

# Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru / Growing Mid Wales Board

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Man Cyfarfod  
**Trwy Zoom/By Zoom**

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Dyddiad y Cyfarfod  
**Dydd Mawrth, 21 Mehefin 2022**

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Amser y Cyfarfod  
**3.00 pm**

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## AGENDA

1.	<b>CROESO AC YMDDIHEURIADAU</b>
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2.	<b>DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANNAU PERSONOL / DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST</b>
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3.	<b>COFNODION DRAFFT Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF / DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 11/03/22</b>
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(Tudalennau 1 - 12)

4.	<b>PORTFFOLIO BARGEN TWF CANOLBARTH CYMRU / MWGD PORTFOLIO</b>
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- Adroddiad ynghylch Trosolwg o'r Fargen Twf / Growth Deal Overview Report
- Adroddiad ynghylch Cynnydd y Chwarter / Quarter Progress Report
- Atodiad 1: Ttempld ar gyfer Arfarnu Achosion Busnes / Appendix 1: Business Case Appraisal Template
- Atodiad 2: Amserlen ar gyfer Arfarnu Achosion Busnes / Appendix 2: Business Case Appraisal Timeline
- Atodiad 3: Cofrestr Risg a Materion / Appendix 3: Risk & Issue Register

(Tudalennau 13 - 56)

<b>5.</b>	<b>CYLLID / FINANCE</b>
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Alldro 2021/22 a Phennu'r Gyllideb ar gyfer 2022/23 / Outturn 2021/22 and Budget Setting 2022/23

(Tudalennau 57 - 62)

<b>6.</b>	<b>PARTNERIAETH SGILIAU RHANBARTHOL CANOLBARTH CYMRU / MID WALES REGIONAL SKILLS PARTNERSHIP</b>
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Diweddariad ynghylch Cynnydd / Progress Update

(Tudalennau 63 - 78)

<b>7.</b>	<b>UNRHYW FATER ARALL</b>
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<b>8.</b>	<b>DYDDIADAU CYFARFODYDD Y DYFODOL / DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b>
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26 Medi 2022 – Rhithiol / 26 September 2022 – Virtual  
12 Rhagfyr 2022 – Rhithiol / 12 December 2022 – Virtual

**COFNODION CYFARFOD BWRDD TYFU CANOLBARTH CYMRU / GROWING MID  
WALES BOARD A GYNHALIWDYD DROS ZOOM DDYDD GWENER 11 MAWRTH  
2022**

**YN BRESENNOL**

**Aelodau Cabinet Cyngor Sir Ceredigion:**

Y Cyngorydd Ellen ap Gwynn, Arweinydd Cyngor Sir Ceredigion a'r Aelod Cabinet ar gyfer Polisi, Perfformiad a Phartneriaethau **(EAG)**

Y Cyngorydd Dafydd Edwards, Aelod Cabinet ar gyfer Priffyrdd a Gwasanaethau Amgylcheddol, Tai a Chyswllt Cwsmeriaid **(DE)**

Y Cyngorydd Catrin Miles, Aelod Cabinet ar gyfer Ysgolion, Dysgu Gydol Oes a Sgiliau, Cymorth ac Ymyrraeth **(CM)**

Y Cyngorydd Rhodri Evans, Aelod Cabinet ar gyfer yr Economi ac Adfywio **(RE)**

Y Cyngorydd Gareth Lloyd, Aelod Cabinet ar gyfer Gwasanaethau Cyllid a Chaffael a Gwasanaethau Diogelu'r Cyhoedd **(GL)**

**Aelodau Cabinet Cyngor Sir Powys:**

Y Cyngorydd Rosemarie Harris, Arweinydd Cyngor Sir Powys **(RH) (Cadeirydd)**

Y Cyngorydd Myfanwy Alexander, Deiliad Portffolio Gofal Cymdeithasol i Oedolion a'r Gymraeg **(MA)**

Y Cyngorydd Aled Davies, Deiliad Portffolio Cyllid a Thrafnidiaeth **(AD)**

Y Cyngorydd Phyl Davies, Deiliad Portffolio Addysg ac Eiddo **(PD)**

Y Cyngorydd Heulwen Hulme, Deiliad Portffolio yr Amgylchedd **(HH)**

**Swyddogion:**

Eifion Evans, Prif Weithredwr, Cyngor Sir Ceredigion **(EE)**

Elin Prysor, Swyddog Arweiniol Corfforaethol: Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Llywodraethu, Cyngor Sir Ceredigion **(EP)**

Lowri Edwards, Swyddog Arweiniol Corfforaethol: Gwasanaethau Democrataidd, Cyngor Sir Ceredigion **(LE)**

Stephen Johnson, Swyddog Arweiniol Corfforaethol: Cyllid a Chaffael, Cyngor Sir Ceredigion **(SJ)**

Arwyn Davies, Rheolwr Corfforaethol: Twf a Menter, Cyngor Sir Ceredigion **(AD)**

Dr Caroline Turner, Prif Weithredwr, Cyngor Sir Powys **(CT)**

Nigel Brinn, Cyfarwyddwr Gweithredol dros yr Economi a'r Amgylchedd, Cyngor Sir Powys **(NB)**

Clive Pinney, Pennaeth Gwasanaethau Cyfreithiol a Democrataidd, Cyngor Sir Powys **(CP)**

Carwyn Jones-Evans, Rheolwr Strategol Bargaen Twf Canolbarth Cymru **(CJE)**

Cathy Martin, Rheolwr Gweithrediadau **(CM)**

Aggie Caesar-Homden, Rheolwr Partneriaeth – Partneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol Canolbarth Cymru **(ACH)**

David Owen, Rheolwr y Rhaglen Ddigidol **(DO)**

Stacey-Jayne Oakham, Swyddog Dadansoddi a Chefnogi Portffolio **(SO)**

<b>1.</b>	<b>CROESO AC YMDDIHEURIADAU</b>
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Ni chafwyd unrhyw ymddiheuriadau.

<b>2.</b>	<b>DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT PERSONOL</b>
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Ni chafwyd unrhyw ddatganiadau o fuddiannau personol/rhagfarnus.

### 3. COFNODION DRAFFT Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF 15/12/21

Cytunwyd bod cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf a gynhaliwyd ar 15 Rhagfyr 2021 yn gofnod cywir.

### 4. PORTFFOLIO BTCC

Rhoddodd CM drosolwg i'r aelodau o Adroddiad Cynnydd y Chwarter a oedd wedi'i ddsbarthu cyn y cyfarfod. Cyfeiriwyd at y canlynol:

#### Cytundeb Terfynol y Fargen Twf

Cafodd Cytundeb Terfynol y Fargen Twf ei lofnodi'n swyddogol ar 13 Ionawr ac mae'n nodi ymrwymiad pob un o'r partneriaid i gyflawni Bargen Twf Canolbarth Cymru.

#### Y Grŵp Cyngori Economaidd

Mae Grŵp Cyngori Economaidd wedi'i sefydlu, a chaiff ei arwain gan Paul Griffiths. Mae nifer o gynrychiolwyr wedi'u penodi ac mae cyfarfod wedi'i drefnu ar gyfer yr wythnos nesaf er mwyn cyflwyno pob un o'r swyddogion, yr arweinwyr a'r Fargen Twf ei hun.

#### Adolygiad Sicrwydd

Cafodd adolygiad sicrwydd o'r portffolio gan Lywodraeth Cymru ei gynnal yr wythnos hon a chafodd nifer o gyfweiliadau eu cynnal yn rhan o'r broses. Bydd adroddiad drafft yn dilyn maes o law.

#### Y Cytundeb Rhwng Awdurdodau

Cafodd fersiwn 3 y Cytundeb Rhwng Awdurdodau ei chymeradwyo gan gabinet y ddau awdurdod lleol ym mis Ionawr 2022 a chafodd y fersiwn honno ei lofnodi wedyn gan bob parti. Yn y cytundeb, ceir amryw gyfeiriadau at drefniadau llywodraethu a rheoli. Yn dilyn adolygiad o Grŵp Rheoli Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru, mae'r Grŵp wedi'i rannu yn ddwy ran erbyn hyn – Rhan 1: Grŵp Rheoli Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru (Bwrdd Portffolio'r Fargen Twf) er mwyn sicrhau mwy o ffocws wrth ymdrin â materion y Fargen Twf, a Rhan 2: Grŵp Rheoli Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru (Cydweithredu Rhanbarthol) er mwyn ymdrin â thrafodaethau rhanbarthol ehangach.

- Atodiad 1: Achos Busnes Strategol y Portffolio fersiwn 1.5
- Atodiad 2: Trosolwg Sicrwydd a Chymeradwyo
- Atodiad 3: Map Ffordd y Portffolio
- Atodiad 4: Crynodeb o'r Portffolio
- Atodiad 5: Y Gofrestr Risg a Materion

Nododd EAG fod darparu adnoddau ar gyfer swyddfa'r portffolio a'r strwythur llywodraethu yn fater a oedd wedi'i godi yn y cyfarfod sicrwydd, a bod angen mwy o eglurder felly. Ychwanegodd fod angen eglurder oherwydd bod y Trysorlys wedi datgan ymrwymiad am 10 mlynedd. Ar hyn o bryd, mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi ymrwymo am 15 mlynedd.

Dyweddodd CM fod arwyddion cynnar yn dilyn yr adolygiad sicrwydd yn awgrymu bod strwythurau llywodraethu da ar waith, ac mai'r hyn oedd yn bwysig oedd ystyried sut y gallai'r pethau sydd ar waith gael eu gwella er mwyn sicrhau eu bod yn y sefyllfa orau i allu cyflawni. Gellid ymchwilio ymhellach i hynny pan fyddai'r adroddiad llawn wedi dod i law.

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Dyweddodd y Cadeirydd y dylid cyfeirio at gyllid yn y Gofrestr Risg. Byddai angen i'r Gofrestr Risg gael ei gweld yn rheolaidd ar lefel uchel, oherwydd roedd yna lawer o ansicrwydd ar hyn o bryd a allai ddylanwadu ar y dyfodol.

Roedd EAG yn cytuno, a nododd y byddai'n hollbwysig i'r aelodau a fyddai'n cymryd rhan yn dilyn yr etholiad gael trosolwg o'r Gofrestr Risg yn aml.

#### **PENDERFYNWYD**

1. Nodi cynnydd hyd yma
2. Nodi'r blaengynllun gwaith
3. Cymeradwyo Achos Busnes Strategol y Portffolio fersiwn 1.5, gyda diweddariadau i'r Achos Strategol a'r Achos Rheoli.

<b>5. RHAGLEN DDIGIDOL BTCC</b>
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Rhoddodd DO gyflwyniad PowerPoint i'r aelodau ar Achos Busnes y Rhaglen Ddigidol. Roedd y cyflwyniad yn ymdrin â'r pwyntiau canlynol:-

- Ceisio penderfyniad
- Cynnydd hyd yma
- Achos Busnes y Rhaglen (o safbwynt Strategol, Economaidd, Masnachol, Ariannol a Rheoli)
- Llywodraethu
- Camau nesaf

Nododd y Cadeirydd ei bod yn siomedig na fyddai Llywodraeth Cymru yn darparu cyllid ychwanegol ar gyfer band eang cymunedol.

Esboniodd DO fod Llywodraeth Cymru o'r farn mai Llywodraeth y DU ddylai ddarparu mwy o gyllid er mwyn sicrhau'r cysylltiadau, oherwydd nad oedd y mater wedi'i ddatganoli. Nodwyd bod ychydig o brosiectau wedi'u clustnodi er mwyn archwilio'r posibilrwydd o osod ffeibr ar draws y rhanbarth. Bydd bwrdd y rhaglen yn penderfynu maes o law pa brosiect ddylai gael ei symud yn ei flaen.

Mynegodd EAG siom ynghylch penderfyniad Llywodraeth Cymru, ond roedd yn deall nad oedd cyllid yr Undeb Ewropeaidd a ddefnyddiwyd yn flaenorol ar gael erbyn hyn.

O safbwynt signal ffôn symudol eglurodd DO fod Llywodraeth y DU, drwy'r Rhwydwaith Gwledig a Rennir, yn gweithio gyda'r pedwar prif ddarparwr rhwydwaith i sicrhau bod capasiti mastiau'n cael ei rannu. Ar y cyd, mae'r pedwar ddarparwr wedi buddsoddi £500 miliwn er mwyn sicrhau bod signal ffôn symudol ar gael yn ehangach. At hynny, mae Llywodraeth y DU wedi dyrannu £500 miliwn er mwyn adeiladu mastiau newydd yn ôl y gofyn i sicrhau bod signal ffôn symudol gwell i'w gael hefyd mewn ardaloedd gwledig ledled y DU. Yn dilyn hynny, bydd gan oddeutu 96-97% o ganolbarth Cymru signal ffôn symudol gan o leiaf un rhwydwaith. Mae Cyngor Sir Ceredigion yn cael ceisiadau cynllunio ar hyn o bryd ar gyfer datblygu mastiau, a phan fyddant wedi'u cymeradwyo bydd y gwaith adeiladu'n dechrau. Roedd DO ar ddeall bod mwy o bwerau wedi'u rhoi i osod mastiau yn y manau lle mae eu hangen, yn dilyn problemau gyda thirfeddianwyr.

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Mae DO ac ACH wedi bod yn trafod y sgiliau sy'n angenrheidiol o safbwynt darparwr, sut y mae darparwyr addysg lleol yn ystyried hynny a sut y byddant yn dechrau datblygu hyfforddiant a chysiau priodol i bobl yn yr ardal erbyn yr adeg pan fydd y gwaith adeiladu'n digwydd.

Dywedodd DO y byddai'r dogfennau yn egluro mai yn y Cyd-bwyllgor y byddai llywodraethu'n cael ei drafod.

#### **PENDERFYNWYD**

1. Nodi cynnydd a datblygiadau hyd yma gan ystyried y dogfennau a oedd ynghlwm ynglŷn â'r Rhaglen Ddigidol.
2. Mandadu camau i ddatblygu'n ffurfiol Achos Busnes y Rhaglen Ddigidol ymhellach, ac archwilio ymhellach y prosiectau posibl yn y rhaglen.
3. Mandadu camau i sefydlu Bwrdd ar gyfer y Rhaglen Ddigidol a sefydlu trefniadau llywodraethu ac adrodd priodol, gyda'r Grŵp Rheoli (Bwrdd y Portffolio).

### **6. LLYWODRAETHU**

Dywedodd CP fod nifer dda'n bresennol yng nghyfarfod y Cyd-bwyllgor Craffu Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru a gynhaliwyd ar 23 Chwefror 2022, ac nad oedd llawer o gwestiynau wedi'u codi ynglŷn â'r Cytundeb Rhwng Awdurdodau. Esboniodd fod cyflwyniad wedi'i roi ar Strategaeth Ynni Canolbarth Cymru. Ni chafwyd unrhyw argymhellion gan y Pwyllgor.

### **7. PARTNERIAETH SGILIAU RHANBARTHOL CANOLBARTH CYMRU**

Rhoddodd ACH ddiweddariad ynghylch cynnydd i'r aelodau. Roedd Swyddog Ymgysylltu â Chyflogwyr ar gael, a byddai adolygiad o adnoddau yn y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn cael ei gynnal ar ôl cael cadarnhad ynglŷn â'r cytundeb ariannu a'r Gofyniad yn Atodlen 2, a ddisgwylid yn ystod yr ychydig wythnosau nesaf.

O safbwynt yr adroddiad ar y cyd gan Reolwyr Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol a Data Cymru ynghylch Sgiliau Gwyrdd, rhoddodd Data Cymru gyflwyniad ar y fersiwn derfynol yng nghyfarfod Bwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol. Y gobaith yw y bydd yr adroddiad wedi'i gymeradwyo cyn diwedd mis Ebrill. Tan hynny, mae'n parhau yn gyfrinachol. Bydd yr adroddiad yn sail i'r Cynllun Gweithredu Sgiliau Sero Net a bydd yn cael ei rannu â Llywodraeth Cymru a phartneriaid maes o law.

Bydd cyfarfod yn cael ei gynnal â Llywodraeth Cymru yr wythnos nesaf ynghylch y Cynllun Cyflogadwyedd a Sgiliau. Yn dilyn hynny, bydd gan y Llywodraeth ragor o wybodaeth am ddisgwyliadau'r Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol ynghylch symud y cynllun yn ei flaen. Mae Sgiliau Digidol ar yr agenda a chaiff Rheolwyr y Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol eu gwahodd i Gyd-fforwm Sgiliau Digidol Llywodraeth Cymru. Mae Rheolwr Partneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol arall yn aelod o'r panel ond mae ACH mewn cysylltiad â'r cydweithiwr dan sylw. Eglurodd ACH ei bod hi a DO wedi bod yn trafod y clwstwr digidol a sut y bydd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn cyfrannu iddo.

Yn dilyn adolygiad, bydd tri grŵp clwstwr (Darparwyr Hyfforddiant, Busnesau a

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Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus). Bydd rhagor o waith yn digwydd ar ôl yr etholiadau. At hynny, bydd Grwpiau Gorchwyl a Gorffen Llywodraeth Cymru yn cael eu sefydlu er mwyn ehangu'r arbenigedd a sicrhau nad ydynt yn eu cyfyngu eu hunain i aelodau'r Partneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol. Bydd holiaduron Sgiliau Cyflogaeth yn cael eu hanfon yn fuan.

Mae Rhwydwaith Cyflogadwyedd Strategol Canolbarth Cymru, sef menter ar y cyd rhwng Partneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol Canolbarth Cymru a Thîm Ymgysylltu Rhanbarthol Canolbarth Cymru, wedi cynnal ei gyfarfod cyntaf. Bydd y cyfarfod nesaf a gynhelir ar ôl yr etholiadau yn ystyried pa gymorth pellach sy'n ofynnol ar gyfer y sawl y mae angen hyfforddiant, cyflogaeth neu entrepreneuriaeth arnynt.

Rhoddodd ACH gyflwyniad PowerPoint ar y Warrant i Bobl Ifanc.

Holodd EAG pwy oedd yn gyfrifol o safbwynt Llywodraeth Cymru.

Eglurodd ACP mai Vaughan Gething, Gweinidog yr Economi, oedd y prif bwynt cyswllt ynghyd ag Emma Edworthy a Meurig Thomas, ond roedden nhw wedi cael eu cyflwyno i waith Jeremy Miles, Gweinidog y Gymraeg ac Addysg, yr wythnos hon. Yno bydd Rheolwyr Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn cyfarfod â Meurig Thomas yr wythnos nesaf, a byddai cyfarfod arall yn nes ymlaen yn yr wythnos i drafod y Cynllun Cyflogadwyedd a Sgiliau. Y gobaith yw y bydd rhywfaint o eglurder yr wythnos nesaf ynghylch rolau Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol a'r modd y bydd elfennau gwaith yn cydgysylltu â'i gilydd. O safbwynt y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol a Phartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol Canolbarth Cymru, mae'r ddwy swyddfa leol a chydweithwyr yn y Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn cydgysylltu â'i gilydd pryd bynnag y bo'n bosibl.

Nododd EAG ei bod yn bwysig i'r Gweinidogion weithio mewn modd cydgysylltiedig er mwyn sicrhau bod pethau'n symud yn eu blaen i'r cyfeiriad cywir.

Nododd y Bwrdd yr adroddiad ynghylch Partneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol Canolbarth Cymru.

## **8. UNRHYW FATER ARALL**

Dymunodd y Cadeirydd yn dda i'r Cynghorydd Ellen ap Gwynn, Arweinydd Cyngor Sir Ceredigion, yn dilyn ei phenderfyniad i beidio â sefyll fel ymgeisydd yn yr etholiad sydd i ddod. Diolchodd y Cadeirydd iddi am ei chyfraniad a'i brwdfrydedd gyda Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru a materion eraill.

Diolchodd EAG i'r Cadeirydd am ei geiriau caredig a dymunodd yn dda i bawb gyda'r prosiect ac yn yr etholiadau lleol.

Ategodd y Cadeirydd sylwadau EAG. Diolchodd i'r swyddogion am baratoi'r adroddiadau ar gyfer cyfarfod heddiw.

## **9. DYDDIADAU CYFARFODYDD NESAF**

21 Mehefin 2022 – Rhithiol  
26 Medi 2022 – Rhithiol

**Y Cynghorydd Sir Rosemarie Harris  
Cadeirydd**



**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BWRDD TYFU CANOLBARTH CYMRU /  
GROWING MID WALES BOARD HELD BY ZOOM ON FRIDAY, 11 MARCH 2022**

**PRESENT**

**Ceredigion County Council Cabinet Members:**

Councillor Ellen ap Gwynn, Leader of Ceredigion County and Cabinet Member for Policy, Performance and Partnerships **(EAG)**

Councillor Dafydd Edwards, Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services, Housing and Customer Contact **(DE)**

Councillor Catrin Miles, Cabinet Member for Schools, Lifelong Learning and Skills, Support and Intervention **(CM)**

Councillor Rhodri Evans, Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration **(RE)**

Councillor Gareth Lloyd, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement Services and Public Protection Services **(GL)**

**Powys County Council Cabinet Members:**

Councillor Rosemarie Harris, Leader of Powys County Council **(RH) (Chair)**

Councillor Myfanwy Alexander, Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Welsh Language **(MA)**

Councillor Aled Davies, Portfolio Holder for Finance and Transportation **(AD)**

Councillor Phyl Davies, Portfolio Holder for Education and Property **(PD)**

Councillor Heulwen Hulme, Portfolio Holder for Environment **(HH)**

**Officers:**

Eifion Evans, Chief Executive, Ceredigion County Council **(EE)**

Elin Prysor, Corporate Lead Officer: Legal and Governance, Ceredigion County Council **(EP)**

Lowri Edwards, Corporate Lead Officer: Democratic Services, Ceredigion County Council **(LE)**

Stephen Johnson, Corporate Lead Officer: Finance and Procurement, Ceredigion County Council **(SJ)**

Arwyn Davies, Corporate Manager: Growth and Enterprise, Ceredigion County Council **(AD)**

Dr Caroline Turner, Chief Executive, Powys County Council **(CT)**

Nigel Brinn, Executive Director: Economy & Environment, Powys County Council **(NB)**

Clive Pinney, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, Powys County Council **(CP)**

Carwyn Jones-Evans, Strategic Manager, Mid Wales Growth Deal **(CJE)**

Cathy Martin, Operations Manager **(CM)**

Aggie Caesar-Homden, Partnership Manager - Mid Wales Regional Skills Partnership **(ACH)**

David Owen, Digital Programme Manager **(DO)**

Stacey-Jayne Oakham, Portfolio Analysis & Support Officer **(SO)**

<b>1.</b>	<b>CROESO AC YMDDIHEURIADAU / WELCOME AND APOLOGIES</b>
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No apologies were received.

<b>2.</b>	<b>DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT PERSONOL / DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST</b>
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There were no disclosures of personal/prejudicial interests.

<b>3.</b>	<b>COFNODION DRAFFT Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF / DRAFT MINUTES OF</b>
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## THE LAST MEETING 15/12/21

The minutes of the last meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

### 4. PORTFFOLIO BTCC / MWGD PORTFOLIO

CM provided members with an overview of the Quarter Progress Report circulated prior to the meeting. Reference was made to the following:

#### Final Deal Agreement (FDA)

The FDA was officially signed on the 13<sup>th</sup> of January and marks the commitment of all partners to deliver the Mid Wales Growth Deal.

#### Economic Advisory Group (EAG)

An EAG has been put in place and is led by Paul Griffiths. A number of representatives have been appointed and a meeting has been arranged for next week to introduce all officers, leaders and the growth deal itself.

#### Assurance Review

An assurance review of the portfolio by the Welsh Government has been held this week and a number of interviews were done as part of the process. A draft report will follow in due course.

#### Inter-Authority Agreement

Version 3 of the Inter-Authority Agreement has been approved by both Local Authority cabinets in January 2022 and subsequently signed by all parties. Within the agreement, there are various terms of reference to governance and management arrangements. Following a review of the GMW Management Group, this has now been divided into 2 parts - Part 1: GMW Management Group (Growth Deal Portfolio Board) to ensure a more focused approach to Growth Deal matters, and Part 2: GMW Management Group (Regional Collaboration) to cover wider regional discussions.

- Appendix 1: Strategic Portfolio Business Case v1.5
- Appendix 2: Assurance & Approvals Overview
- Appendix 3: Portfolio Roadmap
- Appendix 4: Portfolio Summary
- Appendix 5: Risk & Issue Register

EAG noted the resourcing of the portfolio office and the governance structure was raised at the assurance meeting, therefore, greater clarity was required. She added that clarity was needed as the Treasury had stated the commitment was for 10 years. The Welsh Government currently remains committed for 15 years.

CM reported that early indications following the assurance review suggest there were good governance structures in place and it was about looking at how things put in place could be improved to ensure they were in the best position for delivery. This could be looked into further once they received the full report.

The Chair stated funding should be referred to on the risk register. The risk register would need to be seen regularly at a high level, as there were many

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uncertainties at present that could have a bearing on the future.

EAG agreed and noted it would be critical for members involved following the election to have an overview of the risk register often.

### **RESOLVED**

1. Note progress to date
2. Note forward work plan
3. Approve the Strategic Portfolio Business Case v1.5 with updates to the Strategic and Management Cases

<b>5. RHAGLEN DDIGIDOL BTCC / MWGD DIGITAL PROGRAMME</b>
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DO gave a PowerPoint presentation to the members on the Digital Programme Business Case. The presentation focused on the following points:-

- Decision Sought
- Progress to date
- Programme Business Case (Strategic, Economic, Commercial, Financial & Management case)
- Governance
- Next Steps

The Chair noted it was disappointing that the Welsh Government would not provide additional funding for community broadband.

DO explained that Welsh Government's view was that the UK Government should provide more funding to ensure the connections were made, as the matter was not devolved. It was noted that a few projects had been identified to explore placing fibre across the region. A decision will be made by the programme board in due course on which project to progress.

EAG expressed disappointment in the Welsh Government's decision but understood that European Union funding used previously was no longer available.

In terms of mobile phone signal, DO clarified that the UK Government, through the Shared Rural Network, are working with the 4 main network providers to ensure the sharing of mast capacity. Collectively, the 4 providers have invested £500 million to expand on the availability of mobile coverage. In addition, the UK Government have allocated £500 million to build new masts as required to ensure rural areas throughout the UK have an increase in coverage too. Following this, approximately 96-97% of Mid-Wales will have coverage from at least one network. Ceredigion County Council are currently receiving planning applications for the development of masts and once approved, the builds will commence. From his understanding, increased powers had been granted to install masts where required following issues with landowners.

DO and ACH have discussed the skills needed from a provider's perspective, how local education providers view this and how they will start to develop appropriate training and courses for people in the area for when the builds happen.

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DO stated it would be clarified in the documents that governance would be discussed in the Joint Committee.

### **RESOLVED**

1. To note progress and developments to date with consideration of the documentation attached in relation to the Digital Programme.
2. To mandate the further formal development of the Digital Programme Business Case and further exploration of the potential projects within the programme.
3. To mandate the establishment of a Digital Programme Board and appropriate governance and reporting arrangements with the Management Group (Portfolio Board).

<b>6.</b>	<b>LLYWODRAETHU / GOVERNANCE</b>
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CP reported that a Growing Mid Wales Joint Scrutiny Committee held on 23 February 2022 was well attended and not many questions were raised with the Inter-authority Agreement. He explained that a presentation was given on the Mid-Wales Energy Strategy. There were no recommendations from the committee.

<b>7.</b>	<b>PARTNERIAETH SGILIAU RHANBARTHOL / MW REGIONAL SKILLS PARTNERSHIP</b>
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ACH provided members with a progress update. An Employer Engagement Officer was in place and a review of the resources within the RSP would be done once there was a confirmation of the funding agreement and Requirement in Schedule 2 which was expected in the next few weeks.

In terms of the joint report by RSP Managers and Data Cymru on Green Skills, the final version was presented at the RSP Board Meeting by Data Cymru. The report will hopefully be signed off before the end of April and until then, it remains confidential. The report will form a basis for the Net Zero Skills Action Plan and will be shared with Welsh Government and partners in due course.

A meeting will be held next week with Welsh Government regarding the Employability and Skills Plan. Following this, they will have further information on the expectations of the RSP to move it forward. Digital Skills is on the agenda and the RSP Managers are invited to Joint Welsh Government Digital Skills Forum. Another RSP Manager sits on the panel but ACH is in contact with the colleague. ACH clarified that she and DO have spoken about the digital cluster and how the RSP will feed into it.

Following a review, there will be 3 cluster groups (Training Providers, Businesses & Public Services). Further work will take place post-election. In addition, Welsh Government Task and Finish Groups will be set up to expand on the expertise and to ensure they were not limiting themselves to RSP membership. Employment Skills questionnaires will be sent soon.

Mid Wales Strategic Employability Network, a joint venture between the Mid Wales Regional Skills Partnership and the Mid Wales Regional Engagement Team have held their first meeting. The next meeting held following the election will look at what further support is required for those in need of

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training, employment or entrepreneurship.

ACH presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Young Person Guarantee.

EAG queried who was responsible from the Welsh Government's perspective.

ACP clarified Vaughan Gething, Minister for Economy has been the main point of contact along with Emma Edworthy and Meurig Thomas but they had been introduced to the work of Jeremy Miles, Minister for Education and Welsh Language this week. Their RSP Managers will meet with Meurig Thomas next week and there would be another meeting later in the week to discuss the Employability and Skills Plan. Hopefully, there will be some clarity next week regarding the roles of RSPs and how the work will link up. In terms of RSP and Mid Wales RSP, the 2 local offices and RSP colleagues are linking up where possible.

EAG noted it was important for the ministers to work in a joined-up way to ensure things were progressing in the correct direction.

The Board noted the report on the MW Regional Skills Partnership.

<b>8.</b>	<b>UNRHYW FATER ARALL / ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>
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The Chair wished Councillor Ellen ap Gwynn, Leader of Ceredigion County Council well following her decision not to stand for re-election. The Chair thanked her for her contribution and enthusiasm with the Growing Mid Wales Board and with other matters.

EAG thanked the Chair for her kind words and wished all involved the best with the project and in the local elections.

The Chair echoed EAG's comments. She thanked the officers for preparing the reports for today's meeting.

<b>9.</b>	<b>DYDDIADAU CYFARFODYDD NESAF / DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS</b>
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21 June 2022 – Virtual  
26 September 2022 – Virtual  
12 December 2022 – Virtual

**County Councillor Rosemarie Harris**  
**Chair**

Mae'r dudalen hon wedi'i gadael yn wag yn fwriadol



# BARGEN TWF CANOLBARTH CYMRU MID WALES GROWTH DEAL

Growing Mid Wales Board

21 June 2022

Carwyn Jones-Evans, Paul Griffiths and Cathy Martin

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# The journey to date

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2019-2020

- **ENGAGEMENT:** Regional workshops & Consultation - business breakfasts and workshops held
- **EVIDENCE:** Economic baselining - regional strategic priority forming
- **STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Mapping governance, learning from other regions

2020

- **STRATEGY:** Vision for Growing Mid Wales published
- **GOVERNANCE:** Early Board arrangements established + private sector advisory group (ESG)
- **ASSURANCE:** Project Validation Review (PVR) undertaken
- **MILESTONE:** Heads of Terms agreed with UK and Welsh Governments

2021

- **STRATEGY:** Strategic Portfolio Business Case developed
- **PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT:** Early programme and project proposals scoped
- **GOVERNANCE:** Board formally established, including Regional Skills Partnership
- **RESOURCING:** Portfolio Management Office established
- **ASSURANCE:** Accounting Officer Review (AOR) undertaken, and Action Plan developed

2022

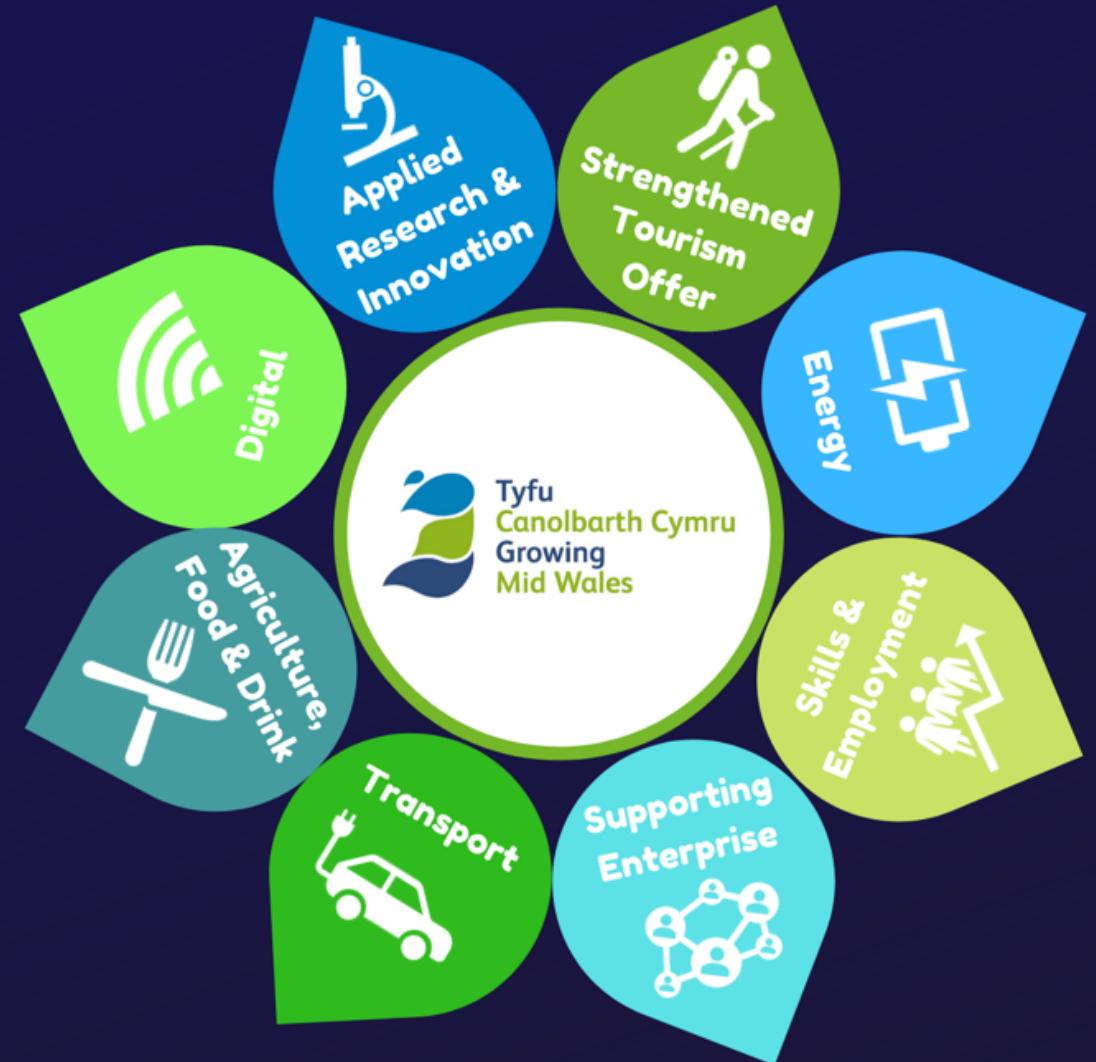
- **MILESTONE:** Final Deal Agreement signed committing £110m of funding from UK and Welsh Governments (total)
- **GOVERNANCE:** Evolved to “delivery-ready” structures
- **PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT:** Programme /Project Business Cases developed
- **ASSURANCE:** Portfolio Assurance Review (PAR) undertaken, and Action Plan developed; AOR Actions progressed.

# Vision for Growing Mid Wales

- ▶ Strategy (Vision for Growing Mid Wales) - sets out 8 key strategic growth priorities/themes.
- ▶ Each theme has its own strategic aims (identified from engagement and consultation) e.g. labour market development, supporting market growth, direct intervention.
- ▶ Not all interventions are suitable for Growth Deal fundable (nor should they be):
- ▶ MWGD Strategic Portfolio therefore is oriented and informed by wider strategy, which:
  - ▶ Ensures Growth Deal investments are targeted on the appropriate interventions
  - ▶ Ensures alignment with wider Portfolios in region
  - ▶ Creates a wider investment framework - that can evolve.

## Our Strategic Growth Priorities

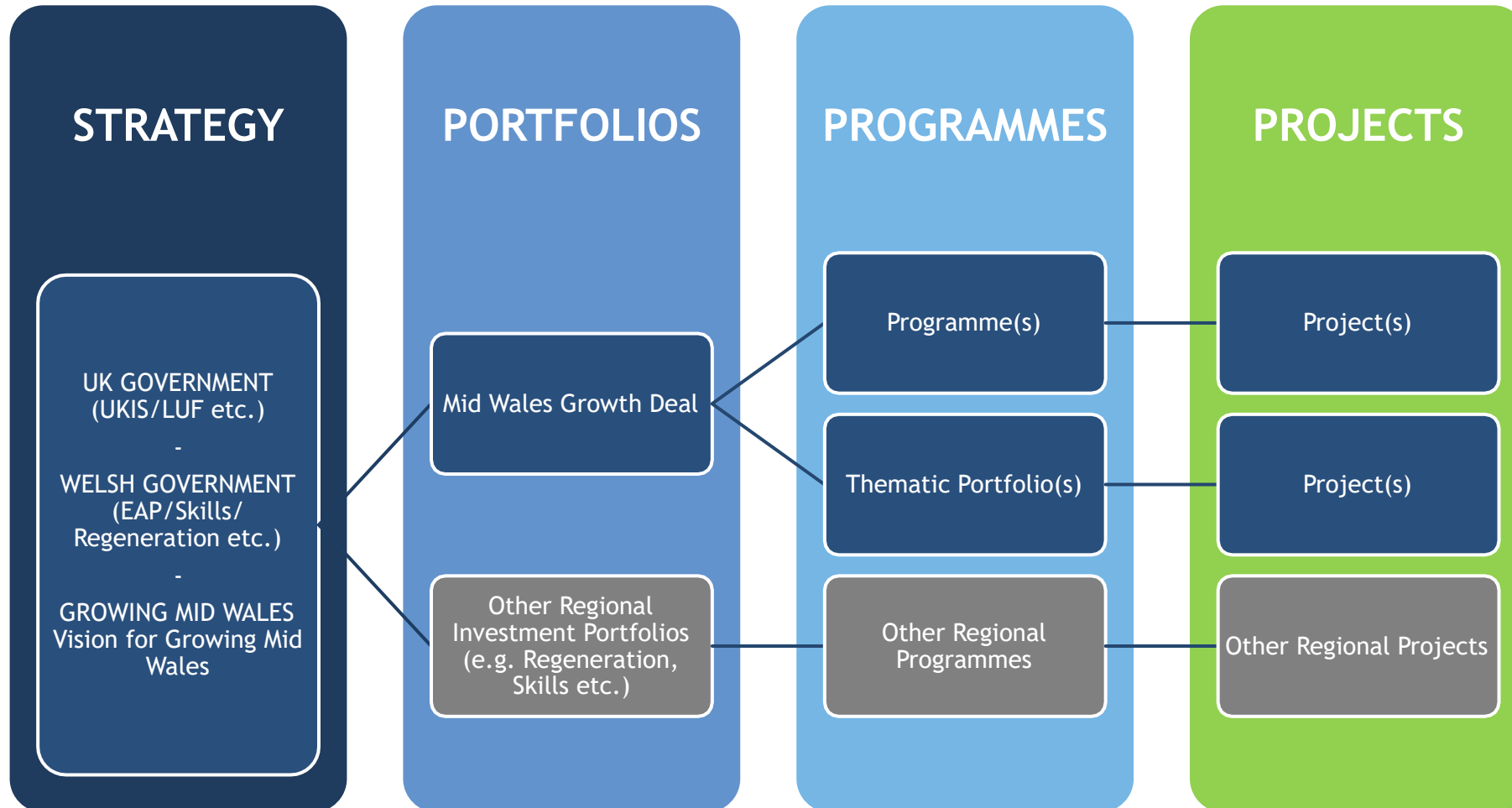
“An enterprising and distinctive region delivering economic growth driven by innovation, skills, connectivity and more productive jobs supporting prosperous and bilingual communities”



# MWGD - Strategic Portfolio Business Case

- ▶ Scoped and planned as a Portfolio from the beginning:

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# Strategic Portfolio

## ▶ Investment Objectives:

- ▶ To create between 1,100 and 1,400 net new jobs in Mid Wales through the Growth Deal by 2032
- ▶ To support a net additional GVA uplift of between £570 million and £700 million for the Mid Wales Economy through the Growth Deal by 2032
- ▶ To deliver a total investment of £280 million to £400 million in the Mid Wales Economy through the Growth Deal by 2032 (therefore a minimum of £170 million in private sector investment).

## ▶ Business needs:

- ▶ Lagging productivity
- ▶ Changing demographics
- ▶ Narrow and vulnerable economic base
- ▶ Projected employment decline
- ▶ Static and weakening labour market
- ▶ Inadequate infrastructure
- ▶ The hidden nature of a rural economy

# Strategic Portfolio

## ▶ Opportunities:

- ▶ **Attract and develop industries that drive regional productivity, earnings and employment growth** - capitalising on the strengths of our research, industrial and skilled assets.
- ▶ **Attract and unlock private sector investment** within the Region by ensuring the right environment for growth.
- ▶ **Position Mid Wales as a rural powerhouse** that develops existing industrial strengths to generate new industrial and employment opportunity.
- ▶ **Reduce outward migration and retaining a skilled workforce** through industry-led employment and skills support combined with clear employment pathways.
- ▶ **Utilise Growth Deal investments to influence and catalyse further investments** and policy changes to ensure equitable, inclusive growth across the whole region, positioning the Growth Deal as a core component within wider regional economic recovery efforts.

# Strategic Portfolio - in context

## UK & Welsh Government Policy

### Objectives:

Competitiveness & Growing Industry

Stronger, Greener Economy

Economic Wellbeing

Innovation & Productivity

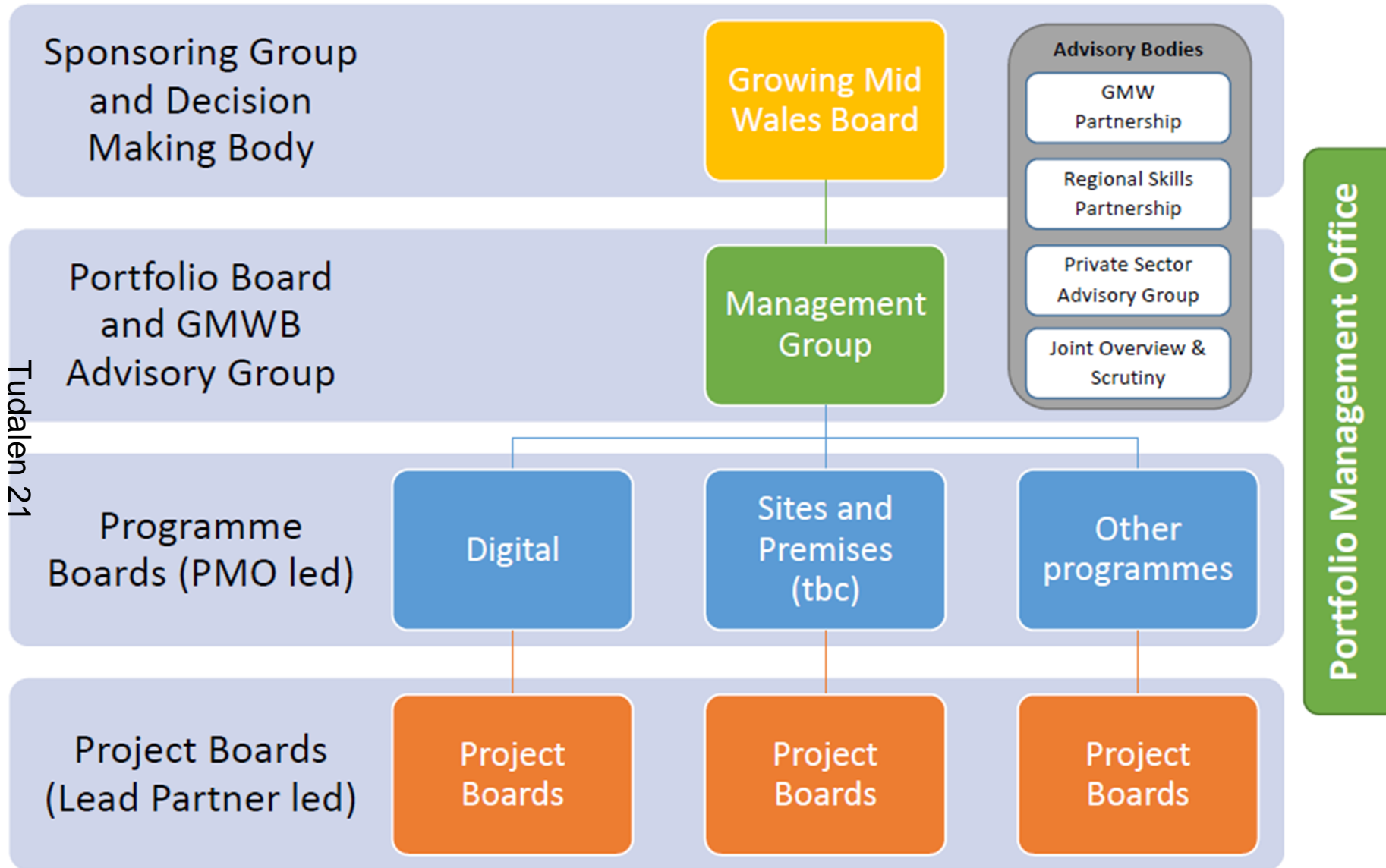
Net Zero, Climate Change

Tackling Inequality & Inclusive Growth

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	Applied Research & Innovation	Agriculture, Food & Drink	Energy	Digital	Strengthened Tourism Offer	Skills & Employment	Supporting Enterprise	Transport
<b>Regional Activity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SQW Applied R&amp;I Study - industry engagement</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Centre Wales + RWAS + wider sector development</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mid Wales Energy Strategy</li> <li>• Work with the WG energy service</li> <li>• Advisory Group being established</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional working &amp; collaboration (town centre Wi-fi / regeneration)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourism Forum</li> <li>• Partnership working &amp; collaboration</li> <li>• Visit Wales/GMW research study with industry</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regional Skills Partnership</li> <li>• Regional Skills Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business support</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TraCC</li> </ul>
<b>MWGD Interventions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Green Innovation Park</li> <li>• National Spectrum Centre</li> <li>• Mid Wales Advanced Manufacturing Campus</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Food Manufacturing Innovation Centre</li> <li>• Canolfan Tir Glas /Academy of Contemporary Food</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None at present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Digital Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cynefin - the Green Heart of Wales</li> <li>• Elan Valley Lakes</li> <li>• Montgomery Canal Wales - Restoration to Navigation</li> <li>• Aberaeron Harbour</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None at present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sites and Premises Programme</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not within scope at present</li> </ul>

# Governance



# Forward work plan

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Spring  
2022

- **ASSURANCE:** Portfolio Assurance Review - undertaken and Action Plan developed
- **GOVERNANCE:** Implementing new arrangements to prepare for delivery + Economic Advisory Group established
- **PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT:** Approval by Board to establish Digital Programme Board and continue development of Business Case
- **PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT:** Projects developing Strategic Outline Business Cases
- **STRATEGIC PLANNING:** Portfolio Development Roadmap & Approvals and Assurance Process mapped out
- **STRATEGY:** Draft Private Sector Investment Strategy developed

Summer  
2022

- **STRATEGY:** First iteration of Private Sector Investment Strategy finalised
- **GOVERNANCE/ENGAGEMENT:** Economic Advisory Group underway - shape PSIS and input into Business Case reviews
- **PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT:** Programme and Projects better scoped & Business Cases progressing through regional governance
- **STRATEGY:** Strategic Portfolio Business Case - further review with more definition based on updated Business Cases
- **RESOURCING:** Further recruitment to Portfolio Management Office

Autumn  
2022

- **PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT:** Further projects progressing through regional governance
- **PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT:** Portfolio review & refinement; Update/pipeline where necessary
- **PORTFOLIO DEVELOPMENT:** Progress with development of Sites & Premises Programme
- **ASSURANCE:** Planned annual assurance of updated Strategic Portfolio Business Case
- **MILESTONE:** Agree action plan with WCGIB on pathway to funding release

Winter  
2022/23

- **MILESTONE:** Funding release - terms and requirements to be agreed between WCGIB/Region
- **RESOURCING:** Review resource requirements of Portfolio Management Office and ensure Portfolio is progressing as planned
- **ASSURANCE:** Progress actions from assurance review findings/recommendations
- **GOVERNANCE:** Continue to review and ensure governance is fit for purpose



# Business Case Appraisal Timeline (Indicative)



Mae'r dudalen hon wedi'i gadael yn wag yn fwriadol



**ADRODDIAD I FWRDD TYFU CANOLBARTH CYMRU**  
**21 Mehefin 2022**

TEITL:	Bargen Twf Canolbarth Cymru - Adroddiad ynghylch Cynnydd y Chwarter
AWDUR:	Cathy Martin, Rheolwr Gweithrediadau – Bargen Twf Canolbarth Cymru

**1 Diben yr adroddiad**

Diben yr adroddiad yw cyflwyno'r canlynol:

- Adroddiad Chwarter 4 y Fargen Twf (Ionawr - Mawrth)
- Templed ar gyfer Arfarnu Achosion Busnes
- Amserlen ar gyfer Arfarnu Achosion Busnes
- Cofrestr Risg a Materion y Portffolio

**2 Penderfyniad(au) a geisir**

- 2.1 Nodi'r cynnydd hyd yn hyn
- 2.2 Nodi'r blaengynllun gwaith

**3 Cefndir ac ystyriaethau perthnasol**

- 3.1 Bydd yr aelodau'n gwybod bod Bargen Twf Canolbarth Cymru wedi cyflawni Cytundeb Terfynol y Fargen Twf ym mis Ionawr 2022. Mae rhaglenni a phrosiectau'r Portffolio yn mynd trwy gyfnodau cynnar eu datblygiad ar hyn o bryd.
- 3.2 Bwriedir asesu ac adolygu'r cynigion hyn yn yr haf, fel bod y Bwrdd yn gallu adolygu'r canlyniad yn yr hydref. Bydd hynny'n arwain at Achos Busnes Portffolio wedi'i ddiweddarau a fydd yn sail i ryddhau'r cyllid cyfalaf, fel y cynlluniwyd, ym mis Ebrill 2023.
- 3.3 Mae'r papur hwn yn rhoi adroddiad ynghylch y cynnydd a wnaed hyd yn hyn ac mae'n egluro'r camau nesaf o ran symud y Fargen Twf ymlaen yn gyflym.

**4 Cynnydd o ran y Fargen Twf**

Y Grŵp Cyngori Economaidd

- 4.1 Ar ôl cynnal cyfweiliadau â'r cyn-arweinwyr, sefydlwyd y Grŵp Cyngori Economaidd gyda 5 cynrychiolydd o'r sector preifat. Cynhaliwyd cyfarfod rhagarweiniol cychwynnol o'r grŵp hwn ym mis Mawrth gydag amryw aelodau'r

tîm ac uwch-reolwyr. Mae cynllun gwaith yn cael ei ddatblygu er mwyn gweld sut y gallant gyfrannu i'r Fargen Twf. Mae Paul Griffiths yn parhau i arwain y gwaith hwn ar ran Cyngor Sir Powys, sy'n gweithredu fel Ysgrifenyddiaeth i'r grŵp.

Adolygiad Sicrwydd y Portffolio (PAR/Gate 0)

- 4.2 Cafodd yr adolygiad ei gynnal rhwng 8 ac 11 Mawrth gan dîm adolygu annibynnol allanol (a benodwyd gan y Llywodraeth). Roedd yr adolygiad yn golygu adolygu dogfennau'r Fargen Twf a chyfweld amryw aelodau o staff, uwch-reolwyr, arweinwyr yr Awdurdodau Lleol a gweision sifil yn y ddwy Lywodraeth, yn ogystal ag Uchelgais Gogledd Cymru (Bargen Twf Gogledd Cymru) – cyfanswm o 15 cyfweiliad i gyd. Mae adroddiad wedi dod i law sy'n rhoi'r Portffolio yn y categori Oren yn gyffredinol ac sy'n cynnig arweiniad a nifer o argymhellion i'w gweithredu.
- 4.3 Dylid nodi y cydnabyddir yn eang bod y ffaith bod y Portffolio wedi'i roi yn y categori Oren yn ystod y cam hwn yn ei ddatblygiad yn sefyllfa dda i fod ynddi.
- 4.4 Roedd yr adroddiad yn cydnabod bod Bargen Twf Canolbarth Cymru yn symud yn ei blaen yn dda gyda'i pharatoadau ar gyfer cyflawni, a bod strwythur llywodraethu sydd wedi'i sefydlu yn dda ac sy'n gweithredu yn dda eisoes ar waith ynghyd â Swyddfa Rheoli'r Portffolio.
- 4.5 Pan gynhaliwyd yr adolygiad, roedd strwythurau cyflawni a systemau rheoli manwl wrthi'n cael eu datblygu. Bydd angen cwblhau'r rhain a'u rhoi ar waith wrth i gwmpas rhaglen gyflawni ac amserlenni'r Portffolio aeddfedu (mae hynny bellach wedi dechrau).
- 4.6 Canfu Tîm yr Adolygiad ei bod yn ymddangos ar hyn o bryd bod cyflawni'n llwyddiannus yn bosibl ond bod angen i reolwyr roi sylw i rai materion er mwyn sicrhau bod y Portffolio mewn sefyllfa dda i ddechrau'r cam cyflawni pan fydd y cyllid cychwynnol wedi'i sicrhau.
- 4.7 Cafodd Bargen Twf Canolbarth Cymru ei chanmol am y modd y mae wedi mabwysiadu'r hyn a ddysgwyd gan Fargeinion Twf eraill, o ran trefnu ei strwythurau fel Portffolio o'r dechrau, sy'n caniatáu hyblygrwydd o safbwynt y rhaglenni a'r prosiectau y mae'n eu cyflwyno i'w cyflawni. Nododd yr adroddiad fod tîm ymroddedig a brwdfrydig yn ei le a bod y strwythur llywodraethu wedi'i sefydlu yn dda.
- 4.8 Dyma'r prif faterion y mae angen i reolwyr roi sylw iddynt:
  - Dod i benderfyniad ynghylch rôl Arweinydd y Portffolio
  - Datblygu Strategaeth Fuddsoddi ar gyfer y Sector Preifat
  - Mireinio'r strwythur llywodraethu ac adrodd er mwyn hwyluso gwneud penderfyniadau'n gynt
  - Cynllunio capasiti a sgiliau ar gyfer y cam cyflawni
  - Egluro'r amserlenni ar gyfer cael y llythyr cynnig cyllid cyntaf.

- 4.9 Mae Cynllun Gweithredu wedi'i ddatblygu ar gyfer yr Uwch-berchnogion Cyfrifol, er mwyn sicrhau bod yr argymhellion yn cael sylw. Caiff hwn ei fonitro gan y Grŵp Rheoli a'r Uwch-berchnogion Cyfrifol.

Recriwtio (Swyddfa Rheoli'r Portffolio)

- 4.10 Mae gwaith i greu tîm medrus wedi hen ddechrau.
- 4.11 Mae'r broses o recriwtio Swyddog Cyfathrebu wedi'i chwblhau (a phenodiad llwyddiannus wedi'i wneud) yn ddiweddar ac mae ymgyrch yn mynd rhagddo i recriwtio Rheolwr Rhaglen er mwyn symud y Rhaglen Safleoedd ac Eiddo yn ei blaen (y dyddiad cau ar gyfer cyflwyno ceisiadau yw 30 Mai).
- 4.12 At hynny, mae yna gyfle i gael cyllid gan Lywodraeth Cymru i dalu'n llawn am rôl Swyddog Ynni a fydd yn canolbwyntio ar ddatblygu'r Cynlluniau Gweithredu Ardal Leol ar gyfer Ceredigion a Phowys. Mae gwaith yn mynd rhagddo i fanteisio ar y cyfle hwn; mae disgrifiad swydd wedi'i ddrafftio ac mae'r swydd yn mynd trwy'r broses werthuso cyn iddi gael ei hysbysebu, yn amodol ar gael cadarnhad o'r cyllid.

Diweddariad ariannol

- 4.13 Cafodd yr hawliad diweddaraf am gyllid grant Cronfa Gymdeithasol Ewrop (sy'n darparu'r rhan fwyaf o'r cyllid refeniw ar gyfer Swyddfa Rheoli'r Portffolio) ei gyflwyno ar 20 Mai 2022 ar gyfer y cyfnod o Chwefror 21 i Ebrill 22. Roedd yr hawliad yn werth £65,870, ac mae cyfanswm o £197,000 wedi'i hawlio hyd yn hyn o gymharu â'r ffigur o £793,000 a ragwelwyd. Mae hynny'n golygu tanwariant o £496,000 sydd, fel yr adroddwyd yn flaenorol, wedi digwydd yn bennaf oherwydd yr oedi wrth recriwtio swyddogion i Swyddfa Rheoli'r Portffolio, o gymharu â'r dyddiadau a ragwelwyd yn wreiddiol yn y cynnig.
- 4.14 Mae papur ar wahân yn cael ei gyflwyno ynghylch proffilio'r gyllideb ar gyfer 2022/23.

**5 Strategaeth Fuddsoddi ar gyfer y Sector Preifat**

- 5.1 Mae Llywodraeth Cymru a Llywodraeth y DU wedi gofyn i Fargen Twf Canolbarth Cymru, a'r Bargeinion Dinesig a'r Bargeinion Twf eraill sydd yng Nghymru, ddrafftio Strategaeth Fuddsoddi ar gyfer y Sector Preifat. Nod y Strategaeth hon yw amlinellu'r egwyddorion a'r dull gweithredu ar gyfer denu buddsoddiad ym mhrosiectau'r Fargen Twf, ochr yn ochr â chyllid y Fargen Twf, er mwyn darparu pecyn mwy cynhwysfawr o fuddsoddiad yn y rhanbarth.
- 5.2 Mae cyllid y Fargen Twf yn gyllid hirdymor ac yn gyllid cyfalaf yn unig – ac mae'r broses o ddatblygu achos busnes yn sicrhau bod prosiectau'n gorfod dangos eu cryfder o ran manteision posibl a'u potensial i ddenu cyllid arall.
- 5.3 Bydd hon yn ddogfen lefel uchel a fydd yn esblygu gydag amser ac a fydd, o bosibl, yn rhan o Achos Busnes y Portffolio ac yn cael ei diweddarau'n flynyddol yn rhan o'r broses sicrwydd flynyddol.
- 5.4 Mae drafft cynnar o'r Strategaeth wrthi'n cael ei ddatblygu ac mae swyddogion yn ceisio eglurder gan y ddwy Lywodraeth ynghylch eu disgwyliadau, cyn

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ymgyngori â'r Grŵp Cynghori Economaidd a'r Aelodau a llunio fersiwn derfynol o'r ddogfen.

## 6 Datblygu Rhaglen – Digidol

- 6.1 Yn dilyn cyfarfod Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru ar 11 Mawrth, lle cymeradwywyd sefydlu Bwrdd y Rhaglen Ddigidol a datblygu Achos Busnes y Rhaglen ymhellach, cynhaliwyd cyfarfod cychwynnol Bwrdd y Rhaglen ar 7 Ebrill 2022.
- 6.2 Cafodd y cyfarfod ei gynnal ar ffurf sesiwn gweithdy, a chafwyd cyflwyniadau gan Reolwr y Rhaglen Ddigidol a'r Ymgynghorwyr Digidol sydd wedi cynorthwyo i ddatblygu Achos Busnes y Rhaglen.
- 6.3 Nod y cyfarfod cychwynnol hwn oedd sicrhau bod yr aelodau'n gyfarwydd â'r gwaith sydd wedi digwydd hyd yn hyn, eu bod yn gwybod beth yw amcanion y Rhaglen a'u bod yn cael trosolwg o'r modd y caiff yr amcanion hynny eu cyflawni.
- 6.4 Mae ail gyfarfod Bwrdd y Rhaglen Ddigidol wedi'i gynnal erbyn hyn hefyd. Bu'r sesiwn honno'n canolbwyntio ar y Model Blaenoriaethu Prosiectau sydd wedi'i ddatblygu er mwyn symud cyfleoedd posibl yn eu blaen, a chynnig cyfle i'r aelodau adolygu'r rhestr hir.
- 6.5 Caiff cyfarfodydd dilynol eu cynnal yn fisol er mwyn sicrhau bod y broses hon yn symud yn ei blaen. Bydd aelodau Bwrdd y Rhaglen yn penderfynu pa brosiectau y dylid eu gweithredu, er mwyn bodloni'r amcanion o ran buddsoddi mewn seilwaith digidol a chyfrannu at gyflawni amcanion buddsoddi'r Portffolio.
- 6.6 Gofynnir i Grŵp Rheoli Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru a Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru gynnal trosolwg o'r penderfyniadau hynny a chynnig sicrwydd yn eu cylch er mwyn helpu gyda chysondeb ac alinio ar draws y Portffolio, gan gyflawni rôl werthfawr o safbwynt cael adborth beirniadol i roi prawf ar benderfyniadau a rhesymeg a'u herio.

## 7 Datblygu Rhaglen – Safleoedd ac Eiddo

- 7.1 Y brif her gyda'r Rhaglen Safleoedd ac Eiddo oedd y capasiti i symud y gwaith yn ei flaen. Ar ôl cwblhau'r adolygiad 3 cham o safleoedd ac eiddo yn llwyddiannus, mae angen gwneud gwaith manwl yn awr sy'n benodol i safle, a hynny ar gyfer pob safle a nodwyd.
- 7.2 Mae proses recriwtio'n mynd rhagddi er mwyn recriwtio Rheolwr Rhaglen i arwain y gwaith ac, os bydd y broses yn llwyddiannus, y bwriad yw cael rhywun yn y swydd erbyn mis Medi.
- 7.3 Mae trafodaethau'n parhau gyda'r Llywodraeth ynghylch cael cyllid posibl i gynorthwyo gyda'r gwaith datblygu pellach er mwyn symud y rhaglen yn ei blaen.

## 8 Datblygu Prosiectau

- 8.1 Cyfarfu swyddogion ar 8 Ebrill i drafod statws cyfredol y prosiectau, yn enwedig o safbwynt datblygu Achos Amlinellol Strategol, a thrafod cwestiynau/materion

cyffredin sy'n codi o brosiectau ac unrhyw feysydd sy'n peri pryder.

- 8.2 Cytunwyd y dylid cyflwyno Achosion Amlinellol Strategol (lle bo'n berthnasol) erbyn diwedd mis Mehefin. Cydnabuwyd nad yw rhai prosiectau wedi'u datblygu i'r un graddau â phrosiectau eraill, ac na fyddai felly'n briodol disgwyl iddynt gyflwyno Achos Amlinellol Strategol ar hyn o bryd. Fodd bynnag, byddai disgwyl iddynt ddarparu diweddariad.
- 8.3 Cafodd materion penodol eu nodi yn ystod y drafodaeth:
- **Costau** – mae costau adeiladu'n cynyddu a chafwyd adroddiadau bod dyfynbrisiau'n ddilys am gyfnod o 30 diwrnod yn unig a'u bod yn cynyddu wedi hynny. Felly, mae'n anodd i brosiectau ragweld costau'n gywir, a gallai hynny effeithio ar y sefyllfa o ran y cyllid sy'n cael ei geisio gan y Fargen Twf ac unrhyw gyllid cyfatebol.
  - **Cyllid cyfatebol** – nid yw rhai prosiectau wedi nodi ffynonellau eraill o gyllid eto. Er nad yw'n hanfodol bod cyllid cyfatebol wedi'i gadarnhau yn ystod cam yr Achos Amlinellol Strategol, rydym yn disgwyl i brosiectau fod yn ystyried opsiynau.
  - **Ffosffadau** – ceir pryderon y bydd y parthau ym Mhowys a Cheredigion yn cyfyngu ar gynigion datblygu neu'n eu llesteirio. Mae'r ddau Awdurdod wrthi'n rhoi sylw i'r mater hwn. Mae'r perygl y gallai'r parthau gael eu hymestyn i gynnwys ardaloedd daearyddol ehangach yn bryder hefyd. Bydd dod o hyd i ateb i'r broblem/mesurau lliniaru yn allweddol fel na fydd y mater hwn yn rhwystro prosiectau rhag symud yn eu blaen.
- 8.4 Mae rhai prosiectau'n cael arian cyhoeddus arall, e.e. arian Ffyniant Bro, felly mae angen iddynt fod yn glir ynghylch yr ychwanegedd y bydd cyllid y Fargen Twf yn ei gynnig a sut y caiff budd ei briodoli. Cyfrifoldeb y prosiectau, trwy eu hachosion busnes, yw dangos y bwlch o ran cyllid er mwyn dadlau'r achos dros gael cyllid cyhoeddus, y gallu i ddenu buddsoddiad gan y sector preifat a'r effaith y bydd eu prosiect yn ei chael ar economi ehangach y rhanbarth.

## 9 Arfarnu Achosion Busnes

- 9.1 Bydd Swyddfa Rheoli'r Portffolio yn arwain y broses arfarnu'n annibynnol ar y ddau Awdurdod Lleol. Bydd cymorth allanol ar gael (Hatch Ltd – a fu'n cynorthwyo gyda'r broses o ddatblygu Achos Busnes y Portffolio) a fydd yn darparu cymorth a mewnbwn technegol. Bydd y broses hon yn arwain at ddiweddarau Achos Busnes y Portffolio dros yr haf – sy'n ofynnol gan y Llywodraeth (mae gofyn i Achos Busnes y Portffolio gael ei ddiweddarau'n rheolaidd, bob blwyddyn).
- 9.2 Mae fframwaith arfarnu wedi'i ddatblygu, a fydd yn arfarniad ar y cyd o'r achosion busnes gan ddefnyddio Templed Arfarnu Achosion Busnes (gweler Papur 4.3). Bydd pob aelod o'r tîm adolygu yn ymdrin ag adran benodol yn seiliedig ar eu profiad yn y maes hwnnw, ac wedi hynny bydd yr adolygiadau'n cael eu llunio, cyn dod i gonsensws.
- 9.3 Bwriedir defnyddio system goleuadau traffig ar gyfer pob adran, ac yna cytuno

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ar gategori cyffredinol. Wedi hynny caiff crynodeb o Arfarniad yr Achos Busnes ei gyflwyno, i'r Grŵp Rheoli yn y lle cyntaf, i'w adolygu ynghyd â'r Achosion Busnes, ac yna caiff yr argymhellion eu cyflwyno i gyfarfod cyfleus nesaf Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru.

- 9.4 Yn ddiweddar, cafwyd trafodaeth â'r swyddog arweiniol o Is-adran Strategaeth y Seilwaith, a Sicrwydd, Llywodraeth Cymru er mwyn egluro'r broses ar gyfer cynnal adolygiadau sicrwydd ffurfiol y Llywodraeth o'r achosion busnes. Yn yr un modd â'r adolygiad sicrwydd diweddar o'r Portffolio, mae hwn yn gyfle i gynnal adolygiad annibynnol o achosion busnes prosiectau a rhaglenni.
- 9.5 Mae angen sawl dogfen cyn y gellir comisiynu'r adolygiadau (Aseidiadau Proffil Risg a Chynlluniau Integredig Sicrwydd a Chymeradwyo); mae'r rhain yn cael eu cynllunio a byddant yn sicrhau bod y 'cynnyrch' sicrwydd priodol yn cael ei ddefnyddio. Ar ôl iddynt gael eu cytuno, mae'r adolygiadau yn cymryd tua 12 wythnos i'w cynllunio, felly mae angen ystyried hynny wrth lunio'r amserlen ar gyfer arfarniadau a chyflwyno gwybodaeth i'r Bwrdd. Gweler Papur 4.4 Amserlen ar gyfer Arfarnu Achosion Busnes.
- 9.6 At hynny, trafodwyd hyfforddiant 'dosbarth meistr' ar gyfer Uwch-berchnogion Cyfrifol a benodwyd. Caiff hwn ei ddarparu'n rhad ac am ddim gan Lywodraeth Cymru dros gyfnod o 2 hanner diwrnod. Bydd angen i'r hyfforddiant gael ei gyflawni ar lefel Portffolio, Rhaglen a Phrosiect.

## 10 Cofrestr Risg a Materion y Portffolio

- 10.1 Gweler Papur 4.5 ar gyfer y Gofrestr Risg a Materion wedi'i diweddarau sydd i'w hystyried.

## 11 Goblygiadau cyfreithiol

- 11.1 Nid oes goblygiadau cyfreithiol yn codi o'r adroddiad hwn.

## 12 Goblygiadau o ran adnoddau dynol

- 12.1 Ymgynghorwyd â Chyngor Sir Powys a Chyngor Sir Ceredigion ynghylch recriwtio i'r swyddi a grybwyllir uchod.

## 13 Goblygiadau ariannol

- 13.1 Nid oes goblygiadau ariannol yn codi o'r adroddiad hwn. Darperir adroddiad ar wahân ynghylch cyllid.





## **REPORT TO THE GROWING MID WALES BOARD**

**21<sup>st</sup> June 2022**

<b>TITLE:</b>	Mid Wales Growth Deal Quarter Report
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### **1 Purpose of the Report**

The purpose of the report is to present the following:

- Quarter 4 (January-March) Growth Deal report
- Business Case Appraisal Template
- Business Case Appraisal Timeline
- Portfolio Risk and Issue Register

### **2 Decision(s) Sought**

- 2.1 Note progress to date
- 2.2 Note forward work plan

### **3 Background and Relevant Considerations**

- 3.1 Members will be aware that the Mid Wales Growth Deal achieved Final Deal Agreement (FDA) in January 2022. The Portfolio of Programmes and Projects are currently progressing through their early development phases.
- 3.2 Assessment and review of those proposals are planned for the Summer, with the Board able to review the outcome in the Autumn. This will lead to an updated Portfolio Business Case, that will underpin the unlocking of the capital funding, as planned, in April 2023.
- 3.3 This paper provides a report on the progress to date and sets out the next stages in taking the Growth Deal forward at pace.

### **4 Growth Deal Progress**

#### Economic Advisory Group (EAG)

- 4.1 Following interviews with the former Leaders, the Economic Advisory Group was established with 5 representatives from the private sector. An initial introductory meeting of this group was held in March with various members of the team and senior management. A work plan is being developed regarding how they can input into the Growth Deal. Paul Griffiths continues to lead on this work on behalf of Powys County Council as the group's Secretariat.

Portfolio Assurance Review (PAR/Gate 0)

- 4.2 Held 8th to 11th March and undertaken by an external independent review team (appointed by Government). This involved reviewing Growth Deal documentation and interviewing various members of staff, senior management, local authority Leaders, and civil servants in both Governments, along with Ambition North Wales (North Wales Growth Deal) – in total 15 interviews. A report has been received, giving an overall Amber rating, and there are a number of recommendations and guidance from this report to take forward.
- 4.3 It should be noted that an Amber rating for the Portfolio at this stage of its development is widely acknowledged to be in a good position.
- 4.4 The report acknowledged that the Mid Wales Growth Deal is progressing well with its preparations for delivery and that there is already a well-established and functioning governance structure and a Portfolio Management Office.
- 4.5 At the time of the review, detailed delivery structures and controls were in development, these will need to be completed and put in place as the Portfolio matures its delivery programme scope and timelines (this is now underway).
- 4.6 The Review Team found that successful delivery appears feasible at this stage but there are issues that require management attention in order to ensure that the Portfolio is in a good position to start the delivery phase once initial funding has been secured.
- 4.7 The Mid Wales Growth Deal was commended for the way that it has adopted learning from other growth deals in terms of setting up its structures as a Portfolio from the beginning, allowing flexibility in terms of the programmes and projects it brings forward for delivery. The report stated that there is a committed and enthusiastic team in place and the governance structure is well established.
- 4.8 The key issues that require management attention are:
- Resolution of the Portfolio Lead role
  - Development of a Private Sector Investment Strategy
  - Refinement of the Governance Structure and reporting to facilitate faster decision making
  - Capacity and skills planning for the delivery phase
  - Clarification of the timescales to achieving the first funding offer letter.
- 4.9 An Action Plan has been developed for the SROs, to ensure that the recommendations are addressed. This will be monitored by the Management Group and SROs.

Recruitment (Portfolio Management Office)

- 4.10 Work to build a capable team is well underway.
- 4.11 Recruitment has just completed for a Communications Officer (with a successful appointment made) and there is a live campaign for a Programme

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Manager to take forward the Sites and Premises Programme (closing date for applications 30<sup>th</sup> May).

- 4.12 In addition, there is the opportunity for Welsh Government funding to fully cover an Energy Officer role focusing on the development of the Local Area Action Plans for Ceredigion and Powys. This opportunity is currently being pursued with a job description drafted and going through job evaluation prior to advertising, subject to confirmation of funding.

Financial Update

- 4.13 The latest claim for European Social Fund (ESF) grant funding (which provides the majority of revenue funding for the Portfolio Management Office) was submitted 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 covering the period February 21 to April 22. The value of the claim was £65,870 with a total claim to date of £197k against a forecast of £793k. This leaves an underspend of £496k which, as previously reported, is mainly due to delay in the recruitment to the Portfolio Management Office against the original anticipated dates in the bid.
- 4.14 A separate paper is being tabled regarding budget profiling for 2022/23.

## **5 Private Sector Investment Strategy**

- 5.1 Welsh and UK Government have requested that the Mid Wales Growth Deal, as well as the other Welsh City and Growth Deals, draft a Private Sector Investment Strategy. The aim of this Strategy is to outline the principles and approach to attracting investment in Growth Deal projects alongside the Growth Deal funding to provide a more comprehensive package of investment into the region.
- 5.2 Growth Deal funding is long-term, and capital only – with the business case development process ensuring that projects have to demonstrate their strength of potential benefits and funding leverage potential.
- 5.3 This will be a high-level document that will evolve over time and will potentially be a component of the Portfolio Business Case and updated annually as part of the annual assurance process.
- 5.4 An early draft of the strategy is in development, and officers are seeking clarity from Governments as to their expectations, before consulting with the Economic Advisory Group and Members, and finalising the document.

## **6 Programme Development - Digital**

- 6.1 Following GMW Board on 11th March, where approval was granted for the establishment of the Digital Programme Board and mandated the further development of the Programme Business Case, the inaugural Programme Board meeting was held on 7th April 2022.
- 6.2 Run as a workshop style session, presentations were provided by both the Digital Programme Manager and the Digital Consultants who have provided support in developing the Programme Business Case.
- 6.3 The aim of this initial meeting was to familiarise members with the work that

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has taken place to date, to make members aware of the objectives of the programme and to provide an overview of how these aims will be achieved.

- 6.4 The second Digital Programme Board meeting has now also taken place. This session focused on the Project Prioritisation Model that has been developed to progress possible opportunities, and to undertake a review of the long list by members.
- 6.5 Subsequent meetings will take place on a monthly basis to ensure the progression of this process. Programme Board members will determine which projects should be brought to fruition to meet the digital infrastructure investment objectives and contribute to the achievement of the Portfolio investment objectives.
- 6.6 Both the GMW Management Group and the GMW Board will be asked to provide oversight and assurance of those decisions to support consistency and alignment across the Portfolio, providing a valuable role in ensuring critical feedback to test and challenge decisions and rationale.

## **7 Programme Development - Sites and Premises**

- 7.1 The key challenge with the Sites and Premises programme has been capacity to take the work forward. Following successful completion of the 3 stage review of sites and premises, there now needs to be detailed site-specific work at each identified site.
- 7.2 Recruitment is ongoing for a programme manager to lead the work, and subject to a successful outcome – will look at filling the post by September.
- 7.3 Discussions are ongoing with Government regarding potential funding to support the further development work to take the programme forward.

## **8 Project Development**

- 8.1 Officers met on 8th April to discuss the current status of the projects particularly in terms of Strategic Outline Case (SOC) development, along with common questions/issues from projects and any areas of concern.
- 8.2 A deadline was agreed for submission of SOC's (where applicable) by the end of June. It was acknowledged that some projects are at an earlier stage in their development therefore it would not be appropriate to expect a SOC at this stage, however an update would be expected.
- 8.3 From the discussion certain issues were identified:
  - **Costs** – construction costs are escalating and there have been reports of quotes only being valid for 30 days and subsequently increasing. Therefore, it is difficult for projects to accurately forecast, and this could impact the position regarding Growth Deal ask and match funding.
  - **Match funding** – some projects have not yet identified other sources of funding. Although at SOC stage it is not essential to have match confirmed, we are expecting projects to be looking at options.

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- **Phosphates** – there are concerns that the zones in Powys and Ceredigion will inhibit/hinder development proposals. This issue is being actively looked at by both Authorities. The risk of a widening of any zones to cover wider geographies is also a concern. Finding resolution/mitigation will be key so that projects are not prohibited from proceeding.

8.4 Some projects are in receipt of other public funds, e.g. Levelling Up, therefore they need to be clear on the additionality that Growth Deal funding will bring and how benefits are attributed. The onus is on the projects via their business cases to demonstrate the funding gap to make the case for public funding, the ability to leverage private sector investment and the impact that their project will have on the wider economy of the region.

## **9 Business Case Appraisals**

- 9.1 The Portfolio Management Office will lead on the appraisal process independently of both Local Authorities. External support (Hatch Ltd – who supported the Portfolio Business Case development) will provide technical support and input. This process will lead to a refresh of the Portfolio Business Case over the summer – which is a Government requirement (the Portfolio Business Case is required to be updated regularly, annually).
- 9.2 An appraisal framework has been developed, which will undertake a combined appraisal of the business cases using a Business Case Appraisal Template (see Paper 4.3). Each member of the review team will cover a particular section based on their experience in that area and subsequently the reviews will be compiled, and a consensus agreed.
- 9.3 A RAG rating is proposed for each section with an overall rating agreed. Subsequently a Business Case Appraisal summary will be presented, initially to the Management Group for review along with the Business Cases and recommendations then presented to the next available meeting of the GMW Board.
- 9.4 A recent discussion has taken place with the lead from Welsh Government's Infrastructure Strategy, and Assurance Division to clarify the process for undertaking formal Government assurance reviews of the business cases. Similar to the recent assurance review of the Portfolio, this provides an independent review of the programme and project business cases.
- 9.5 Several documents are required before the reviews can be commissioned (Risk Profile Assessments and Integrated Assurance and Approval Plans) which are being planned and will ensure that the appropriate assurance 'product' is applied. Once agreed, the reviews take circa 12 weeks to plan therefore this needs to be factored into the timeline for appraisals and presentation to the Board. See Paper 4.4 Business Case Review Timeline.
- 9.6 In addition, 'masterclass' training for appointed Senior Responsible Owners was discussed which is provided free of charge by Welsh Government and takes place over 2 half days. This will need to be undertaken at a Portfolio, Programme and Project level.

**10 Portfolio Risk and Issue Register**

10.1 See Paper 4.5 for the updated Portfolio Risk and Issue Register for consideration.

**11 Legal Implications**

11.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

**12 Human Resources Implications**

12.1 Both Powys and Ceredigion County Councils have been consulted with regards to the recruitment of the posts referred to above.

**13 Financial Implications**

13.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report. A separate finance report is provided.

# Business Case Appraisal Framework

## Strategic Outline Case: Key criteria and Checklist

The Portfolio Management Office will lead on the appraisal process independently of both Local Authorities with external technical support provided by Hatch Ltd – who supported the Portfolio Business Case development. This checklist is intended to guide the appraisals of Strategic Outline Cases (SOCs) for candidate projects for the Mid Wales Growth Deal. As part of the production of the initial Portfolio Business Case for the Growth Deal, candidate projects produced outline concept documents, which the Growing Mid Wales partnership used to assess their suitability for inclusion in the initial portfolio.

Since then, the projects have been tasked with producing full SOC. These need to be critically reviewed, in order to inform recommendations for their further development for Growth Deal funding.

The purpose of a SOC is to detail the outcome of the scoping phase of a project. It should make the case for change and provide a sense of the “preferred way forward.”

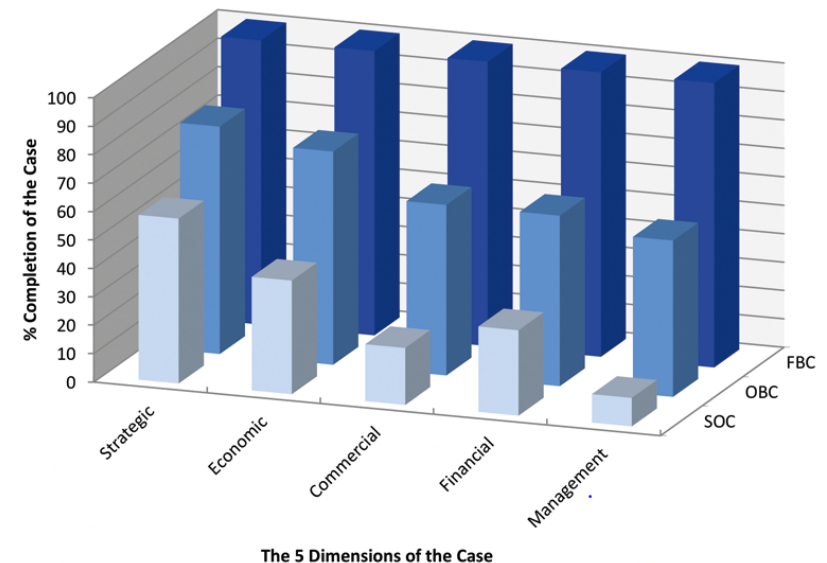
In the classic business case development process, the SOC is the first of three stages. If a proposal progresses from the SOC stage it moves to develop an Outline Business Case (OBC), in which the scheme is planned and assessed in detail. The final stage in the process is the Full Business Case (FBC), in which the project moves towards procurement.

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Essentially, this three-stage process ensures that review points are built in as the project is developed, enabling detail to be fleshed out over time with assurance that key criteria have been met. As the official guidance diagram opposite illustrates, this means that the detail within the Five Cases is built up steadily. At the SOC stage, it is anticipated that, indicatively, the Strategic Case is around 60% developed; the Economic Case 40% developed; and the remaining Cases are at a much lower level as the detail will not have been worked up yet. These points should be borne in mind when carrying out SOC reviews. The review needs to be proportionate to the SOC stage and the SOC should be providing enough detail to inform a decision on whether the project should proceed to OBC stage. This means that most of the focus will be on the strategic and economic cases.

The checklist below is intended to guide the SOC reviews, with some detailed criteria to consider. The overarching questions that guide the more detailed criteria in the table are essentially as follows (with more of an emphasis on 1 and 2 at this stage):

1. ***Does the project have a clear strategic fit with the Growth Deal and the Vision for Growing Mid Wales?***
2. ***Is there evidence it will deliver value for money for the Growth Deal funding?***
3. ***Is the project attractive to the supply side and feasible?***
4. ***How will the project be funded and is it affordable for the organisation(s) concerned?***
5. ***Is it clear how the project will be delivered and managed?***



<b>Business Case Appraisal Framework</b>				
<b>Key review criteria</b>	<b>Main evidence/detail required</b>	<b>RAG rating</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at OBC stage (specify); no action needed</i></b>
<b>Strategic Case – Rationale for the project</b>				
<b>Has a workshop /discussion with stakeholders been undertaken?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evidence on workshop and attendance</li> </ul>			
<b>Is the proposal clearly aligned to the objectives of the Growth Deal and wider strategies and policies at Welsh/UK level?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reference to relevant sections of Vision for Growing Mid Wales/Portfolio Business Case and explanation</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Reference to relevant UK, Wales and local strategies and explanation</li> </ul>			
<b>Are there clear spending objectives?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Are they set at an appropriate level and SMART:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Specific</li> <li>➤ Measurable</li> <li>➤ Achievable</li> <li>➤ Relevant</li> <li>➤ Timely</li> </ul> </li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Will it make a clear and measurable contribution to the Growth Deal objectives and targets?</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Are they supported by stakeholders and customers – evidence (e.g. from workshop)</li> </ul>			



Business Case Appraisal Framework				
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<b>Is there a clear case on the need and demand for:</b> <b>a) the project</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of relevant issues/opportunities/demand/barriers (e.g. economic, sectoral, market evidence); this may include direct evidence from the private sector, including letters of support where relevant.</li> </ul> <p><b>Note: At SOC stage these factors may not be fully evidenced but there should be a clear strategic story and a route to completing this evidence at OBC</b></p>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Does it clearly address the business needs identified in the PBC?  <i>[Note these are: low productivity; declining/older population; narrow/vulnerable economic base; projected employment decline; static/weakening economic base; market failure; hidden nature of rural economy. See PBC for detail]</i></li> </ul>			
<b>b) public sector funding for the project?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence of <b>market failure</b> driving the need for government investment</li> <li>Evidence or ideas on what would happen in the event of no intervention (linking to Do</li> </ul>			

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	Nothing/Reference Case in Economic Case)			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evidence that other funding sources have been considered/exhausted and hence a need for Growth Deal funding</li> <li>▪ Evidence of private sector leverage</li> </ul>			
<b>Is the proposed project scope clear and appropriate?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clarity on the organisation that is delivering the project, and any partners</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clarity on the project scope and what the funding is paying for</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Clarity on how the project scope addresses the identified business needs</li> </ul>			
<b>Is there a well thought out theory of change/logic model?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Logic model/ToC diagram setting out baseline conditions, project objectives, inputs, activities, outputs, and outcomes/impacts</li> <li>▪ Clear accompanying explanation running throughout Strategic Case</li> </ul>			
<b>Is there evidence of community/ stakeholder support?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Evidence of support and involvement from specific</li> </ul>			

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	organisations including private sector if relevant			
<b>Have the main benefits been clearly defined and are they comprehensive?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline of key benefits and beneficiaries, with clear link to the project objectives and project scope, and clear link to programme level benefits</li> </ul>			
<b>Are they measurable?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Split of benefits into monetised, non-monetised, indirect</li> </ul>			
<b>Are they realistic, given the scope of the investment?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline of how the benefits will be achieved/by whom/by when and how will they be measured/monitored</li> </ul>			
<b>Do they clearly link back to the project objectives and business needs?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Definition of appropriate baselines</li> </ul>			
<b>Have the main risks been identified and are they appropriate?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Different categories of risk identified</li> <li>Mitigations identified at this stage if possible</li> </ul>			
<b>Have the key constraints and dependencies been identified?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assessment of constraints and dependencies</li> </ul>			
<b>Overall summary commentary: Strategic Case</b>				

<b>Business Case Appraisal Framework</b>				
<b>Key review criteria</b>	<b>Main evidence/detail required</b>	<b>RAG rating</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at OBC stage (specify); no action needed</i></b>
<b>Economic case – Is it value for money?</b>				
<b>Has a workshop /discussion with stakeholders been undertaken?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Evidence on workshop and attendance</li> </ul>			
<b>Have critical success factors been identified and are these appropriate?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prioritised Critical Success Factors that align with the Better Business Case guidance and are tailored to the project</li> </ul>			
<b>Have a wide range of options been considered as part of the long list?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use of feasibility study/workshop to determine options</li> </ul>			
<b>Are these appropriate in light of the CSFs and project objectives?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presentation of a long list of options using the options framework filter (scope, solution, delivery, implementation, funding)</li> <li>SWOT analysis of long list with reference to CSFs</li> </ul>			
<b>Has an appropriate shortlist of options been identified and is</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clear statement on the shortlist to be examined at OBC stage</li> </ul>			

<b>Business Case Appraisal Framework</b>				
<b>Key review criteria</b>	<b>Main evidence/detail required</b>	<b>RAG rating</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at OBC stage (specify); no action needed</i></b>
<b>it clear how this has been arrived at?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Minimum of 3-5 options including (at least including do nothing/BAU, do minimum and potentially do maximum)</li> </ul>			
<b>Has a shortlist of options been subjected to robust analysis?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indicative BCR /NPV if possible, based on indicative costs and benefits.</li> </ul>			
<b>Overall summary commentary: Economic Case</b>				
<b>Commercial Case – Is it viable?</b>				
<b>Has the procurement strategy been considered?</b>	<p>Does the Commercial case identify the procurement approach, and ensure alignment with legislation (Public Contracts Regulation and Subsidy Control)?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has any consideration been given to the capacity of the supply side to deliver the required services?</li> </ul>			
<b>Is it appropriate?</b>				
<b>Does the strategy align to Mid Wales procurement strategy?</b>				

<b>Business Case Appraisal Framework</b>				
<b>Key review criteria</b>	<b>Main evidence/detail required</b>	<b>RAG rating</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at OBC stage (specify); no action needed</i></b>
<b>Overall summary commentary: Commercial Case</b>				
<b>Financial case – Is it affordable?</b>				
<b>Key review criteria</b>	<b>Main evidence required</b>			
<b>Is the solution affordable?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How will business case development costs be funded?</li> <li>How will the project be funded? What other sources of funding have been identified and what stage are they at (application/secured)?</li> </ul>			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>How are ongoing operational costs of the project being funded?</li> <li>Is there any sense at this stage on how the project will be sustainable over time after the initial Growth Deal capital funding?</li> </ul>			
<b>Overall summary commentary: Financial Case</b>				

## Business Case Appraisal Framework

Key review criteria	Main evidence/detail required	RAG rating	Commentary	Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at OBC stage (specify); no action needed</i>
<b>Management Case - How will it be delivered?</b>				
Is the project sponsor (delivery organisation) and any partners clear? And do they have the appropriate capacity and capability to manage and deliver the project?				
Are the governance and management arrangements clear and satisfactory?				
Have the relevant risks been identified?				
<b>Overall summary commentary: Management Case</b>				

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<b>Business Case Appraisal Framework</b>				
<b>Key review criteria</b>	<b>Main evidence/detail required</b>	<b>RAG rating</b>	<b>Commentary</b>	<b>Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at OBC stage (specify); no action needed</i></b>
<b>ADDITIONAL SECTION - NOT PART OF 5 CASE BUSINESS MODEL</b>				
<b>Decarbonisation Agenda:</b>				
<b>Has the Project Carbon Categorisation Form been completed?</b> <b>What was the outcome?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carbon Categorisation Form</li> <li>• Identification of actions or benefits</li> </ul>			
<b>Alignment with Net Zero Wales</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Evidence of consideration of decarbonisation agenda</li> <li>• Other considerations e.g. procurement, visitors, supplies</li> </ul>			
<b>Overall summary commentary: Decarbonisation Agenda</b>				



Business Case Appraisal Framework				
Key review criteria	Main evidence/detail required	RAG rating	Commentary	Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at OBC stage (specify); no action needed</i>

The Appraisal checklist will be completed by each member of the review team who will focus on a particular section based on their experience in that area. Subsequently the reviews will be compiled, and a consensus agreed regarding an overall RAG rating and any actions required.

The RAG rating will be based on the following:

- **Green** - good strategic fit, may need some areas further developed/addressed at Outline Business Case stage
- **Amber** - recommend approve to Outline Business Case subject to certain areas/actions being addressed
- **Red** – poor strategic fit, various issues/concerns. Recommendation either to revise SOC for reconsideration or if serious concerns consider appropriateness for inclusion in Portfolio.

Subsequently a Business Case Appraisal summary will be presented, initially to the Management Group for review along with the Business Cases and recommendations then presented to the next available meeting of the GMW Board.

In addition to the review team assessment, formal Government assurance reviews of the business case will need to be undertaken providing an independent review. Further documents are required before the reviews can be commissioned (Risk Profile Assessments and Integrated Assurance and Approval Plans) which will ensure that the appropriate assurance ‘product’ is applied.

Once agreed, the reviews take circa 12 weeks to commission and plan.

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# MWGD Business Case Appraisal Timeline (Indicative)



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Risk ID	Type R or I	Date Risk Identified	Risk Name	Risk Category	Risk Description	Risk Owner	Risk Rating		
							L	I	T
GMW10	I	Dec-19	Financial Resourcing to deliver Growth Deal	Financial	Failure from partners to agree budget contributions to ensure resourcing of PoMO and associated activity, e.g. accountable body functions, throughout duration of Growth Deal.	Joint Committee	3	4	12
GMW11	R	Dec-19	Financial Borrowing Requirements	Financial	Failure to identify and agree LA and partner borrowing requirements.	Joint Committee	2	4	8
GMW13	I	Feb-20	Skills Thematic Development	Resource	Skills strategic growth priority area/workstream needs resource to shape.	Joint Committee	3	4	12
GMW14	R	Sep-20	Management of Stakeholder Engagement	Engagement	Lack of stakeholder engagement resulting in a failure to identify and address concerns or issues and consider opinions, leading to stakeholders feeling unvalued, uncommitted and with a lack of confidence in the work programme.	Joint Committee	4	3	12
GMW15	R	Sep-20	Poor Communications	Communications	Poor communication regarding development and delivery of Growth Deal Portfolio resulting in lack of awareness and buy-in from businesses, stakeholders, public.	Management Group	3	4	12

<b>GMW16</b>	<b>I</b>	Sep-20	Sufficient resources to develop and deliver Portfolio	Resource	Lack of resources / capacity / capability (multi-faceted across the portfolio and both at programme and project level). This includes resources of local authorities to support project sponsors.	Management Group	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>GMW17</b>	<b>R</b>	Sep-20	New working practices	Delivery	Covid-19 impacts on culture and new ways of working, such as health and wellbeing, difficulties in collaboration.	Joint Committee	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>GMW19</b> Tudalen	<b>R</b>	Sep-20	Financial Profile	Financial	Detailed delivery profile not yet known therefore difficult to ascertain GD funding requirements. Potential implications for financing (e.g. borrowing).	Management Group	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>GMW21</b> 22	<b>R</b>	Sep-20	Portfolio Match Funding	Financial	Private Sector/Public Sector Finance match Funding is not as forthcoming after effects of Covid/Brexit/higher inflation on economy and other competing draws on limited funds i.e from Levelling Up Funds.	Management Group	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>GMW30</b>	<b>R</b>	Dec-21	Growth Deal Funding Period	Financial	UK and Welsh Governments allocating their share of the £110 million over different time periods. 10/15 years	Joint Committee	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>GMW31</b>	<b>R</b>	Feb-22	Scrutiny arrangements	Assurance	Failure to establish effective scrutiny arrangements	Joint Committee	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>

GMW32	I	Feb-22	SRO Assignment	Governance	Changes to the SRO position are required following FDA therefore there is the need to clarify roles and responsibilities to ensure appropriate support for the PoMO.	GMW Board	4	4	16
GMW33	R	Feb-22	Annual Performance Review Process	Assurance	Clarification is required around the process for annual performance review to ensure adequate planning and preparation (basic information provided).	Management Group	3	4	12
GMW34	R	Feb-22	EAG Work Programme	Assurance	Failure to agree a suitable work programme for the new EAG to be an effective strategic challenge and support function for the Growth Deal throughout its implementation phase.	Joint Committee	3	4	12
GMW35	R	Feb-22	Growth Deal Implementation Plan	Delivery	Failure to define and agree programmes and projects.	Joint Committee	2	4	8
GMW36	I	Feb-22	Digital Programme Development	Resource	Resource required to take the Digital Programme forward, e.g. staff, funding.	Joint Committee	4	5	20
GMW37	I	Feb-22	Sites & Premises Programme Development	Delivery	Resource required to undertake Sites & Premises options assessment and develop a Programme Business Case.	Joint Committee	4	5	20
GMW38									

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Mitigation Actions	Action Owner	Action Due Date	Residual Rating			Status	Comments
			L	I	T		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Clear financial records and budget forecasting</li> <li># Clearly defined outline of funding gaps and potential contributions/contributors</li> <li># Agree value for money criteria</li> <li># Agreement of pathway to secure additional budget contributions from partners</li> <li># Agreement between partners/LAs outlining contributions</li> </ul>	SROs	Thru 2022	2	2	4	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># 2021/22 financial reconciliation undertaken and budget profiling drafted for 2022/23</li> <li># Local authority contributions for 2022/23 agreed at £100k per LA in addition to match funding contributions towards costs under ESF P5 agreement</li> <li># No firm commitments from either LA for 23/24 onwards. Loss of EU funding post 2023 will require additional support from LAs. Options being explored to top-slice GD capital.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Identify and prioritise projects into short, medium and long term funding model</li> <li># LAs &amp; Partner CFOs to produce indicative costs and funding mechanisms for consideration of JC</li> </ul>	Lead S151	Thru 2022	1	2	2	O	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Risk will need revisiting by S151/SRO in Jan 2023 – when updated delivery/spend profile is known in updated Portfolio Business Case.</li> <li># Significant work required to model capital cashflow and financing models.</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Both LAs need to consider this agenda and alignment with Regional Skills Partnership discussions and how this workstream develops.</li> </ul>	SROs	Summer 2022	2	3	6	O	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Engagement with Private Sector Advisory Group.</li> <li># Utilise Regional Engagement Team</li> <li># Engagement through Partnership meetings/ Management Group Regional Collaboration meetings</li> <li># Identify and arrange meetings with relevant parties as appropriate and provide written records</li> </ul>	SROs	Summer 2022	3	3	9	O	# PSAG work plan being developed
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Appointment of Communications Officer.</li> <li># GMW Communications Sub-group to develop Comms plan.</li> <li># Identify comms opportunities e.g. publications, social media</li> <li># Develop GMW newsletter</li> </ul>	Operations Manager/ Comms Sub Group	Apr-22	2	3	6	M	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li># Recruitment underway for Communications Officer post</li> <li># Comms plan developed/regular Comms Sub-Group meetings held</li> <li># Exploring opportunities with Business New Wales/RWAS, Eisteddfod including brochure and event presence</li> <li># Newsletter to be developed as part of BNW contract</li> </ul>



<p># Delivery of training.  # Robust recruitment process.  # Identify possible sources of support including funding.  # PoMo to provide workshops to clarify requirements.  # Identify issues at an early stage and formulate a plan to address.  # Corporate accountability for resolving.</p>	Operations Manager	Apr-22	4	4	16	O	<p># Regular meetings commenced April 22 with LA project leads  # Workshop for project sponsors in early stages of development</p>
<p># Efficient use of online facilities  # Regular meetings and communications  # Establish wider working groups  # Access to support mechanisms</p>	SROs	Thru 2022	3	3	9	P	<p># GMW team continue to work on-line  # Weekly team meetings being held to discuss work programmes/issues  # Informal T@3 held every Friday as part of wellbeing approach</p>
<p># Update Strategic Portfolio Business Case to incorporate updated information from projects and programmes.  # Detailed Programme and Project planning – in close consultation with Accountable Body on options. <i>A/so see GMW11</i></p>	SROs/ Operations Manager	Summer 2022	3	4	12	O	<p># SPBC update being planned</p>
<p># Engagement with Programme and Project Boards.  # Sharing knowledge of other public sector funding streams  # Engagement with Private Sector Advisory Group.  # Private Sector Investment Strategy</p>	SROs	Summer 2022	3	3	9	P	<p># Private Sector Investment Strategy drafted and being reviewed to include by PSAG</p>
<p># Close focus on financial projections to manage funding resource which may not be as high as expected.  # Explore options to flex match funding to counter funding awards.</p>	SROs/ Accountable Body	Thru 2022	3	3	9	O	
<p># SROs to regularly review and agree work plan with Joint Overview &amp; Scrutiny Sub-Committee  # Democratic Support Services to ensure work plan is communicated and meeting preparation is undertaken in advance</p>	SROs	Summer 2020	2	2	4	M	<p># JOSSC meetings commenced Feb 22, work plan agreed for initial meetings.</p>

<p># Clarification of roles and responsibilities in taking the Growth Deal into delivery phase.</p> <p># Clarification of time commitment and support mechanisms.</p> <p># Agreement on SRO appointments (to include Deputy SRO).</p>	CEOs	Mar-22	2	2	4	O	
<p># Detailed clarification provided by WGCIB on process and timescales.</p>	SROs/ Operations Manager	May-22	2	3	6	O	NOTE: this was an action in the PAR for April 22
<p># Induction process to be arranged by GD Adviser with input from PoMO</p> <p># Work programme to be developed by xx</p> <p># Mechanisms for engaging with GD approvals and assurance developed.</p> <p># Continual relationship management arranged.</p>	SROs	Apr-22	2	3	6	P	<p># Draft workplan in development</p> <p># engagement with approvals and assurance being developed</p>
<p># Follow 5 Case Business Model process including assurance and approvals.</p> <p># Clear understanding of Portfolio Business Case and review requirements.</p>	SROs	Jun-22	2	4	8	O	<p># Initial Programmes and Projects defined on development of Portfolio Business Case v1</p> <p># Refresh of Portfolio BC to be undertaken in Summer 22</p>
<p># Detailed breakdown of resource requirements with timescales and potential options.</p> <p># Establishment of Programme Board to consider and explore possible solutions.</p> <p># Discussions regarding budget and potential partner contributions (financial and staff).</p>	SROs	Jun-22	3	3	9	P	<p># Programme Board established with first meeting held April 22 and second May 22 with regular meetings to be established and work plan including resources</p>
<p># Recruitment of Programme Manager to lead on work.</p> <p># Work programme mapped out.</p> <p># Breakdown of resource requirements with timescales and potential options.</p> <p># Discussions regarding funding options/procurement.</p>	SROs	Jun-22	3	3	9	P	<p># Recruitment underway with a view to appointing by July 22</p> <p># Funding opportunities being explored with Welsh Government</p>



## ADRODDIAD I FWRDD TYFU CANOLBARTH CYMRU

21 Mehefin 2022

TEITL:	Diweddariad ynghylch alldro ariannol 2021/22 a chyllideb refeniw arfaethedig Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru ar gyfer 2022/23.
AWDUR:	Justin Davies – Rheolwr Corfforaethol Cyllid Craidd - Ceredigion

### 1. Diben yr adroddiad

1.1. Adrodd ynghylch sefyllfa Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru o ran alldro refeniw ar gyfer 2021/22 ac ystyried cyllideb refeniw 2022/23.

### 2. Penderfyniad(au) a geisir

2.1. Cymeradwyo'r Gyllideb Flynyddol ar gyfer 2022/23.

### 3. Cefndir ac ystyriaethau perthnasol

3.1. Ers i Fwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru gael ei sefydlu'n ffurfiol trwy'r Cytundeb Rhwng Awdurdodau ym mis Rhagfyr 2019, mae gweithgarwch datblygu hyd yn hyn yng nghyswllt Bargen Twf Canolbarth Cymru wedi'i ariannu i raddau helaeth gan gyfraniadau ar y pryd gan y ddau Awdurdod Lleol a chyllid grant allanol (Llywodraeth Cymru).

3.2. Cafwyd cyllid refeniw ychwanegol ym mis Chwefror 2021 gan Swyddfa Cyllid Ewropeaidd Cymru ar gyfer elfen o gostau refeniw er mwyn helpu i sefydlu Swyddfa Rheoli'r Portffolio ar gyfer y cyfnod hyd at fis Gorffennaf 2023. Nid oes cyllid wedi'i sicrhau eto ar gyfer Swyddfa Rheoli'r Portffolio y tu hwnt i fis Gorffennaf 2023. Gan fod cytundeb cyllid grant ar wahân yn berthnasol i'r cyllid grant hwnnw, nid yw'n rhan o gyllideb Cyd-bwyllgor Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru.

### 4. Y sefyllfa o ran alldro refeniw ar gyfer 2021/22

4.1. Yn ei gyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 15 Rhagfyr 2021, cymeradwyodd Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru gyllideb refeniw o £216,038 ar gyfer 2021/22, wedi'i hariannu yn gyfartal gan Gyngor Ceredigion a Chyngor Powys.

4.2. Roedd cyfanswm y gwariant yn ystod 2021/22 yn £209,412, sef ychydig yn llai na'r gyllideb. Bydd Cyngor Powys a Chyngor Ceredigion yn cyfrannu £104,706 yr un tuag at y gwariant.

4.3. Bydd Datganiad Blynyddol yn cael ei baratoi ar gyfer 2021/22 a bydd yn cael ei archwilio gan Archwilio Cymru. Bydd y Datganiad wedi'i Archwilio yn cael ei gyflwyno i'w gymeradwyo gan Fwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru yn ei gyfarfod ym mis Rhagfyr 2022.

## **5. Cyllideb refeniw 2022/23**

5.1. Caiff cyllideb refeniw arfaethedig Cyd-bwyllgor Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru ar gyfer 2022/23, sy'n gyfanswm o £200,000, ei hamlinellu yn Atodiad 1 yr adroddiad hwn. Y cynnig yw bod y gwariant yn cael ei ariannu'n gyfartal gan Gyngor Sir Powys a Chyngor Sir Ceredigion.

## **6. Argymhellion**

6.1. Bod y Bwrdd yn nodi'r sefyllfa o ran alldro ar gyfer 2021/2022

6.2. Bod y Bwrdd yn cymeradwyo'r Gyllideb Flynyddol o £200,000 ar gyfer y flwyddyn 2022/2023, i'w hariannu'n gyfartal gan Gyngor Sir Ceredigion a Chyngor Sir Powys fel yr amlinellir yn Atodiad 1.

## **7. Goblygiadau cyfreithiol**

7.1. Deddf Llywodraeth Leol a Chyllid 1972

## **8. Goblygiadau o ran adnoddau dynol**

8.1. Nid oes goblygiadau o ran adnoddau dynol yn codi o'r adroddiad hwn.

## **9. Goblygiadau ariannol**

9.1. Sicrhau cydymffurfiaeth ariannol.

## **10. Atodiadau – Atodiad 1 Cyllideb Refeniw 2022/23**



## REPORT TO GROWING MID WALES BOARD

21<sup>st</sup> June 2022

TITLE:	Update on 2021/22 financial outturn and proposed 2022/23 revenue budget for Growing Mid Wales Board.
AUTHOR:	Justin Davies – Corporate Manager Core Finance - Ceredigion

### 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To report on the revenue outturn position of the Growing Mid Wales Board for 2021/22 and consider the 2022/23 revenue budget.

### 2. Decision(s) Sought

- 2.1. To approve the Annual Budget for 2022/23.

### 3. Background and Relevant Considerations

- 3.1. Since the formal establishment of the Growing Mid Wales Board via Inter-Authority Agreement in December 2019, development activity to date on the Mid Wales Growth Deal has largely been funded through spot contributions by the two Local Authorities and external grant funding (Welsh Government).
- 3.2. Additional revenue support was received in February 2021 from the Welsh European Funding Office for an element of revenue costs to help establish a Portfolio Management Office for the period up to July 2023. Funding for the Portfolio Management Office beyond July 2023 has not yet been secured. As this grant funding is covered under a separate grant funding agreement it does not form part of the GMW Joint Committee budget.

### 4. 2021/22 Revenue Outturn Position

- 4.1. The GMW Board approved a revenue budget for 2021/22 of £216,038, funded equally between Ceredigion and Powys Councils at its meeting held on 15 December 2021.
- 4.2. The total amount spent during 2021/22 was £209,412, so slightly under budget. Powys & Ceredigion Councils will fund £104,706 each towards the expenditure.

4.3. An Annual Return for 2021/22 will be produced and will be subject to audit by Audit Wales. The Audited Return will be presented for approval by the GMW Board at its meeting in December 2022.

## **5. 2022/23 Revenue Budget**

5.1. A proposed revenue budget for 2022/23 for the GMW Joint Committee totalling £200,000 is outlined in appendix 1 to this report. The proposal is for the expenditure to be funded equally by Powys and Ceredigion County Councils.

## **6. Recommendations**

6.1. The Board notes the outturn position for 2021/2022

6.2. The Board approves the Annual Budget for the year 2022/2023 of £200,000 to be funded equally by Ceredigion and Powys County Councils as outlined in Appendix 1.

## **7. Legal Implications**

7.1. Local Government and Finance Act 1972

## **8. Human Resources Implications**

8.1. There are no HR implications arising from this report.

## **9. Financial Implications**

9.1. To ensure financial compliance

## **10. Appendices – Appendix 1 Revenue Budget 2022/23**

## Appendix 1

<b>GMW Joint Committee</b>
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### EXPENDITURE

#### Local Authority Administrative Functions

Finance

Legal

Audit

**Sub-total**

#### Other Functions

Engagement and Events

Communications, Marketing and PR

Translation (papers and meetings)

Assurance Reviews

Lead Officer Costs

EAG support

**Sub-total**

#### External Support

Portfolio Development - HATCH Ltd (PBC/SOCs)

Programme Development - Digital

**Sub-total**

### EXPENDITURE - TOTAL

### INCOME

Funding Contributions

Ceredigion County Council

Powys County Council

### INCOME - TOTAL

Revenue Budget	
2022/2023	
	£5,000
	£5,000
	£2,000
	<b>£12,000</b>
	£500
	£12,625
	£5,000
	£47,875
	£50,000
	£5,000
	<b>£121,000</b>
	£37,000
	£30,000
	<b>£67,000</b>
	<b>£200,000</b>
	£100,000
	£100,000
	<b>£200,000</b>

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## ADRODDIAD I FWRDD TYFU CANOLBARTH CYMRU

21 Mehefin 2022

TEITL:	Partneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol Canolbarth Cymru – Diweddariad ynghylch Cynnydd
AWDUR:	Aggie Caesar-Homden, Rheolwr y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol Aggie.caesar-homden@powys.gov.uk

### 1. Diben yr adroddiad.

- 1.1. Rhoi i Aelodau Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru ddiweddariad ynghylch cynnydd Partneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol Canolbarth Cymru.

### 2. Cyflwyniad.

- 2.1. Ers yr adroddiad diwethaf, mae'r Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn parhau i wneud cynnydd da o ran gweithio gydag arweinwyr busnes a rhanddeiliaid ar draws y rhanbarth i ddeall y ddarpariaeth o ran sgiliau ac anghenion y farchnad lafur, er mwyn sbarduno buddsoddi sy'n bodloni gofynion cyflogwyr a'r gweithlu.
- 2.2. Mae Bwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol wedi bod yn canolbwyntio ar y meysydd gwaith allweddol sy'n ofynnol, er mwyn darparu rhaglen waith glir i'w dilyn. Mae'r meysydd gwaith allweddol yn cynnwys strwythur, adnabod anghenion, creu partneriaethau a chynllunio ar gyfer y dyfodol. Mae Rheolwr y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn parhau i weithio'n agos gyda'n Prif Swyddogion Rhanbarthol a'n rhanddeiliaid rhanbarthol perthnasol i gefnogi Fframweithiau Economaidd Rhanbarthol a blaenoriaethau Llywodraeth Cymru a pharhau i feithrin ymwybyddiaeth o faterion trawsffiniol.

### 3. Adroddiad ynghylch Sgiliau Gwyrdd.

- 3.1. Bu Data Cymru yn gweithio gyda Rheolwyr y pedair Partneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol i ddatblygu Adroddiad ynghylch Sgiliau Gwyrdd, sydd wedi'i rannu â Llywodraeth Cymru i'w ystyried.
- 3.2. Cafodd yr adroddiad ei lansio ddydd Gwener 23 Mawrth 2022.

- 3.3. Bydd yr adroddiad yn waelodlin ar gyfer gwaith pellach a fydd yn edrych yn fanwl ar y sector, ar gyfer Cynllun Cyflogadwyedd a Sgiliau newydd 3 blynedd 2022-2025.

#### **4. Adrodd ynghylch Covid-19.**

- 4.1. Adeg drafftio'r adroddiad hwn, roedd yr adroddiad terfynol ynghylch Covid-19 yn cael ei baratoi i'w gyflwyno i Lywodraeth Cymru.
- 4.2. Yn wahanol i'r adroddiadau blaenorol a gyflwynwyd, bydd yr adroddiad terfynol hwn yn crynhoi canfyddiadau dros gyfnod y pandemig ac yn taflu goleuni ar y modd y mae'r pandemig wedi newid y dirwedd o ran cyflogaeth a sgiliau yn y rhanbarth.

#### **5. Cyflwyno Adroddiad ynghylch Dyfarniad Grant y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol.**

- 5.1. Cyflwynodd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yr Adroddiad Chwarterol ynghylch Gweithgarwch y Dyfarniad Grant i Lywodraeth Cymru, ac mae'r adroddiad wedi'i gymeradwyo.

#### **6. Y Warrant i Bobl Ifanc.**

- 6.1. Mae'r Rhaglen Lywodraethu yn egluro ymrwymiad uchelgeisiol i gyflawni'r Warrant i Bobl Ifanc, sy'n cynnig cymorth i bawb dan 25 oed i ymgymryd â gwaith, addysg, hyfforddiant neu hunangyflogaeth.
- 6.2. Cafodd y Warrant ei chreu er mwyn sicrhau na fyddai cenhedlaeth yn cael ei cholli ar draws Cymru o ganlyniad i'r dirywiad economaidd a ragwelir a'r cynnydd enfawr mewn diweithdra o ganlyniad i Covid a Brexit.
- 6.3. Ers i'r Rhaglen Lywodraethu gael ei chyhoeddi, mae cyflwr y farchnad swyddi wedi gwella'n gynt o lawer nag a ragwelwyd ac mae'n ymddangos bod y farchnad yn eithaf bywiog, gyda'r galw yn fwy na'r cyflenwad mewn rhai meysydd. Fodd bynnag, mae gan y Warrant i Bobl Ifanc rôl bwysig i'w chwarae o hyd o ran cynorthwyo Llywodraeth Cymru i gyflawni ei nod polisi, sef creu Cymru sy'n fwy teg, yn fwy gwyrdd ac yn fwy llwyddiannus. At hynny, mae angen i'r Warrant i Bobl Ifanc barhau i ganolbwyntio ar y canlynol:
- Cynorthwyo pobl ifanc i gael swyddi mwy cynaliadwy;
  - Sicrhau bod pobl ifanc yn gallu symud yn eu blaen yn y swyddi hyn, ac ystyried a ydym bellach yn wynebu sefyllfa lle bydd cenhedlaeth wedi'i thangyflogi;
  - Cynllunio ar gyfer ail don bosibl o ddiweithdra dros yr ychydig fisoedd nesaf; a
  - Diffyg sgiliau yn y farchnad swyddi, neu sgiliau nad ydynt yn cyfateb i'r swyddi sydd ar gael.

6.4. Crynodeb o'r deilliannau a'r mesurau:

- Pob rhanbarth yn cyflwyno un adroddiad pen-desg i Lywodraeth Cymru erbyn gwanwyn 2022;
- Pob rhanbarth yn cynnal dau ddigwyddiad sy'n cynnwys rhaglenni a phrosiectau;
- Gweithio gyda Cymru'n Gweithio a darparu adroddiad diweddarau er mwyn sicrhau bod yr holl wybodaeth yn cael ei hychwanegu at yr adnodd chwilio am gymorth lleol a rhanbarthol;
- Cynhyrchu cyfeiriadur chwilio am gymorth a phhecyn arweiniad ar gyfer cynghorwyr yn lleol er mwyn sicrhau bod yna wybodaeth ac ymwybyddiaeth ynghylch prosiectau a rhaglenni;
- Creu cynllun gweithredu i fynd i'r afael ag unrhyw rwystrau strategol a nodwyd yn ystod y gwaith ymchwil.

6.5. Ar ôl cynnal ymarfer Dyfynbris Cyflym Ilwyddiannus, mae Hatch Associates wedi'u comisiynu i ddarparu cymorth technegol ar gyfer y darn hwn o waith.

6.6. Cynhaliwyd ymarfer i fapio'r ddarpariaeth bresennol. Mae Hatch wrthi'n cynnal cyfarfodydd 1:1 gyda darparwyr a bydd yn cynnal gweithdai gyda phartneriaid er mwyn deall y rhwystrau o ran darpariaeth a chynnydd, yn rhan o'r adroddiad ymchwil pen-desg a'r Cynllun Gweithredu.

6.7. Bydd Hatch yn rhoi diweddariad ynghylch cynnydd i Fwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn y cyfarfod nesaf ar 8 Mehefin 2022.

6.8. Mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi cadarnhau ar lafar y bydd angen gwneud gwaith pellach yn y maes polisi hwn. Caiff mwy o wybodaeth ei darparu maes o law.

## 7. Aelodaeth o'r Bwrdd a Sefydlu Grwpiau Clwstwr.

7.1. Fel y cytunodd Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru yn flaenorol, mae Cadeirydd a Rheolwr y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol wedi adolygu aelodaeth bresennol Bwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol ac wedi sefydlu nifer o grwpiau clwstwr.

7.2. Yn dilyn yr adolygiad hwn, mae grwpiau clwstwr cychwynnol wedi'u sefydlu fel a ganlyn:

- Darparwyr hyfforddiant
- Busnesau
- Gwasanaethau cyhoeddus.

7.3. Yn ogystal â'r grwpiau clwstwr hyn, bydd Grwpiau Gorchwyl a Gorffen ar Bolisi yn cael eu sefydlu hefyd ar gyfer agweddau penodol ar waith polisi Llywodraeth Cymru.

7.4. Cytunwyd y bydd cyfarfodydd Bwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn cael eu cynnal bob chwarter o fis Gorffennaf 2022 ymlaen, yn unol â gofynion Llywodraeth Cymru.

7.5. Cytunwyd y bydd Cyfarfod Blynyddol Bwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn cael ei gynnal ar 11 Gorffennaf 2022 er mwyn caniatáu i'r Gweinyddiaethau newydd gael eu traed danynt ac i'r Aelodau Etholedig ddeall yn iawn bwysigrwydd cyfrifoldebau Bwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol ar draws y rhanbarth a diben rôl y Cadeirydd.

## 8. Blaenraglen Waith.

- 8.1. Mae'r Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn parhau i ddarparu safbwynt rhanbarthol er mwyn llywio strategaethau sgiliau sector cenedlaethol a strategaethau sgiliau sector y DU a darparu data gwaelodlin ar gyfer cynllunio addysg bellach, gan ddefnyddio gwybodaeth a gaiff ei harwain gan gyflogwyr a data gwybodaeth am y farchnad lafur.
- 8.2. Mae trafodaethau cychwynnol wedi'u cynnal gyda Rheolwyr Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol a Llywodraeth Cymru ynghylch y pethau allweddol sydd i'w cyflawni yn ystod y deuddeg mis nesaf a thu hwnt i hynny, sydd wedi'u cynnwys yn y Nodyn Cyfarwyddyd drafft.
- 8.3. Caiff y cynnwys ei ddiweddarau bob chwe mis a'i ailgyflwyno i Bartneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol er mwyn adlewyrchu unrhyw newidiadau i gyfeiriad polisi ac adlewyrchu cynnydd o ran cerrig milltir allweddol. At hynny, o ystyried y cyfnod economaidd cythryblus yr ydym yn byw ynddo, gyda'r rhyfel yn nwyrain Ewrop, problemau o ran gwaddol Brexit a phandemig sy'n parhau, gallai fod angen i Lywodraeth Cymru ganolbwyntio o'r newydd ac ar fyr rybudd ar anghenion sy'n codi o ganlyniad i newid annisgwyl.
- 8.4. Mae'r Nodyn Cyfarwyddyd Swyddogol terfynol wedi dod i law. Nid oedd y Llythyrau Dyfarnu Grant wedi dod i law adeg drafftio'r adroddiad hwn.
- 8.5. Bydd arweinwyr polisi perthnasol o bob rhan o Lywodraeth Cymru yn gweithio'n agos gyda Phartneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol i ddarparu cyd-destun ychwanegol a diweddariadau o'u meysydd.
- 8.6. Cydnabyddir hefyd y bydd angen diweddariadau ar rai meysydd er mwyn adlewyrchu cynnydd. Ni fydd pob maes yn symud yn ei flaen ar yr un cyflymder.
- 8.7. Bydd angen i Lywodraeth Cymru gadw'r gallu i gomisiynu gwaith newydd "yn ystod y flwyddyn".
- 8.8. Bydd angen nodi'r pethau allweddol sydd i'w cyflawni ar gyfer pob un o'r meysydd isod:
  - Cynlluniau Cyflogaeth a Sgiliau 2022-25
  - Sgiliau Digidol
  - Sgiliau Sero Net
  - Safonau Galwedigaethol Cenedlaethol
  - Addysg Bellach a Phrentisiaethau
  - Y Gymraeg.

## 9. Cynllun Cyflogaeth a Sgiliau.

- 9.1. Bydd gofyn i Bartneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol ddarparu Cynllun Gweithredu Cyflogaeth a Sgiliau 3 blynedd (2022-25) a fydd yn nodi blaenoriaethau ar gyfer buddsoddi rhanbarthol sy'n cynnal swyddi a thwf yn rhanbarth y Canolbarth.
- 9.2. Mae trafodaethau cychwynnol ag Uwch-weision Sifil wedi awgrymu y bydd y cynllun yn cael ei ategu gan nifer o atodiadau a fydd yn canolbwyntio ar wahanol feysydd polisi sy'n cael sylw yn y Rhaglen Lywodraethu.
- 9.3. Dylid rhoi sylw ychwanegol i Sgiliau Sero Net, y Gymraeg, Sgiliau Digidol, Safonau Galwedigaethol Cenedlaethol, Addysg Bellach a Phrentisiaethau.
- 9.4. Bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn darparu templed er mwyn sicrhau cysondeb ar draws y pedwar rhanbarth.

## 10. Sgiliau Digidol.

- 10.1. Bydd Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn gweithio gyda chyflogwyr a rhanddeiliaid i gasglu gwybodaeth am y farchnad lafur, a fydd yn helpu i lywio penderfyniadau'n ymwneud â sgiliau digidol.
- 10.2. Mae rôl allweddol i'w chwarae hefyd o ran tracio effaith newid yng nghyswllt sgiliau digidol ar draws rhanbarthau Cymru yn ystod y blynyddoedd sydd i ddod.
- 10.3. Mae'n beth cyffredin i sgiliau digidol gael eu nodi'n flaenoriaeth ar draws meysydd polisi a chyflawni llywodraeth, ac mae gan Bartneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol rôl amlwg i'w chwarae o ran helpu i gyflawni yng nghyswllt cyflogadwyedd a sgiliau. Yn benodol, cyfeirir at sgiliau digidol fel 'Cenhadaeth' drosfwaol yn y Strategaeth Ddigidol i Gymru. Mae "Cenhadaeth Tri" yn egluro'r uchelgais o ran sut y byddwn yn "creu gweithlu sydd â'r sgiliau digidol, y gallu a'r hyder i ragori yn y gweithle ac mewn bywyd pob dydd".
- 10.4. Mae yna heriau y gall Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol helpu Llywodraeth Cymru i'w goresgyn, megis sefydlu darpariaeth newydd o ran sgiliau digidol, ychwanegu cymwysterau gwerthwyr at y Cyfrifon Dysgu Personol, a sicrhau bod sgiliau digidol yn cael eu prif ffrydio a'u gwneud yn rhan annatod o'r ddarpariaeth ôl-16, gan weithio gyda rhanddeiliaid allweddol.
- 10.5. I gyd-fynd â'r Strategaeth Ddigidol i Gymru, cyhoeddodd yr Athro Phil Brown ei adroddiad terfynol ynghylch effaith arloesi digidol ar yr economi a dyfodol gwaith yng Nghymru ym mis Medi 2019. Dywedodd fod Cymru yn wynebu "ras yn erbyn amser" oherwydd bod potensial i ni fethu ag ymateb yn ddigon sydyn fel cenedl i gyflymder a graddfa arloesi digidol. Darparodd ei adroddiad werthusiad o'r realiti a'r tueddiadau a fydd yn llywio dyfodol gwaith yng Nghymru, a'r agweddau sylfaenol sy'n sbarduno economi Cymru yng nghyd-destun y pedwerydd chwyldro diwydiannol.
- 10.6. Bydd Llywodraeth Cymru yn recriwtio uwch-reolwr i'r Tîm Polisi Sgiliau er mwyn symud yn eu blaen argymhellion Adolygiad Brown a'r cynnwys o ran sgiliau sydd yn Cymru Ddigidol.

## 11. Sero Net.

- 11.1. Mae Llywodraeth Cymru wedi comisiynu'r Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol i gasglu'n benodol wybodaeth gan gyflogwyr am y farchnad lafur er mwyn darparu sylfaen dystiolaeth a fydd yn helpu i lywio penderfyniadau sy'n canolbwyntio ar alluogi newid, er mwyn cael Cymru Sero Net erbyn 2050. Bydd hynny'n rhan allweddol o'r Cynlluniau Cyflogaeth a Sgiliau newydd ar gyfer 2022-25, a gaiff eu cyflwyno i Lywodraeth Cymru ym mis Awst 2022.
- 11.2. Mae symud i sefyllfa sero net yn cynnig cyfle i greu gweithlu medrus sy'n cael ei dalu'n dda yng Nghymru, a ategir gan lwybr o brentisiaethau allweddol sydd wedi'u halinio â'r agenda Sero Net. Yn ehangach, gall y sylfaen dystiolaeth Sero Net helpu'r holl sefydliadau sy'n cyflenwi sgiliau, o ysgolion i'r sector addysg uwch, addasu'r ddarpariaeth er mwyn bodloni anghenion diwydiant a'r gymdeithas.
- 11.3. Bydd yn hollbwysig adnabod sectorau rhanbarthol allweddol yn yr economi, y bydd symud i sefyllfa sero net yn effeithio arnynt. Bydd angen nodi galwedigaethau penodol sy'n newid neu a fydd yn newid, a dadansoddi sut y bydd yn rhaid i'r gweithlu yng Nghymru sy'n profi'r newid hwnnw addasu, datblygu setiau newydd o sgiliau neu ailaddasu ei sgiliau. Gallai fod yna oblygiadau trawsffiniol hefyd, sy'n cydnabod datganoli a'r systemau sgiliau gwahanol sydd yng Nghymru a Lloegr.
- 11.4. Nid Llywodraeth Cymru sy'n llwyr gyfrifol am yr her o gyflawni'r ymrwymiad i greu Cymru Sero Net. Mae Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn bartneriaethau strategol sy'n cynrychioli eu rhanbarthau a'u rhanddeiliaid, ac mae'n rhaid i bawb gydweithio â'i gilydd er mwyn datblygu atebion sy'n seiliedig ar sgiliau a chyflogadwyedd a symud yr atebion hynny yn eu blaen.

## 12. Safonau Galwedigaethol Cenedlaethol. Tueddiadau/heriau galwedigaethol.

- 12.1. Caiff Safonau Galwedigaethol Cenedlaethol eu pennu ar lefel galwedigaeth a chânt eu derbyn yn gyffredinol fel modd i gaffael sgiliau trosglwyddadwy, sy'n hwyluso symud o fewn marchnad lafur hyblyg ar draws sectorau ac ardaloedd daearyddol.
- 12.2. Mae gan y Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol rôl bwysig i'w chwarae o ran sicrhau bod Safonau Galwedigaethol Cenedlaethol yn parhau'n gyfredol a'u bod yn diwallu anghenion cyflogwyr a sectorau yn y rhanbarth.
- 12.3. Gofynnir i Bartneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol gasglu gwybodaeth ac amlygu galwedigaethau sy'n flaenoriaeth yn y rhanbarth; galwedigaethau sy'n dod i'r amlwg ac sy'n tyfu, y mae angen sgiliau penodol / cymwysterau newydd arnynt; galwedigaethau sy'n wynebu newidiadau posibl i arferion gwaith, newidiadau technolegol a / neu reoliadau neu ofynion deddfwriaethol newydd, e.e. o ran lechyd a Diogelwch; a galwedigaethau sy'n dirywio.

12.4. Gofynnir i Bartneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol ddsbarthu galwedigaethau ar lefel codau'r Dosbarthiad Galwedigaethol Safonol er mwyn gallu cyfeirio cyllid/adnoddau at feysydd penodol lle ceir bylchau.

### **13. Addysg Bellach a Phrentisiaethau.**

13.1. Gofynnir i Bartneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol nodi blaenoriaethau rhanbarthol a / neu isranbarthol ar gyfer darparu Addysg Bellach, a darparu cyd-destun ategol a rhesymeg glir, gan ddefnyddio ffynonellau a gaiff eu harwain gan gyflogwyr.

13.2. Mae disgwyl i Bartneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol sicrhau bod sylfaen dystiolaeth gadarn ar gael, a allai gynnwys, er enghraifft, sectorau y mae Brexit neu Covid wedi effeithio arnynt, neu'r angen i ddenu talent a setiau penodol o sgiliau i'r rhanbarth o ganlyniad i brosiect mewnfuddsoddi sy'n digwydd neu sydd wedi'i gynllunio.

13.3. Mae Llywodraeth Cymru yn disgwyl i bob rhanbarth nodi uchafswm o bump o flaenoriaethau.

13.4. Prentisiaethau – fel uchod, ond canolbwyntio ar flaenoriaethau y dylai'r rhwydwaith darparwyr ymateb iddynt ar gyfer y flwyddyn 2023-24.

### **14. Y Gymraeg.**

14.1. Nod Strategaeth Llywodraeth Cymru, sef Cymraeg 2050: Miliwn o siaradwyr, yw creu mwy o siaradwyr Cymraeg a chynyddu'r defnydd o'r Gymraeg o ddydd i ddydd.

14.2. Mae gofyn i Bartneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol gynnwys adran fanwl ar sgiliau Cymraeg yn eu Cynlluniau Cyflogaeth a Sgiliau 3 blynedd 2022-25.

14.3. Mae angen i Bartneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol weithio'n agos gyda sefydliadau perthnasol/defnyddio'r arbenigedd sydd ar gael mewn sefydliadau perthnasol ledled Cymru sy'n darparu cymorth a gwybodaeth leol am y gofynion o ran sgiliau Cymraeg yn lleol.

### **15. Yn yr arfaeth – meysydd ychwanegol y gallai Llywodraeth Cymru eu comisiynu dros y 18 mis nesaf.**

- Dadansoddiad o anghenion y Sector Gofal Cymdeithasol o ran sgiliau
- Anghenion y Sector Creadigol o ran sgiliau a'r angen i Bartneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol weithio'n agos gyda Cymru Greadigol.

### **16. Goblygiadau cyfreithiol**

16.1. Nid oes goblygiadau cyfreithiol yn codi o'r adroddiad hwn.

### **17. Goblygiadau o ran adnoddau dynol**

17.1. Nid oes goblygiadau o ran adnoddau dynol yn codi o'r adroddiad hwn.

## **18. Goblygiadau ariannol**

18.1. Nid oes goblygiadau ariannol yn codi o'r adroddiad hwn.

## **19. Atodiadau**

19.1. Dim





## REPORT TO THE GROWING MID WALES BOARD

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### 1. Purpose of the Report.

- 1.1. To provide Members of the Growing Mid Wales Board with an update on progress of the Mid Wales Regional Skills Partnership.

### 2. Introduction.

- 2.1. Since the last report, the Regional Skills Partnership continues to make good progress working with business leaders and stakeholders across the region to understand the skills provision and labour market needs, in order to drive investment that meets the requirements of both employers and workforce.
- 2.2. The RSP Board has been focused on the key areas of work required, in order to provide a clear programme of work to pursue, including the key areas of structure, needs identification, partnership building and future planning. The RSP Manager continues to work closely with our respective Chief Regional Officers and regional stakeholders to support Regional Economic Frameworks, WG priorities and continue to build awareness of cross-border issues.

### 3. Green Skills Report.

- 3.1. Data Cymru worked with the four RSP Managers to develop a Green Skills Report that has been shared with WG for consideration.
- 3.2. The report was launched on Friday 23 March 2022.
- 3.3. The report will form the baseline for further deep dive work into the sector for the new 3-year Employability and Skills Plan 2022 – 2025.

### 4. Covid – 19 Reporting.

- 4.1. At the time of drafting this report, the final Covid-19 report was being prepared for submission to Welsh Government.

4.2. Unlike the previous reports submitted, this final report will act as a summary of findings over the pandemic and shed light on how the employment and skills landscape of the region has been changed by the pandemic.

## **5. RSP Grant Award Report Submission.**

5.1. The RSP submitted the quarterly Grant Award Activity Report to WG which has been approved.

## **6. Young Persons Guarantee.**

6.1. The Programme for Government (PfG) sets out an ambitious commitment to deliver the Young Persons Guarantee, giving everyone under 25 the offer of support into work, education, training, or self-employment.

6.2. The guarantee was set to ensure no lost generation across Wales due to the predicted economic downturn and the huge rise in unemployment as a result of Covid and Brexit.

6.3. Since the PfG was published, the job market has recovered far more rapidly than predicted and seems to be buoyant with demand in some areas outweighing supply. However, the YPG still has an important role to play in supporting Welsh Government reach its policy goal of becoming a fairer, greener, and more successful Wales. The YPG also needs to continue to focus on:

- Assisting young people into more sustainable job roles;
- Progression for young people within these jobs and whether we now face a generation of under-employment;
- Planning for a possible second wave of unemployment over the next few months; and
- The lack of skills or skills mismatch within the labour market.

6.4. Summary of the outcomes and measures:

- One desktop report per region by Spring 2022 submitted to Welsh Government;
- Two events per region involving programmes and projects;
- Work with Working Wales and provide an update report to ensure that all the information is added to the support finder and local support finder;
- Local support finder directory and guidance pack produced for advisors locally to ensure that information and awareness of projects and programmes are available;
- An action plan in relation to any strategic barriers identified during the research work.

6.5. Following a successful Quick Quote exercise, Hatch Associates have been commissioned to provide technical support for this piece of work.

- 6.6. A mapping exercise of current provision has been undertaken. Hatch are currently holding 1:1 meetings with providers and will conduct workshops with partners to understand barriers to provision and progression as part of the desktop research report and Action Plan.
- 6.7. A progress update will be provided by Hatch to the RSP Board at the next meeting on 8 June 2022.
- 6.8. WG have verbally confirmed that there will be further work needed in this policy area. Additional information will be provided in due course.

## **7. Board Membership and Establishment of Cluster Groups.**

- 7.1. As previously agreed by the GMW Board, the RSP Chair and RSP Manager have reviewed current RSP Board membership and the establishment of a number of cluster groups.
- 7.2. Following this review, initial cluster groups have been established:
- Training Providers
  - Businesses
  - Public Services
- 7.3. In addition to these cluster groups Policy Task and Finish Groups will also be established for specific areas of WG Policy work.
- 7.4. It has been agreed that RSP Board meetings will be held quarterly from July 2022, in line with Welsh government requirements.
- 7.5. It has been agreed that the RSP Board Annual Meeting will be held on 11<sup>th</sup> July 2022 to allow the new Administrations to settle in and for Elected Members to fully understand the importance of the RSP Board's responsibilities across the region and the purpose of the Chair's role.

## **8. Forward Work Programme**

- 8.1. The RSP continues to provide a regional perspective to inform national and UK sector skills strategies and to provide baseline data for FE planning, using employer led intelligence and LMI data.
- 8.2. Initial discussions have been undertaken with RSP Managers and WG in relation to key deliverables for the next twelve months and beyond contained in the draft Guidance Note.
- 8.3. The content will be refreshed on a six-monthly basis and reissued to RSPs to reflect any changes to policy direction and progress against key milestones. Also, given the turbulent economic times we are living in, with war in eastern Europe, legacy Brexit issues and an ongoing pandemic, WG may need to refocus at short notice to needs arising from unexpected change.
- 8.4. The final Official Guidance Note has been received. Grant Award Letters have not been received at the time of drafting this report.

- 8.5. Relevant policy leads from across Welsh Government will work closely with RSPs to provide additional context and provide updates from their areas.
- 8.6. It is also recognised that some areas will require updates to reflect progress. Not every area will progress at the same speed.
- 8.7. WG will need to retain the ability to commission new work, “in year.”
- 8.8. Key deliverables will be required for each of the below areas:
  - Employment and Skills plans 2022-25
  - Digital skills
  - Net Zero skills
  - National Occupational Standards (NOS)
  - Further Education and Apprenticeships
  - Welsh Language

## **9. Employment and Skills Plan.**

- 9.1. RSPs will be asked to provide a 3-year Employment and Skills Action Plan (2022 – 2025) which will identify priorities for regional investment that supports jobs and growth in the Mid Wales region.
- 9.2. Initial discussions with Senior Civil Servants have indicated that the plan will be supplemented by a number of annexes which will focus on different policy areas that feature in the Programme for Government.
- 9.3. Additional focus should be given to Net Zero, Welsh Language, Digital Skills, National Occupational Standards, Further Education and Apprenticeships.
- 9.4. A template will be provided by WG to ensure consistency across all four regions.

## **10. Digital Skills.**

- 10.1. RSPs will work with employers and stakeholders to collate labour market intelligence which will help inform decision making centred around digital skills.
- 10.2. There is also a key role to track the impact of change around digital skills, across the regions of Wales over the coming years.
- 10.3. Digital skills are commonly highlighted as a priority across areas of government policy and delivery and RSPs have a clear role to play to help deliver in relation to employability and skills. Specifically, digital skills is referenced as an overarching ‘Mission’ within the Digital Strategy for Wales. “Mission Three” sets out the ambition of how we will “Create a workforce that has the digital skills, capability and confidence to excel in the workplace and in everyday life.”
- 10.4. There are challenges that RSPs can help WG overcome such as establishing new digital skills provision, such as adding vendor qualifications within Personal Learning Accounts (PLAs), and ensure digital skills are mainstreamed and hardwired across post-16 provision, working with key stakeholders.

- 10.5. Aligned to the Digital Strategy for Wales, Professor Phil Brown published his final report into the impact of digital innovation on the economy and the future of work in Wales in September 2019. He spoke of Wales facing a "race against time", with the pace and scale of digital innovation having the potential to overtake our ability as a nation to respond. His report provided an evaluation of the realities and trends that will shape the future of work in Wales and the underlying drivers of the Welsh economy in the context of the fourth industrial revolution.
- 10.6. WG will be recruiting a senior manager to the Skills Policy Team to progress the recommendations of the Brown Review and the skills content of Digital Wales.

## **11. Net Zero.**

- 11.1. RSPs have been commissioned by Welsh Government to specifically collate labour market intelligence from employers, to provide an evidence base which will help inform decision making focused on enabling change, to meet the goal of a Net Zero Wales by 2050. This will be a key part of the new employment and skills plans covering 2022-25, which will be submitted to Welsh Government in August 2022.
- 11.2. Moving to Net Zero presents the opportunity to create well a paid, skilled Welsh workforce, supported by key Net Zero aligned apprenticeships as a pathway. More broadly, the Net Zero evidence base can help the whole skills supply side, from schools to higher education, adapt provision to meet industry and societal needs.
- 11.3. Identifying key regional sectors of the economy that will impacted by the transition to Net Zero will be vitally important. There will be a need to identify specific occupations that are or will be undergoing change and an analysis of how the Welsh workforce undergoing that change will have to adapt, develop new skillsets or re-adapt their skills. There may also be cross-border implications acknowledging devolution and different skills systems between England and Wales.
- 11.4. The challenge to deliver the Net Zero Wales commitment does not solely rest with Welsh Government. RSPs act as strategic partnerships representing their regions and stakeholders and everyone must work together to develop and drive forward skills and employability-based solutions.

## **12. National occupational standards (NOS). Occupational trends/challenges.**

- 12.1. NOS are set at the level of occupation and act as a common currency to enable the acquisition of transferable skills, which support movement within a flexible labour market across sectors and geographies.
- 12.2. The RSPs have an important role to play in ensuring that NOS remain up-to-date and meet the needs of employers and sectors in the region.

12.3. RSPs are asked to gather intelligence and reference priority occupations in the region, emerging and growth occupations which require particular skills / new qualifications, occupations facing potential changes to working practices, technological changes and / or new regulations or legislative requirements e.g. Health and Safety, and occupations that are in decline.

12.4. RSPs are asked to classify occupations at the level of Standard Occupational Classification (SOC) codes to allow funding/resources to be directed to specific gap areas.

### **13. Further Education and Apprenticeships.**

13.1. RSPs are asked to identify regional and / or sub regional priorities for Further Education delivery and provide supporting context and a clear rationale, drawing from employer led sources.

13.2. RSPs are expected to ensure there is a robust evidence base, which could include for example, sectors impacted by Brexit or Covid or the need to attract talent and specific skill sets into the region due to a planned or existing inward investment project.

13.3. WG expect no more than five priorities to be identified, per region.

13.4. Apprenticeships – as above but to focus on priorities that the provider network should respond to for the year 2023-24.

### **14. Welsh Language.**

14.1. The Welsh Government's strategy Cymraeg 2050: A million Welsh speakers aims to create more Welsh speakers and increase the use of the Welsh language on a day-to-day basis.

14.2. RSPs are required to include a detailed section on Welsh language skills within their three-year employment and skills plan 2022-25.

14.3. RSPs need to work closely with/utilise expertise available within relevant organisations across Wales that provide support and local intelligence on Welsh language skill requirements.

### **15. In the pipeline - additional areas that WG may commission over the next 18 months.**

- An analysis of the skills needs of the Social Care Sector
- Creative Sector skills needs and the need for RSPs to work closely with Creative Wales.

### **16. Legal Implications**

16.1. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **17. Human Resources Implications**

17.1. There are no HR implications arising from this report.

### **18. Financial Implications**

18.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **19. Appendices**

19.1. None

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