard with UKG/WG to secure licences and permissions to create first mover advantage for Wales' FLOW industry.
- Activity on STEM and skills with schools and colleges. PDM partners along with private sector successfully working with Skills and Talent Initiative on the award-winning Destination Renewables pilot project with Pembs College.
- Successful deployment of research buoy and progressing seaweed project.

Yr Egin

- Yr Egin Phase 1 opened in Oct 2018 and is now in its 5th year of operation with 95% occupancy rates and 107 jobs accommodated.
- S4C based in Yr Egin generated an economic impact of £18.2m in the economy of Carmarthenshire in 2019-20 (and £141.1m to the Welsh economy).
- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) Award winner in 2019 Commercial category.
- University is in the process of developing a new delivery strategy for Egin Phase 2.

Skill and Talent

- 6 Pilot project applications have been approved by RLSP board.
- Pembrokeshire Passport to Employment project won the National Offshore Wind Award sponsored by Renewables UK Ltd also finalist in the Wales STEM Awards.
- First pilot project was a success in delivering through the Welsh language in 2 Carmarthenshire schools:
 - 268 BTEC level 2 and 105 level 3 Digital studies,
 - 212 level 2 and 91 level 3 BTEC Engineering qualifications.
- £450k private sector funding secured and £650k public sector match funding.

Supporting Innovation and Low Carbon Growth

- Bay Technology Centre completed March-22 – 2,500 m2 energy positive building with 3 confirmed tenants.
- Three awards won to date:
 - Net Zero Award in 2022 Constructing Excellence Wales (CEW) Awards (June 2022),
 - Sustainability Award in the Insider Wales Property Awards (June 2022),
 - Commercial Property Project of the Year, British Construction Industry Awards 2022.
- SWITCH – Specialised open access facility created to enhance applied research for steel & metals industry (4000 m2). 3 quality contractor submissions for design and build contract currently being assessed.
- Property Development Fund – Stage 1 application process completed with shortlisting underway. Applications value is over £14m with £4.5m CD available and at least £5.5m private sector match funding.
- Advanced Manufacturing Production Facility – Initial discussions with industry bodies underway (including Industry Wales), pre-market engagement activities commencing next month. Potential inclusion of an additional ‘Net Zero Green Skills centre of excellence’ to be located on site of the AMPF which is an amendment to the original business case (with potential to be supported with unallocated £5.3m CD funds).
- Hydrogen Stimulus Programme – equipment to be purchased soon to increase capacity of hydrogen production on site (at Hydrogen Centre) for a range of potential applications.

Homes as Power Stations

- Technical Monitoring & Evaluation contract awarded (£1m) to Cardiff School of Architecture (Cardiff University).
- Working closely with UK & Welsh Government to ensure the Optimised Retrofit Programme and ECO 4 Flex opportunities are maximised alongside HAPS funding.
- Supply Chain mapping and development underway for the region in preparation for £7m funding launch later this year.
- Financial Incentives Fund (£5.75m) will be launched early in the next financial year (Apr-23).

Digital Infrastructure

- Secured private sector investment (excluding Virgin Media’s network upgrade) of £14.5m with an additional public sector investment of £7.6m (including SBCD funding) for 2021-22.
- This investment has led to significant improvements in fibre/gigabit capable coverage across the region and a reduction in the number of premises with poor broadband.
- We are reviewing Open Market Review (PR) data alongside Welsh and UK government to ensure that national government funding and City deal funding take a complementary and collaborative approach to address areas within our region with the most need and where we will see the greatest socio-economic impact.

- The Programme has allocated funding to recruit resources into each Local Authority to act as a single point of contact for government, internal departments, and industry. This approach was lobbied for by the telecoms/digital infrastructure industry and has been recognised as an exemplar by Welsh Government's Barrier Busting taskforce. Recruitment is almost complete and where resources are in place it is already having a positive impact.
- Scoping regional opportunities for 5G investment in trials and testbeds e.g., Innovation Matrix, PDM and Yr Egin.
- Portfolio of opportunities for further regional digital investment is being finalised and will be presented to Board in Feb/Mar 2023.

Pentre Awel

- Start of enabling works in Oct-22, comprising site strip, new drainage and piling mat.
- All works packages tendered and a price presented to CCC for the construction of Zone 1. Negotiated package of measures including an agreement for a commercial reduction and open procurement developed. Following Full Council agreement on 25th January, CCC will enter contract with Bouygues.
- Bouygues Community Benefits continue to be delivered including - Girls Believe Academy delivered to Ysgol Bryngwyn year 7 girls and Coedcae School girls and boys from year 7 during Oct 22 & Nov 22. Session to promote wider STEM careers and the construction industry. 1,054 pupil interactions delivered (July 22- Nov 22).
- Minimum 4,680 person weeks of targeted recruitment and training to be delivered by BYUK.
- Project has developed close working ties with 3 Universities - Cardiff University are engaged with CCC to deliver Business and Innovation at Pentre Awel; UWTSO lead on all the skills delivery; Swansea University will operate a Health and Wellbeing Academy.
- The Hywel Dda Health Board is a confirmed tenant in Pentre Awel and forms the key enabler for the whole system approach to care, research and education.

Campuses

- Funding agreements to be finalised. Project cannot move into delivery until these are completed. Aiming for March 23 for approval.
- Sketty lane - Further BCIS assessment to provide indication of cost increase undertaken.
- Sketty Lane – 3 consultancy services to support project. Architect-led multidisciplinary design team, project management, cost management tendered. Review and evaluation conducted, waiting formal appointment.
- Morriston Management Centre procurement on hold until signing of funding agreement.