

Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru / Growing Mid Wales Board

Man Cyfarfod
Meeting Venue
By Zoom



Dyddiad y Cyfarfod
Meeting Date
**Dydd Gwener, 23 Mehefin
2023
Friday, 23 June 2023**

Amser y Cyfarfod
Meeting Time
2.00 pm

I gael rhagor o wybodaeth
cysylltwch â
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16/06/2023

AGENDA

1.	CROESO AC YMDDIHEURIADAU / WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
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2.	DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANT PERSONOL / DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST
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3.	COFNODION DRAFFT Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF / DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 28/03/2023
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4.	PARTNERIAETH SGILIAU RHANBARTHOL CANOLBARTH CYMRU / MID WALES REGIONAL SKILLS PARTNERSHIP
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Diweddariad ynghylch Cynnydd / Progress Update - Louise Grove-White

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5.	BARGEN TWF CANOLBARTH CYMRU / MID WALES GROWTH DEAL
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5.1. **Adroddiad ynghylch y Fargen Twf / Growth Deal Report - Cathy Martin**

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5.2. **Atodiad 1: Fframwaith Arfarnu ABA / Appendix 1: OBC Appraisal Template**

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5.3. **Atodiad 2: Trosolwg Portffolio / Appendix 2: Portfolio Overview**

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6.	UNRHYW FATER ARALL / ANY OTHER BUSINESS
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7.	DYDDIADAU CYFARFODYDD NESAF / DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
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29 Medi 2023 – Rhithiol / 29 September 2023 - Virtual
15 Rhagfyr 2023 – Rhithiol / 15 December 2023 - Virtual

**COFNODION CYFARFOD O FWRDD TYFU CANOLBARTH CYMRU / GROWING
MID WALES BOARD A GYNHALIWDYD AR ZOOM DDYDD MAWRTH, 28 MAWRTH
2023**

PRESENNOL

Aelodau Cyngor Sir Ceredigion:

Y Cyngorydd Bryan Davies, Arweinydd ac Aelod Cabinet ar faterion Gwasanaethau Democrataidd, Polisi, Perfformiad a Phobl a Threfniadaeth **(BD)**

Y Cyngorydd Catrin M S. Davies, Aelod Cabinet ar faterion Diwylliant, Hamdden a Gwasanaethau Cwsmeriaid **(CMSD)**

Y Cyngorydd Keith Henson, Aelod Cabinet ar faterion Priffyrdd a Gwasanaethau Amgylcheddol a Rheoli Carbon **(KH)**

Y Cyngorydd Matthew Vaux, Aelod Cabinet ar faterion Partneriaethau, Tai, Cyfreithiol a Llywodraethu a Diogelu'r Cyhoedd **(MV)**

Aelodau Cyngor Sir Powys:

Cyngorydd James Gibson-Watt, Arweinydd **(JGW) (Cadeirydd)**

Y Cyngorydd Aled Davies **(AD)**

Y Cyngorydd Matthew Dorrance, Dirprwy Arweinydd ac Aelod Cabinet ar gyfer Powys Decach **(MD)**

Y Cyngorydd David Selby, Aelod Cabinet ar faterion Powys Mwy Llewyrchus **(DS)**

Swyddogion:

Barry Rees, Cyfarwyddwr Corfforaethol, Cyngor Sir Ceredigion **(BR)**

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

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

Duncan Hall, Swyddog Arweiniol Corfforaethol: Cyllid a Chaffael, Cyngor Sir Ceredigion **(DH)**

Carwyn Jones-Evans, Cyd-arweinydd Strategol, Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru/Cyngor Sir Ceredigion **(CJE)**

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

Cathy Martin, Rheolwr Gweithrediadau, Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru **(CM)**

Aggie Caesar-Homden, Rheolwr Partneriaeth Sgiliau Ranbarthol Canolbarth Cymru, Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru **(ACH)**

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

Nicola Williams, Arweinydd Strategol ar y Cyd, Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru / Cyngor Sir Powys **(NW)**

Ffion Lloyd, Cyfreithiwr, Cyngor Sir Ceredigion **(FL)**

Arsylwyr y Llywodraeth:

Gareth Ashman, Pennaeth Twf Ranbarthol a Lleol, Llywodraeth y DU Cymru

Ann Watkin, Pennaeth Strategaeth, Cydweddu a Chynllunio Gweithrediadau, Llywodraeth Cymru

Peter James, Uwch Reolwr Strategaeth a Gweithrediadau, Llywodraeth Cymru

1. CROESO AC YMDDIHEURIADAU / WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

Croesawodd y Cadeirydd bawb i'r cyfarfod.

Derbyniwyd ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb gan y Cynghorydd Clive Davies, Aelod Cabinet CSC ar faterion yr Economi ac Adfywio, y Cynghorydd Amanda Jenner CSP, Eifion Evans Prif Weithredwr CSC, Caroline Turner, Prif Weithredwr CSP, Arwyn Davies, Rheolwr Corfforaethol: Twf a Menter CSC, Russell Hughes-Pickering Swyddog Arweiniol Corfforaethol: Cyngor Ymchwil ac Adfywio CSC.

2. DATGELU BUDDIANNAU PERSONOL / DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Ni chafodd unrhyw ddatganiadau o ddiddordeb personol eu hadrodd.

3. COFNODION DRAFFT Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF 17.02.2023

Cytunwyd bod cofnodion y cyfarfod diwethaf a gynhaliwyd ar 17 Chwefror 2023 yn gofnod cywir.

4. PARTNERIAETH SGILIAU RHANBARTHOL CANOLBARTH CYMRU / MW REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP

Adroddodd Rheolwr y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol ar Gyfarfod Ymgysylltu â Chyflogwyr y Gwanwyn a gynhaliwyd ar 23 Mawrth yng Ngwesty'r Metropole yn Llandrindod. Yn y digwyddiad, a hwyluswyd gan Alun Jones, cyn Brif Weithredwr Menter a Busnes, lanswyd yn ffurfiol y Cynllun Cyflogaeth a Sgiliau 3 blynedd a'r Cynllun Gweithredu. Mynychodd 56, gan gynnwys 20 o fusnesau a rhanddeiliaid. Hwn oedd y digwyddiad cyntaf o'i fath ar gyfer y Bartneriaeth ac roedd yn galonogol gweld 20 o gyflogwyr yn mynychu. Roedd tîm y Bartneriaeth wrthi'n sefydlu'r Grwpiau Clwstwr Cyflogwyr a byddai'n parhau i ddefnyddio rhwydweithiau a fforymau busnes i annog ymgysylltu pellach a mwy ystyrlon.

Talodd arweinwyr Cynghorau Sir Powys a Cheredigion deyrnged i Aggie Caesar-Homden oedd yn symud o rôl Rheolwr Sgiliau Rhanbarthol a diolchodd iddi am ei holl waith o ddatblygu'r Bartneriaeth a meithrin cysylltiadau gyda busnesau.

5. BARGEN TWF CANOLBARTH CYMRU / MID WALES GROWTH DEAL

Ceisiwyd cymeradwyaeth y Bwrdd i gyflwyno Achos Busnes Portffolio Strategol f2.1 a Strategaeth Fuddsoddi'r Sector Preifat DRAFFT f2.0 i Lywodraethau'r DU a Chymru i'w hadolygu yng nghyfarfod Bwrdd Gweithredu Dinasoedd Cymru a'r Fargen Twf ar 29 Mawrth, fel rhan o ystyriaeth o gyflwyno Llythyr Dyfarnu Grant ar gyfer Bargaen Twf Canolbarth Cymru. Nid oedd gofyn i'r Bwrdd gymeradwyo prosiectau unigol na'r cyllid ar eu cyfer. Cadarnhawyd nad oedd prosiectau a chyllid wedi'u pennu eto a bod hyblygrwydd o ran cyflwyno prosiectau eraill. Yn rhan o'r pecyn roedd y Cynllun Gweithredu, y Cynllun Sicrhau a Chymeradwyo Integredig, y Strategaeth Gyfathrebu a'r Gofrestr Risgiau a Materion.

Cynhaliwyd Adolygiad Sicrwydd Portffolio (PAR) rhwng 14 a 17 Chwefror, a

phennwyd sgôr **AMBR/GWYRDD** i Fargen Twf Canolbarth Cymru, a oedd yn gadarnhaol iawn. Roedd yr adroddiad yn canmol cynnydd y Fargen Twf ac yn darparu 10 argymhelliad i gynorthwyo datblygiad a gweithredu pellach. Roedd pob un o'r rhain yn gyraeddadwy, ac roedd rhai eisoes yn y broses o gael eu cynllunio/gweithredu. Byddai Cynllun Gweithredu'n cael ei ddatblygu er mwyn symud gwneud cynnydd gyda'r rhain. Mae'r adroddiad hwn hefyd yn rhan o'r broses sicrwydd gyda'r Llywodraeth ac mae'n cefnogi rhyddhau cyllid y Fargen Twf.

Trafododd y Bwrdd a oedd defnyddio'r 4% a bennwyd yn benodol i gefnogi'r Swyddfa Rheoli Portffolio yn swm priodol. Dywedodd swyddogion ei fod yn swm priodol i ariannu swyddi sy'n cefnogi'r Fargen Twf. Byddai CJE yn dosbarthu nodyn i'r Bwrdd ar fanylion y ganran benodol hon ac yn nodi'r dull a gymerwyd gan bargeinion twf eraill Cymru. Nodwyd bod swm is yn cael ei bennu yng Ngogledd Cymru ond bod yr awdurdodau lleol yno yn cyfrannu llawer mwy.

Cadarnhawyd bod noddwyr y prosiect yn ymwybodol o'r symiau dangosol ar gyfer eu prosiectau a'u bod wedi cael gwybod y gallai fod yn rhaid iddynt edrych ar ffynonellau arian eraill neu drefnu prosiectau fesul cam os nad oedd y cyllid llawn ar gael.

Fe'i cynigiwyd gan y Cynghorydd Bryan Davies a'i eilio gan y Cynghorydd Keith Henson a derbyniwyd hyn yn unfrydol

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo cyflwyno Achos Busnes Portffolio Strategol f2.1 a Strategaeth Fuddsoddi Sector Preifat DRAFFT f2.0 i Lywodraethau'r DU a Chymru i'w hadolygu yng nghyfarfod Bwrdd Gweithredu Dinasoedd Cymru a'r Fargen Twf ar 29 Mawrth, fel rhan o ystyriaeth o gyflwyno Llythyr Dyfarnu Grant ar gyfer Bargaen Twf Canolbarth Cymru.

6. UNRHYW FATER ARALL / ANY OTHER BUSINESS

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7. DYDDIADAU CYFARFODYDD NESAF / DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
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23 Mehefin 2023 – Rhithwir

29 Medi 2023 – Rhithwir

15 Rhagfyr 2023 – Rhithwir

**Y Cynghorydd Sir James Gibson-Watt
Cadeirydd**

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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BWRDD TYFU CANOLBARTH CYMRU /
GROWING MID WALES BOARD HELD AT BY ZOOM ON TUESDAY, 28 MARCH
2023**

PRESENT

Ceredigion County Council Members:

Councillor Bryan Davies, Leader and Cabinet Member for Democratic Services, Policy, Performance and People and Organisation **(BD)**

Councillor Catrin M S. Davies, Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Customer Services **(CMSD)**

Councillor Keith Henson, Cabinet Member for Highways and Environmental Services and Carbon Management **(KH)**

Councillor Matthew Vaux, Cabinet Member for Partnerships, Housing, Legal and Governance and Public Protection **(MV)**

Powys County Council Members:

Councillor James Gibson-Watt, Leader **JGW) (Chair)**

Councillor Aled Davies **(AD)**

Councillor Matthew Dorrance, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for a Fairer Powys **(MD)**

Councillor David Selby, Cabinet Member for a More Prosperous Powys **(DS)**

Officers:

Barry Rees, Corporate Director, Ceredigion County Council **(BR)**

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

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

Duncan Hall, Corporate Lead Officer: Finance and Procurement, Ceredigion County Council **(DH)**

Carwyn Jones-Evans, Joint Strategic Lead, Growing Mid Wales/Ceredigion County Council **(CJE)**

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

Cathy Martin, Operations Manager, Growing Mid Wales **(CM)**

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

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

Nicola Williams, Joint Strategic Lead, Growing Mid Wales/ Powys County Council **(NW)**

Ffion Lloyd, Solicitor, Ceredigion County Council **(FL)**

Government Observers:

Gareth Ashman, Head of Regional and Local Growth, UK Government Wales

Ann Watkin, Head of Strategy, Operations Alignment and Planning, Welsh Government

Peter James, Senior Strategy & Operations Manager, Welsh Government

1.	CROESO AC YMDDIHEURIADAU / WELCOME AND APOLOGIES
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The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Clive Davies, Cabinet Member for Economy and Regeneration CCC, Councillor Amanda Jenner PCC, Eifion Evans Chief Executive CCC, Caroline Turner Chief Executive PCC, Arwyn Davies, Corporate Manager: Growth and Enterprise CCC, Russell Hughes-Pickering Corporate Lead Officer: Economy and Regeneration CCC.

2.	DATGELU BUDDIANNAU PERSONOL / DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST
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There were no declarations of personal interest reported.

3.	COFNODION DRAFFT Y CYFARFOD DIWETHAF / DRAFT MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING 17.02.2023
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The minutes of the last meeting held on 17th February 2023 were agreed as a correct record.

4.	PARTNERIAETH SGILIAU RHANBARTHOL CANOLBARTH CYMRU / MW REGIONAL SKILLS PARTNERSHIP
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The Regional Skills Partnership Manager reported on the Spring Employer Engagement Event held on 23rd March at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells. At the event, facilitated by Alun Jones, former Chief Executive of Menter a Busnes, the 3-year Employment and Skills Plan and Action plan was formally launched. There were 56 attendees, 20 businesses plus stakeholders. This was the first event of its kind for the RSP and it was encouraging to see 20 employers in attendance. The RSP team were in the process of establishing the Employer Cluster Groups and would continue to use networks and business forums to encourage further and more meaningful engagement.

The Leaders of Powys and Ceredigion County Councils paid tribute to Aggie Caesar-Homden who was moving on from the role of Regional Skills Manager and thanked her for all her work in developing the RSP and forging links with businesses.

5.	BARGEN TWF CANOLBARTH CYMRU / MID WALES GROWTH DEAL
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The Board's approval was sought to submit the Strategic Portfolio Business Case v2.1 and Private Sector Investment Strategy DRAFT v2.0 to the UK and Welsh Governments for review by the Welsh Cities and Growth Deal Implementation Board meeting on 29th March as part of consideration of issuing a Grant Award Letter for the Mid Wales Growth Deal. The Board was not being asked to approve individual projects or the funding for them. It was confirmed that projects and funding had not been fixed yet and that there was flexibility to bring other projects forwards. Included in the pack were the Implementation Plan,

the Integrated Assurance and Approval Plan, the Communications Strategy and the Risks and Issues Register.

The Portfolio Assurance Review (PAR) took place 14th - 17th February and the Mid Wales Growth Deal was given an **AMBER/GREEN** rating which was very positive. The report praised the progress of the Growth Deal and provided 10 recommendations to aid the further development and implementation, all of which were achievable, and some were already in the process of being planned/actioned. An Action Plan would be developed to take these forward. This report also formed part of the assurance process with Government and supports the release of the Growth Deal funding.

The Board discussed whether the 4% top slice to support the Portfolio Management Office was an appropriate amount. Officers advised that this was an appropriate amount to fund posts supporting the Growth Deal. CJE would circulate a note to the Board on the details of the top slicing and setting out the approach taken by the other Welsh growth deals. It was noted that in North Wales a lower amount was top sliced but that the local authorities there were contributing significantly more.

It was confirmed that project sponsors were aware of the indicative sums for their projects and that they had been advised that they may have to look at other sources of funding or to phase projects if the full funding was not available.

It was moved by Councillor Bryan Davies and seconded by Councillor Keith Henson and unanimously

RESOLVED to approve the submission of the Strategic Portfolio Business Case v2.1 and Private Sector Investment Strategy DRAFT v2.0 to the UK and Welsh Governments for review by the Welsh Cities and Growth Deal Implementation Board meeting on 29th March as part of consideration of issuing a Grant Award Letter for the Mid Wales Growth Deal.

6.	UNRHYW FATER ARALL / ANY OTHER BUSINESS
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None

7.	DYDDIADAU CYFARFODYDD NESAF / DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS
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23 June 2023 – Virtual

29 September 2023 – Virtual

15 December 2023 – Virtual

**County Councillor James Gibson-Watt
Chair**

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ADRODDIAD I FWRDD TYFU CANOLBARTH CYMRU

23 Mehefin 2023

TEITL:	Partneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol Canolbarth Cymru – Diweddariad ynghylch Cynnydd
AWDUR:	Louise Grove-White, Rheolwr Dros Dro y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol Louise.grove-white@powys.gov.uk

1. Diben yr adroddiad

- 1.1. Rhoi i Aelodau Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru ddiweddariad ynghylch cynnydd Partneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol Canolbarth Cymru.
- 1.1. Rhoi i aelodau Grŵp Rheoli Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru ddiweddariad ynghylch cynnydd Partneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol Canolbarth Cymru, gan gynnwys adroddiad ynghylch Digwyddiad y Gwanwyn y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol lle lanswyd y Cynllun Cyflogaeth a Sgiliau 3 blynedd, cynnydd cyfarfod cyntaf y grŵp clwstwr ar gyfer busnesau, adborth o'r grwpiau clwstwr sydd wedi ennill eu plwyf, cyfarfod nesaf Bwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol, cyhoeddi drafft cyntaf gweithgareddau Atodlen 2 Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer y Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol, a recriwtio Rheolwr newydd i'r Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol.

2. Penderfyniad a geisir.

- 2.1. Nodi'r cynnydd hyd yn hyn.

3. Digwyddiad y Gwanwyn y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol a lansio'r Cynllun Cyflogaeth a Sgiliau 3 blynedd a'r Cynllun Gweithredu

- 3.1. Mae'r Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol yn dal i ddarparu safbwynt rhanbarthol er mwyn llywio strategaethau ynghylch sgiliau sector ar lefel Cymru a lefel y DU ac er mwyn darparu data sylfaenol ar gyfer cynllunio addysg bellach, gan ddefnyddio gwybodaeth a arweinir gan gyflogwyr ac anghenion y farchnad lafur.
- 3.2. Cafodd Digwyddiad y Gwanwyn y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol ei gynnal yng Ngwesty'r Metropole yn Llandrindod ar 23 Mawrth, a'i fwriad oedd ymgysylltu â busnesau i nodi eu blaenoriaethau ar gyfer buddsoddi rhanbarthol er mwyn hybu swyddi a thwf yn rhanbarth Canolbarth Cymru a deall y rhwystrau o ran sgiliau a recriwtio.

- 3.3. Cafwyd areithiau croesawu gan Arweinydd Cyngor Sir Powys, y Cynghorydd James Gibson-Watt, Dirprwy Arweinydd Cyngor Sir Ceredigion, y Cynghorydd Alun Williams, a Chadeirydd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol, Emma Thomas.
- 3.4. Yn rhan o agenda'r diwrnod ymunodd Vaughan Gething AS â'r digwyddiad, drwy fideo a oedd wedi'i recordio ymlaen llaw, i lansio'n swyddogol y Cynllun Cyflogaeth a Sgiliau 3 blynedd a'r Cynllun Gweithredu.
- 3.5. Arweiniodd Tom Yeo, Arweinydd Ynni Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru, a Grant Thomas, Dadansoddwr Gwariant Caffael a Marchnadoedd, Cyngor Sir Powys, gyflwyniadau addysgiadol ynghylch Sero Net a manteision amgylcheddol ac economaidd cyd-fynd ag adroddiad Llywodraeth Cymru ynghylch Cymru Sero Net.
- 3.6. Roedd 61 o gynrychiolwyr o 17 o sefydliadau'n bresennol yn y digwyddiad, a chyfrannodd pob un ohonynt i'r trafodaethau bord gron rhyngweithiol er mwyn deall y rhwystrau o ran sgiliau a recriwtio, a hwyluswyd gan Alun Jones (cyn-Brif Weithredwr Menter a Busnes).
- 3.7. Cafodd busnesau eu gwahodd i gofrestru eu diddordeb mewn mynychu cyfarfod cyntaf y grŵp clwstwr ar gyfer busnesau, ymuno â rhestr bostio Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru a lawrlwytho copi o'r Cynllun Cyflogaeth a Sgiliau 3 blynedd a'r Cynllun Gweithredu.

Penderfyniad a geisir.

Nodi'r cynnydd hyd yn hyn.

4. Cyfarfod y Grŵp Clwstwr ar gyfer Busnesau

- 4.1. Cafodd cyfarfod cyntaf Grŵp Clwstwr ar gyfer Busnesau y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol ei gynnal ar 15/5/23 yn y Llyfrgell Genedlaethol yn Aberystwyth. Cafodd y cyfarfod ei gadeirio gan Emma Thomas (Cadeirydd Bwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol) a oedd yn cynrychioli Aber Instruments. Mae Cylch Gorchwyl yn cael ei ddrafftio, a bydd yn cael ei gyflwyno yn y cyfarfod nesaf.
- 4.2. Bu'r gweithgarwch cyfathrebu ynghylch yr alwad agored ar gyfer cyfarfod cyntaf y grŵp clwstwr yn canolbwyntio ar y cyfryngau cymdeithasol ac ar dargedu rhanddeiliaid a phartneriaid allweddol er mwyn dosbarthu'r gwahoddiad drwy eu rhwydweithiau nhw o fusnesau.
- 4.3. Roedd 18 busnes o wahanol faint yn bresennol yn y cyfarfod cyntaf ac roeddent yn cynrychioli nifer o sectorau blaenoriaethol gan gynnwys y sector digidol, y sector twristiaeth, y sector ynni, y sector gweithgynhyrchu, y sector ymchwil ac arloesi a'r sector bwyd a diod.

- 4.4. Roedd y negeseuon allweddol yn dilyn y digwyddiad hwn yn cyd-fynd â barn busnesau yn Nigwyddiad y Gwanwyn – gwnaethant nodi problemau'n ymwneud â recriwtio a chadw staff, cysylltedd a natur wledig y rhanbarth, a diffyg darpariaeth briodol a hyblyg o ran hyfforddiant ar draws y rhanbarth. Bydd yr eitemau a fydd ar agendâu'r dyfodol yn mynd i'r afael â'r problemau hyn er mwyn cael rhagor o wybodaeth a arweinir gan gyflogwyr, a fydd yn fodd i oleuo'r Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol ymhellach ynghylch y rhwystrau y mae busnesau'n eu hwynebu ar draws y rhanbarth.
- 4.5. Bydd cyfarfod nesaf y grŵp clwstwr ar gyfer busnesau'n cael ei gynnal ar 4 Gorffennaf yn y Drenewydd.
- 4.6. Bydd is-grwpiau'n cael eu ffurfio yn y dyfodol ar gyfer y grŵp clwstwr hwn er mwyn canolbwyntio ar y sector digidol a'r sector sero net yn unol â gofynion Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer y Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol (Atodlen 2). Bydd Cadeirydd yn cael ei enwebu o blith un o'r sefydliadau sy'n aelodau o bob grŵp. Cyfrifoldeb y Cadeiryddion fydd adrodd yn ôl i Fwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol pan fo'n briodol.

Penderfyniad a geisir.

Nodi'r cynnydd hyd yn hyn.

5. Grwpiau Clwstwr y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol

- 5.1. Cymerodd y Grŵp Clwstwr ar gyfer Gwasanaethau Cyhoeddus, a gadeiriwyd gan Paul Bradshaw (Pennaeth Adnoddau Dynol, Cyngor Sir Powys), ran mewn gweithdy bord gron ar 17/5/23 a fu'n canolbwyntio ar sut y gall y grŵp gynllunio gweithlu ar y cyd er mwyn deall yn well y gofynion o ran recriwtio a chadw staff a'r gofynion o ran sgiliau mewn gwasanaethau cyhoeddus ar draws y rhanbarth. Mae gweithgor wedi'i sefydlu i ddatblygu templed y bydd pob aelod yn ei lenwi er mwyn helpu'r Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol i adnabod yr anghenion. Bydd y wybodaeth hon yn cael ei chrynhai a'i dadansoddi, a phan fydd yn gyflawn bydd yn cyfrannu i sgysiau â'r Grŵp Clwstwr ar gyfer Darparwyr Hyfforddiant.
- 5.2. Cyfarfu'r Grŵp Clwstwr ar gyfer Darparwyr Hyfforddiant, a gadeiriwyd gan Catherine Lewis, Is-bennaeth ac Is-brif Weithredwr Grŵp NPTC, ar 24/5/23 a chanolbwyntiwyd ar gwestiynau a oedd yn codi o Gynllun Gweithredu Sgiliau Sero Net Llywodraeth Cymru ac a oedd yn cyd-fynd â gweithgareddau Atodlen 2 Llywodraeth Cymru ar gyfer y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol. Dyma'r negeseuon allweddol y mae angen eu rhannu â Llywodraeth Cymru – mae cyflogwyr yn dal i'w chael yn anodd deall terminoleg Sero Net ac roedd angen i'r Llywodraeth sicrhau bod Sero Net yn uwch i fyny ar yr agenda; mae darparwyr hyfforddiant yn gweithio ar eu darpariaeth ar gyfer sgiliau gwyrdd ond y farn gyffredinol oedd y byddai cyflogwyr a darparwyr hyfforddiant yn elwa o gael un ffynhonnell wybodaeth (ar-lein ac mewn cyhoeddiadau hyrwyddo) ar gyfer yr holl ddarpariaeth ar gyfer sgiliau gwyrdd ar draws y rhanbarth.

Penderfyniad a geisir.

Nodi'r cynnydd hyd yn hyn.

6. Cyfarfod Bwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol

6.1. Bwriedir cynnal cyfarfod nesaf Bwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol ar 5/6/23.

6.2. Bydd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol a'r grwpiau clwstwr yn rhoi'r wybodaeth ddiweddaraf i'r Bwrdd am weithgarwch hyd yma. Bydd Heather Davidson, Llywodraeth Cymru, sef y Pennaeth Polisi Sgiliau Sero Net, yn siarad am y cyfeiriad o ran polisi yn dilyn cyhoeddi Cynllun Gweithredu Sgiliau Sero Net Cymru.

Penderfyniad a geisir.

Nodi'r cynnydd hyd yn hyn.

7. Gweithgareddau Atodlen 2 Llywodraeth Cymru

7.1. Mae copi drafft o'r gweithgareddau Atodlen 2 ar gyfer 2023/24 wedi'i ddsbarthu i bob un o'r Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol.

7.2. Mae cyfarfod wedi'i drefnu ar gyfer 6/6/23 i Reolwyr a Chadeiryddion y Partneriaethau Sgiliau Rhanbarthol er mwyn trafod y gofyniad o ran Atodlen 2 yn fwy manwl. Bydd y ddogfen yn cael ei dosbarthu fel y bo'n briodol pan fydd fersiwn terfynol ar gael ohoni.

Penderfyniad a geisir.

Nodi'r cynnydd hyd yn hyn.

8. Cyfarfod Bwrdd y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol (5/6/23)

9. Recriwtio

9.1. Mae Aggie Caesar-Homden wedi symud i'w swydd newydd yng Nghyngor Sir Powys erbyn hyn. Mae Louise Grove-White, Swyddog Prosiect y Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol ar hyn o bryd, wedi dechrau gweithio fel Rheolwr Dros Dro y Bartneriaeth tan ddiwedd mis Mehefin.

9.2. Mae Rheolwr newydd wedi'i benodi i'r Bartneriaeth Sgiliau Rhanbarthol a disgwylir y bydd yn ymuno â'r tîm ddechrau mis Gorffennaf.

Penderfyniad a geisir.

Nodi'r cynnydd hyd yn hyn.

10. Goblygiadau cyfreithiol

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

11. Goblygiadau o ran adnoddau dynol

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

12. Goblygiadau ariannol

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

13. Atodiadau

13.1. Nid oes unrhyw atodiadau wedi'u clymu.

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REPORT TO THE GROWING MID WALES BOARD

23 June 2023

TITLE:	Mid Wales Regional Skills Partnership – Progress Update
AUTHOR:	Louise Grove-White, Interim RSP Manager. Louise.grove-white@powys.gov.uk

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.
- 1.1. To provide members of the GMW Management Group with an update on progress of the Mid Wales RSP including a report on the RSP Spring Event which saw the launch of the 3-Year Employment & Skills Plan, the progress for the first business cluster group, feedback from the established cluster groups, the next RSP Board Meeting, the publication of the first draft of WG's Schedule 2 of activities for the RSPs and the recruitment of the new RSP Manager.

2. Decision Sought.

- 2.1. To note progress to date.

3. RSP Spring Event and the launch of the 3-year Employment & Skills Plan and Action Plan

- 3.1. 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 labour market needs.
- 3.2. The RSP Spring Event took place at the Metropole Hotel in Llandrindod Wells on 23rd March with the aim to engage with businesses to identify their priorities for regional investment to support jobs and growth in the Mid Wales region and to understand the barriers to skills and recruitment.
- 3.3. Welcome speeches were delivered by the Leader of Powys County Council, Councillor James Gibson-Watt, Deputy Leader of Ceredigion County Council, Councillor Alun Williams and the RSP chair Emma Thomas.
- 3.4. As part of the agenda for the day Vaughan Gething, MS, joined the event via a pre-recorded video to officially launch the 3-Year Employment & Skills Plan and Action Plan.

- 3.5. Tom Yeo, GMW Energy Lead and Grant Thomas, Procurement Spend & Market Analyst, Powys County Council led informative presentations on Net Zero and the environmental and economic benefits aligning with Welsh Government's Net Zero Wales report.
- 3.6. The event was attended by 61 people representing 17 organisations who all contributed to the interactive round table discussions to understand the barriers to skills and recruitment, facilitated by Alun Jones (former CEO of Menter a Busnes).
- 3.7. Businesses were invited to register their interest in attending the first business cluster group, joining the GMW mailing list and downloading a copy of the Employment & Skills Plan and Action Plan.

Decision Sought.

To note progress to date.

4. Business Cluster Group Meeting

- 4.1. The first RSP Business Cluster Group meeting was held on 15/5/23 at the National Library in Aberystwyth. The meeting was chaired by Emma Thomas (Chair of the RSP Board) representing Aber Instruments. Terms of Reference are being drafted and will be presented at the next meeting.
- 4.2. Communications activity around the open call for this first cluster meeting focused on social media and targeting key stakeholders and partners to distribute the invitation through their networks of businesses.
- 4.3. The first meeting was attended by 18 businesses of different sizes representing a number of priority sectors including digital, tourism, energy, manufacturing, research and innovation and food and drink.
- 4.4. Key messaging from this event aligned with the voice of businesses at the Spring event - they identified issues around recruitment and retention, connectivity and rurality and the lack of appropriate and flexible training provision across the region. Future agenda items will address these issues to draw out employer-led intelligence further informing the RSP of the barriers businesses are experiencing across the region.
- 4.5. The next business cluster meeting will take place on 4 July in Newtown.
- 4.6. Future sub-groups of this business cluster will be established to focus on the digital and net zero sectors in line with Welsh Government's requirements for the RSPs (Schedule 2). A Chair will be nominated from one of the member organisations of each group. It will be the responsibility of the Chairs to report into the RSP Board when appropriate.

Decision Sought.

To note progress to date.

5. RSP Cluster Groups

- 5.1. Public Services Cluster Group, chaired by Paul Bradshaw (Head of HR, PCC), took part in a round table workshop on 17/5/23 focusing on how the group can collectively workforce plan to better understand recruitment, retention and skills requirements in the public services across the region. A working group has been set up to develop a template which each member will complete to help the RSP identify the needs. This information will be collated and analysed and fed back into conversations with the Training Provider Cluster Group when completed.
- 5.2. Training Provider Cluster Group, chaired by Catherine Lewis, Vice Principal and Vice CEO of NPTC Group, took place on 24/5/23, focused on questions arising from WG's Net Zero Skills Action Plan and aligned with WG's Schedule 2 activities for the RSP. Key messaging to feedback to WG – employers are still struggling with Net Zero terminology and they needed to bring Net Zero up the agenda; training providers are working on their green skills provision but the collective opinion was that employers and training providers would benefit from a single point of information (online and promotional print) for all green skills provision across the region.

Decision Sought.

To note progress to date.

6. RSP Board Meeting

- 6.1. The next RSP Board Meeting is scheduled for 5/6/23.
- 6.2. The RSP and cluster groups will update the board on activity to date. Heather Davidson, WG, Head of Net Zero Skills Policy will be speaking on the policy direction following the publication of the Net Zero Wales Action Plan.

Decision Sought.

To note progress to date.

7. Welsh Government Schedule 2 Activities

- 7.1. The draft RSP Schedule 2 activities for 2023/24 has been distributed to all the RSPs.
- 7.2. A meeting has been scheduled for 6/6/23 for RSP Managers and RSP Chairs to discuss the Schedule 2 requirement in more detail. Once the document has been finalised it will be circulated accordingly.

Decision Sought.

To note progress to date.

8. RSP Board Meeting (5/6/23)

9. Recruitment

9.1. Aggie Caesar-Homden has now moved over to her new role in Powys County Council. Louise Grove-White, the current RSP Project Officer has taken on the position of interim RSP Manager until the end of June.

9.2. The new RSP Manager has been appointed and is expected to join the team in early July.

Decision Sought.

To note progress to date.

10. Legal Implications

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

11. Human Resources Implications

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

12. Financial Implications

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

13. Appendices

13.1. None Attached



ADRODDIAD I FWRDD TYFU CANOLBARTH CYMRU

23 Mehefin 2023

TEITL:	Adroddiad ynghylch Bargaen Twf Canolbarth Cymru
AWDUR:	Cathy Martin, Rheolwr Gweithrediadau – Bargaen Twf Canolbarth Cymru

1 Diben yr adroddiad

- 1.1 Diben yr adroddiad hwn yw cyflwyno'r canlynol:
- trosolwg byr o'r cynnydd a'r camau nesaf yn ymwneud â Bargaen Twf Canolbarth Cymru
 - y Templed Arfarnu Achos Busnes Amlinellol

2 Penderfyniad(au) a geisir

- 2.1 Nodi'r cynnydd hyd yma
2.2 Nodi'r broses arfarnu achos busnes amlinellol

3 Cefndir ac ystyriaethau perthnasol

- 3.1 Ers i Fwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru gymeradwyo Achos Busnes Strategol wedi'i ddiweddarau y Portffolio (fersiwn 2.1) a'r dogfennau ategol ar 28 Mawrth 2023, mae'r dogfennau wedi'u cyflwyno yn ffurfiol i Lywodraeth Cymru a Llywodraeth y DU i'w hadolygu yn rhan o'r broses o ystyried rhoi Llythyr Dyfarnu Grant ar gyfer blwyddyn ariannol 2023/24.
- 3.2 Mae'r adborth a gafwyd hyd yma wedi bod yn gadarnhaol iawn, gan gynnwys yn dilyn cyflwyniad a roddwyd i Fwrdd Gweithredu Bargeinion Twf a Bargeinion Dinesig Cymru ar 29 Mawrth gan Uwch-berchnogion Cyfrifol y Portffolio a'r Swyddogion Arweiniol Strategol. Mae'r Adolygiad Sicrwydd ym mis Chwefror, a roddodd y Fargaen Twf yn y categori Oren/Gwyrdd, wedi helpu i gyfrannu i'r sefyllfa gadarnhaol hon ac yn dangos bod y rhanbarth yn barod i gael y cyllid ac i symud ymlaen i gyflawni'r Fargaen Twf.
- 3.3 Mae'r ystyriaeth o ddyfarnu'r cyllid i Ganolbarth Cymru bellach yn dilyn proses a osodwyd rhwng y ddwy lywodraeth a disgwyliwn glywed y canlyniad yn yr wythnosau nesaf.

4 Cyflawni

- 4.1 Ers dechrau 2023, mae llawer o'r gwaith wedi bod yn canolbwyntio ar ddiweddarau Achos Busnes Strategol y Portffolio a'r dogfennau ategol. Mae'r ffocws bellach wedi symud i symud ymlaen gyda datblygiad achos busnes Rhaglenni a Phrosiectau i symud yn nes at gyflawni.
- 4.2 Mae'r Noddwyr Prosiectau ar gyfer y prosiectau sydd wedi cyrraedd y rhestr fer

ar hyn o bryd yn parhau â'r gwaith o ddatblygu achosion busnes ac rydym yn disgwyl i ragor o Achosion Amlinellol Strategol gael eu cyflwyno i'r Bwrdd yn ei gyfarfod ym mis Medi, ynghyd â'r cyntaf o'r Achosion Busnes Amlinellol. Yn wreiddiol, roeddem yn disgwyl i rai Achosion Busnes Amlinellol gael eu cyflwyno ym mis Chwefror/Mawrth, ond mae angen gwneud mwy o waith i'w datblygu.

- 4.3 Wrth baratoi ar gyfer cyflwyno'r Achosion Busnes Amlinellol, mae'r Swyddfa Rheoli Portffolio wedi datblygu'r broses arfarnu ymhellach i ystyried y meini prawf asesu ar gyfer y cam nesaf hwn - gweler atodiad 1. Mae hwn wedi'i ddsbarthu i'r Grŵp Cynghori Economaidd i gael mewnbwn.
- 4.4 Fel gyda'r arfarniadau SOC, bydd y tîm adolygu yn cyflwyno'r canfyddiadau i'r Grŵp Rheoli i'w hadolygu a bydd argymhellion yn cael eu cyflwyno wedyn i gyfarfod nesaf Bwrdd TCC sydd ar gael.
- 4.5 Mae'r ddwy Raglen yn dod yn eu blaen yn dda. Mae'r Rhaglen Ddigidol yn cyflwyno prosiectau erbyn hyn, ac mae'r Rhaglen Safleoedd ac Eiddo ar fin cwblhau'r gwaith o asesu safleoedd.
- 4.6 Mae cynlluniau'n cael eu creu ar gyfer adolygiadau sicrwydd yng nghyswllt y ddwy Raglen ac yng nghyswllt Prosiectau os ydynt wedi cyrraedd cam yr Achos Busnes Amlinellol. Bydd hynny'n cynyddu hyder o ran cyflawni, ac o ran gwybod bod y prosesau cywir wedi'u dilyn ac ar waith ar gyfer gweithredu yn y dyfodol.
- 4.7 Mae Trosolwg Portffolio yn dangos y cerrig milltir allweddol a'r camau nesaf i'w gweld yn Atodiad 2.

5 Llywodraethu

- 5.1 Mae adolygiad wedi'i gynnal o drefniadau'r 'Grŵp Rheoli' (sef un o argymhellion Adolygiad Sicrwydd y Portffolio). Mae Rhan 1 wedi troi'n Fwrdd Cyflawni Portffolio'r Fargen Twf, ac mae ganddo Gylch Gorchwyl diwygiedig ac aelodaeth fwy cyfyngedig er mwyn sicrhau trafodaethau mwy penodol.

6 Adnoddau

- 6.1 Mae adnoddau staffio'r Swyddfa Rheoli Portffolio wedi'u hadolygu, yn rhannol oherwydd newidiadau i gyllid ond hefyd oherwydd bod hynny'n un o'r argymhellion yn Adolygiad Sicrwydd y Portffolio, er mwyn sicrhau bod y swyddi cywir ar waith neu bod y bobl gywir yn cael eu recriwtio i symud y Fargen Twf ymlaen i'r cam nesaf.
- 6.2 Cynigir bod 4 o'r swyddi 'craidd' presennol yn parhau (y Rheolwr Gweithrediadau, Rheolwyr Rhaglenni x 2, y Swyddog Dadansoddi a Chefnogi Portffolio) a bod swydd Rheolwr Prosiectau Cronfa Gymdeithasol Ewrop yn gorffen ar 31 Gorffennaf 2023 pan fydd cyllid y Gronfa honno'n dod i ben.
- 6.3 Bydd angen ymestyn contractau ar gyfer y swyddi 'craidd' sy'n weddill, ond ni ellir gwneud hynny nes y ceir sicrwydd ynghylch cyllid y Fargen Twf. Mae trafodaethau'n mynd rhagddynt â swyddogion Adnoddau Dynol.
- 6.4 Cynigir bod swydd Swyddog Cyfathrebu Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru yn parhau dan drefniant secondio, gyda'r cyllid yn cael ei rannu rhwng amryw swyddogaethau

rhanbarthol Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru. Bydd y swydd yn parhau i gael ei chynnal gan Ceredigion, fel sy'n digwydd ar hyn o bryd, a bydd deiliad y swydd yn gweithio'n agos gyda swyddfeydd y wasg yn y ddau awdurdod lleol.

- 6.5 Mae swyddi eraill yn cael eu cynnig hefyd, sef swydd weinyddu a swydd Rheolwr Prosiectau a Pherfformiad. Mae'r ddwy swydd i'w cadarnhau.
- 6.6 Diwedd mis Mai yw dyddiad cau'r tendr am gymorth technegol i'r Portffolio. Yna, bydd yr ymatebion yn cael eu hadolygu a bydd y prosesau dyfarnu contract yn cael eu dilyn.

7 Cyllid

Proffil Cyfalaf

- 7.1 Yn dilyn trafodaethau â Llywodraeth y DU a Llywodraeth Cymru, mae ymarfer ailbroffilio wedi'i gynnal yng nghyswllt y cyllid sydd i'w ryddhau i'r rhanbarth ar gyfer y flwyddyn gyntaf, sy'n cyd-fynd yn well â'r gwariant a ragwelir yn hytrach na bod ei broffil yn wastad. Mae trafodaethau'n mynd rhagddynt â'r Swyddog Adran 151 ynghylch sut mae symud ymlaen.
- 7.2 Mae cynigion wedi'u cyflwyno i'r ddwy Lywodraeth ac rydym yn aros am ymateb.

Cyllideb TCC

- 7.3 Mae ymarfer caffael wedi'i gynnal i ddarparu cymorth technegol i'r Cynllun Twf, yn enwedig i gefnogi gwaith Achos Busnes Portffolio a gwerthusiadau Achos Busnes Rhaglen/Prosiect.
- 7.4 Mae cyflenwr a ffeirir wedi'i adnabod, gyda'r bwriad o gyhoeddi contractau dros yr wythnos neu ddwy nesaf. Bydd y contract yn cynnwys cymorth am 5 mlynedd i alluogi cyson o tua £80k y flwyddyn. Nodwyd hyn fel cost o fewn y gyllideb a osodwyd ar gyfer 2023/24 gyda'r bwriad o'i gynnwys yn y blynyddoedd i ddod.

8 Buddsoddi gan y Sector Preifat

- 8.1 Mae sicrhau'r Buddsoddi gan y Sector Preifat, sy'n ofynnol i gyflawni'r Fargen Twf, yn dal yn risg uchel ar draws y Portffolio ac mae'n rhywbeth y mae'r ddwy Lywodraeth yn pryderu amdano.
- 8.2 Cynigir bod y Grŵp Cynghori Economaidd yn perchenogi'r Strategaeth ar gyfer Buddsoddi gan y Sector Preifat. Mae'r gwaith o egluro ei rôl o ran cyflawni wedi bod yn mynd yn ei flaen yn dda ac mae nifer o drafodaethau wedi'u cynnal hyd yma. Dyma'r egwyddorion allweddol:
 - Cyfathrebu: cryfhau ymwybyddiaeth o Fargen Twf Canolbarth Cymru ac o gyfleoedd (yn uniongyrchol drwy'r prosiectau, ac yn anuniongyrchol hefyd drwy gyfleoedd o ran cadwynau cyflenwi).
 - Gwybodaeth arbenigol: defnyddio'r Grŵp Cynghori Economaidd a rhanddeiliaid ehangach i wella dulliau gweithredu.
 - Meithrin partneriaethau: datblygu cysylltiadau a gwella ymwybyddiaeth o'r Fargen Twf, yr hyn y mae'n ei wneud a'r hyn y gall ei gynnig.
 - Anghenion busnes: gweithio'n agos gyda darparwr newydd Busnes Cymru

i alinio anghenion/gofynion o ran cymorth.

9 Risg

9.1 Mae'r Gofrestr Risg a Materion wedi'i diweddarau ac mae risgiau eraill wedi'u hychwanegu er mwyn adlewyrchu'r sefyllfa bresennol ac argymhellion Adolygiad Sicrwydd y Portffolio. Dyma'r prif risgiau presennol:

- Adnoddau'r Swyddfa Rheoli Portffolio: roedd Adolygiad Sicrwydd y Portffolio yn argymhell cynyddu capasiti'r Swyddfa; mae angen cyllid i sicrhau swyddi.
- Costau adeiladu'n codi / problemau'n ymwneud â chadwynau cyflenwi / costau oherwydd chwyddiant: maent yn parhau'n broblem, yn enwedig i Noddwyr Prosiectau.
- Adnoddau ariannol i gyflawni'r Fargen Twf: defnyddio rhan o gyllid y Fargen Twf at ddiben arbennig, cyfraniadau yn y dyfodol gan awdurdodau lleol.
- Buddsoddi gan y sector preifat: mae'n dal yn ystyriaeth allweddol i Lywodraethau, a rhoddir pwys ar weld strategaeth ar waith.

10 Cyfathrebu ac Ymgysylltu

10.1 Mae llythyrau newyddion misol yn cael eu llunio o hyd ac maent yn boblogaidd iawn (cafwyd canmoliaeth iddynt gan gydweithwyr mewn Llywodraeth ymhlith pobl eraill).

10.2 Mae cynllun gweithgarwch blaengar ar waith i fapio cyfleoedd a sicrhau bod cyfathrebu rhagweithiol yn digwydd. Mae'r cynllun yn cynnwys:

- Datganiad i'r wasg, ar gyfer mis Mehefin, ynghylch y ffaith bod Llythyr Dyfarnu Grant y Fargen Twf wedi'i roi, gyda fideo sy'n cynnwys y ddau Arweinydd.
- Gweinidogion yn bwriadu ymweld â'r rhanbarth i gwrdd â'r Arweinwyr rhwng mis Gorffennaf a mis Medi, ar ôl i'r Llythyr Dyfarnu Grant gael ei roi, felly bydd angen cynllunio hynny.

11 Y camau nesaf

11.1 Isod ceir trosolwg o'r camau nesaf:

Mai/Mehefin	Cynllunio Adolygiadau Sicrwydd Gateway yng nghyswllt Rhaglenni a Phrosiectau.
Mai/Mehefin	Ystyried cynigion y Rhaglen Ddigidol ymhellach.
Mai ymlaen	Achosion Busnes Prosiectau i'w cyflwyno a'u hasesu (6 wedi symud ymlaen i fod yn Achosion Busnes Amlinellol, 3 yn Achosion Amlinellol Strategol).
Mehefin	Asesu ymatebion i'r tendr am gymorth technegol i'r Portffolio a dyfarnu contract.
Mehefin	Llythyr Dyfarnu Grant yn cael ei roi. Datganiadau i'r wasg/gwaith cyfathrebu. Dyddiad rhyddhau'r cyllid i'w gadarnhau.
Mehefin	Achos Busnes wedi'i ddiweddarau ar gyfer y Rhaglen Ddigidol, copi drafft o Achos Busnes ar gyfer y Rhaglen Safleoedd ac Eiddo yn cael ei gyflwyno.
Mehefin	Ymestyn contractau staff y Swyddfa Rheoli Portffolio.

Gorffennaf	Cynllunio a pharatoi ar gyfer ymweliad Gweinidog â'r rhanbarth.
8 Medi	Grŵp Rheoli – yn cael asesiadau am Achosion Amlinellol Strategol a'r set gyntaf o Achosion Busnes Amlinellol.
29 Medi	Bwrdd Tyfu Canolbarth Cymru – yn cael argymhellion ynghylch Achosion Busnes i'w hystyried.

12 Goblygiadau cyfreithiol

12.1 Dim

13 Goblygiadau o ran adnoddau dynol

13.1 Gweler eitem 6.

14 Goblygiadau ariannol

14.1 Gweler eitem 7.

15 Atodiadau

- Atodiad 1: Fframwaith Arfarnu ABA
- Atodiad 2: Trosolwg Portffolio

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REPORT TO THE GROWING MID WALES BOARD
23rd June 2023

TITLE:	Mid Wales Growth Deal Report
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the following:
- a brief overview of the progress and next steps relating to the Mid Wales Growth Deal
 - the Outline Business Case Appraisal Template

2 Decision(s) Sought

- 2.1 Note progress to date
- 2.2 Note Outline Business Case Appraisal process.

3 Background and Relevant Considerations

- 3.1 Following approval of the updated Strategic Portfolio Business Case (v2.1) and supporting documents by GMW Board 28th March 2023, these were formally submitted to Welsh Government and UK Government for review as part of the consideration of issuing a Grant Award Letter for the 2023/24 financial year.
- 3.2 Feedback to date has been very positive, including following a presentation to the Welsh Cities & Growth Deal Implementation Board on 29th March by the Portfolio Senior Responsible Owners (SROs) and Strategic Lead Officers (SLOs). The Amber/Green Assurance Review in February has helped to contribute to this positivity and demonstrate that the region is ready to receive the funding and proceed with delivery of the Growth Deal.
- 3.3 Consideration of awarding the funding to Mid Wales is now following a process set out between both Governments, and we expect to hear the outcome in the coming weeks.

4 Delivery

- 4.1 Since the beginning of 2023 much of the work has focused on the updating of the Strategic Portfolio Business Case and supporting documents. The focus has now moved to progressing with business case development of Programmes and Projects to move closer to delivery.

- 4.2 Project Sponsors for the current short-listed projects are continuing with their business case development and we expect further Strategic Outline Cases (SOCs) to be presented to Board at its September meeting along with the first of the Outline Business Cases (OBCs). We were initially expected a couple of OBCs to be submitted February/March however further work is required to bring them forward.
- 4.3 In preparation for the submission of Outline Business Cases, the Portfolio Management Office has developed the appraisal process further to take on board the assessment criteria for this next stage – see Appendix 1. This has been circulated to the Economic Advisory Group for input.
- 4.4 As with the SOC appraisals, the review team will present the findings to the Management Group for review and recommendations will subsequently be presented to the next available meeting of the GMW Board.
- 4.5 The two Programmes are both progressing well with the Digital Programme now bringing forward projects, and the Sites & Premises Programme nearing the conclusion of the sites assessments work.
- 4.6 Plans are being put together for assurance reviews on both Programmes, and Projects where they are at OBC stage. This will provide greater confidence in delivery and that the correct processes have been followed and are in place for future implementation.
- 4.7 A Portfolio Overview showing key milestones and next stages can be found at Appendix 2.

5 Governance

- 5.1 A review has been undertaken of 'Management Group' arrangements (PAR recommendation). Part 1 has evolved into the Growth Deal Portfolio Delivery Board with revised Terms of Reference and tighter membership to ensure more focused discussions.

6 Resource

- 6.1 PoMO staffing resources have been reviewed, partly due to changes in funding but also as it was identified as a recommendation in the PAR, to ensure that the correct roles are in place or recruited to take the Growth Deal forward to the next stage.
- 6.2 It is proposed that 4 of the current 'core' roles remain in place (Operations Manager, Programme Managers x 2, Portfolio Support & Analysis Officer) and that the ESF Project Manager post expires 31st July 2023, when the ESF funding finishes.
- 6.3 Contract extensions will need to be put in place for the remaining 'core' roles, however this can only be done when there is a guarantee of Growth Deal funding. Discussions are ongoing with HR.
- 6.4 It is proposed that the GMW Communications Officer role is continued under a

secondment arrangement with funding shared between the various regional GMW functions. The role will continue to be hosted by Ceredigion, as is the current arrangement, working closely with the press offices of both Local Authorities.

- 6.5 Other posts are also being proposed, an administration role and a Projects and Performance Manager role – both to be confirmed.

7 Finance

Capital Profile

- 7.1 Following discussions with UK and Welsh Governments a re-profiling exercise has been undertaken regarding the amount of funding to be released to the region for the first year that is more in line with forecast expenditure, rather than as a flat profile. Discussions have taken place with the S151 officer on how to proceed.
- 7.2 Proposals have been submitted to both Governments and we are awaiting a response.

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- 7.3 A procurement exercise has been undertaken to provide technical support to the Growth Deal, particularly to support Portfolio Business Case work and Programme/Project Business Case appraisals.
- 7.4 A preferred supplier has been identified with a view to issuing contracts over the next week or so. The contract will cover support for 5 years to enable consistent at c£80k per year. This was identified as a cost within the budget setting for 2023/24 with the intention of including in future years.

8 Private Sector Investment

- 8.1 Securing the Private Sector Investment required to deliver the Growth Deal remains a high risk across the Portfolio, a concern which is shared by both Governments.
- 8.2 It is proposed that the Economic Advisory Group adopt ownership of the Private Sector Investment Strategy; work to clarify their role in delivery is well advanced with a number of discussions held to date. The key principles are as follows:
- Communication: strengthen awareness of the MWGD and opportunities (directly via the projects, and also indirectly via supply chain opportunities).
 - Expert Knowledge: utilising the EAG and wider stakeholders to improve approaches.
 - Building Partnerships: developing links and improve awareness of the Growth Deal, and what it does, and what it can offer.
 - Business Needs: work closely with new Business Wales provider to align needs/support requirements.

9 Risk

9.1 The Risk & Issue Register has been updated with additional risks added to reflect current position and recommendations from PAR. The main current risks are:

- PoMO resources: (PAR) recommended an increase to PoMO capacity; funding required to secure posts.
- Construction Costs increases / supply chain issues /inflationary costs: remain an issue particularly for Project Sponsors.
- Financial Resourcing to deliver Growth Deal: top slicing of Growth Deal, future contributions from local authorities.
- Private sector investment: remains a key consideration by Governments with emphasis on strategy in action.

10 Communication and Engagement

10.1 Monthly newsletters are continuing and proving to be very popular (compliments have been received from Government colleagues among others).

10.2 A forward-looking activity plan is in place to map opportunities and ensure proactive communications is undertaken. The plan includes:

- Press release planned for June around Growth Deal Grant Award Letter being issued, along with video featuring both Leaders.
- Ministers looking to visit the region to meet the Leaders following Grant Award Letter July to September, therefore this will need planning.

11 Next Steps

11.1 Please find below an overview of the next steps:

May/June	Plan Programme and Project Gateway Assurance Reviews
May/June	Further consideration of Digital Programme proposals.
May onwards	Project Business Cases to be submitted and assessed (6 at OBC, 3 at SOC)
June	Assess tender responses for Portfolio technical support, award contract.
June	Grant Award Letter issued. Press release/comms. Release date for funding to be confirmed.
June	Updated Digital Programme Business Case, draft Sites & Premises Programme Business Case brought forward.
June	Contract extensions for PoMO staff.
July	Planning and preparation for Ministerial visit to region.
8th September	Management Group – receive assessments on SOCs and first set of OBCs

29th September	GMW Board – receive recommendations on Business Cases for consideration
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12 Legal Implications

12.1 None

13 Human Resources Implications

13.1 See Item 6.

14 Financial Implications

14.1 See Item 7.

15 Appendices

- Appendix 1: OBC Appraisal Template
- Appendix 2: Portfolio Overview

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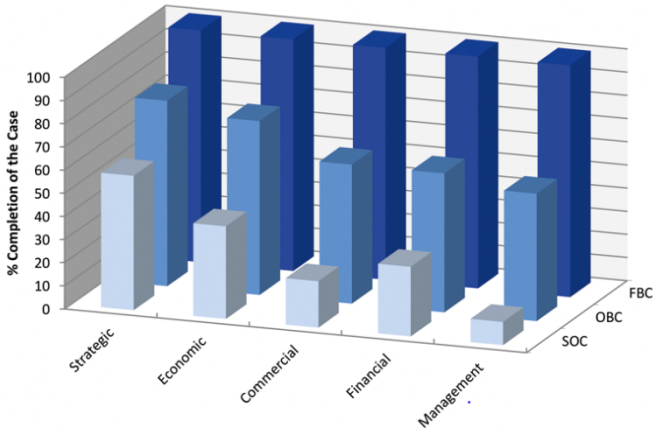
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Outline Business Case: Key criteria and Checklist

This checklist is intended to guide the appraisals of Outline Business Cases (OBCs) for candidate projects for the Mid Wales Growth Deal.

Project Sponsors have been cleared to develop their Outline Business Cases (OBCs) as the second stage, in which the scheme is planned and assessed in detail sufficient to enable the proposal to be market-tested. The final stage in the process is the Full Business Case (FBC) where the outcome of market-testing is brought into the final document at which point a final Growth Deal investment decision will be made.

The guidance diagram opposite illustrates how the Five Cases are built up steadily at each stage of the process. At the OBC stage, it is anticipated that, indicatively, the Strategic Case is around 70% developed; the Economic Case 65% developed; and the remaining Cases 50% developed. These points will be borne in mind when carrying out OBC reviews. The Portfolio Management Office will lead on the appraisal process independently of both Local Authorities with external technical support being provided as required.

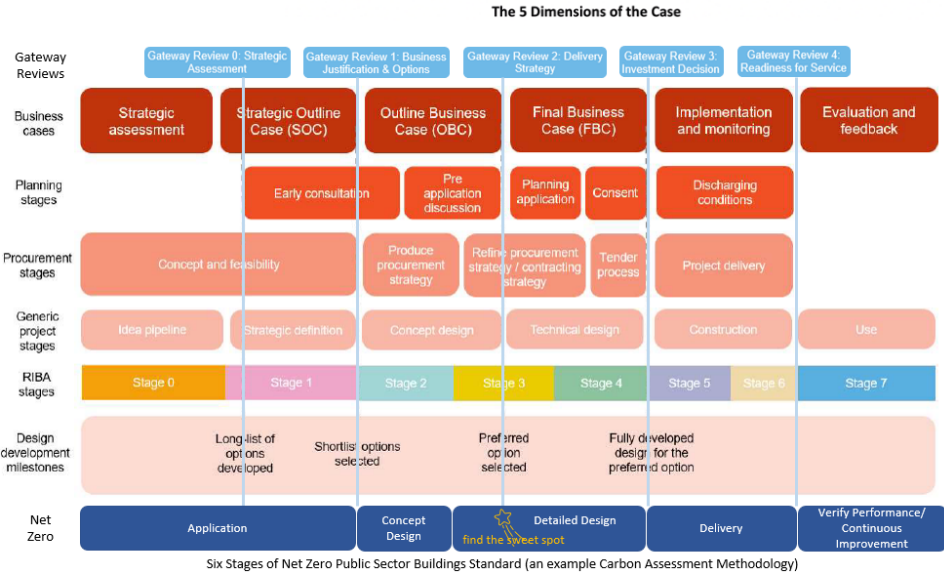


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The checklist below is intended to guide the **OBC** reviews, with some detailed criteria to consider. The overarching questions that guide the more detailed criteria in the tables below are:

- 1. Has the Strategic Case been reviewed and updated?**
- 2. Have the options considered the impact to the Economic Case appropriately with updated cost data etc, and have the options been appropriately considered/discussed?**
- 3. Does the Commercial Case set out a clear procurement proposal that reflects market considerations and is feasible?**
- 4. How will the project be funded and is it affordable for the organisation(s)?**
- 5. Is it clear how the project will be delivered and managed?**

The OBC should consolidate the Economic Case from SOC stage to assure Value for Money, set out the Financial Case to confirm the affordability and funding requirements for the scheme, set out the Commercial Case with a clear procurement strategy in mind and to set out the Management Case for the delivery of the project, based on a detailed delivery plan.



The OBC should provide enough detail to inform a decision on whether the project should proceed to market-testing and FBC stage. As such, the Commercial Case must confirm a procurement strategy that has been agreed within Sponsor organisations as the most appropriate 'route to market'. Design-work should have advanced to mid-RIBA Stage 3 and work should have taken place to consider the wider environmental impact of the proposals including initial carbon impact assessments in line with a recognised methodology. The OBC outputs should be capable of passing successfully through at Gateway Review 2 for assurance purposes.

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Key review criteria	Main evidence/detail required	Commentary	RAG Rating	Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at FBC stage (specify); no action needed</i>
Strategic Case – Rationale for the project				
Has the Case for Change been revisited and does the preferred way forward still provide best fit in respect of the organisation’s business needs?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Note: There should be a clear strategic story and a route to completing this evidence at OBC 			
Are there any serious unresolved differences between stakeholders?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence that stakeholders are on board with proposals, e.g. through workshops. 			
Have the assessments of key risks, benefits, constraints, and dependencies identified at earlier SOC stage been revisited and examined in more detail?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profiles of key benefits and beneficiaries, with clear link to the project objectives and project scope adopting the DOAM principle (Describe Observe Attribute Measure). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Split of benefits into monetised, non-monetised, indirect ▪ Outline of how the benefits will be achieved/by whom/by when and how will they be measured/monitored 			

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Key review criteria	Main evidence/detail required	Commentary	RAG Rating	Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at FBC stage (specify); no action needed</i>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Definition of appropriate baselines • Different categories of risk identified • Mitigations identified at this stage if possible • Assessment of constraints and dependencies 			
How does the project contribute to the overall Growth Deal Portfolio objectives?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessment of outcomes/benefits against investment objectives. • Consideration as part of wider Portfolio. 			
Overall summary commentary: Strategic Case				
Economic case – Is it value for money?				
Have the findings of Workshop 2 (Identifying and assessing options) been revisited as required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated SWOT analysis of short list with reference to CSFs 			

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<p>Have commercial (sourcing), financial (funding) and management (delivery) dimensions informed choices in the Outline Financial Forecast (OFF) and constraints and dependencies been considered when deriving a shortlist?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not sure what to put here! • Perhaps need to separate the first bit from the constraints/dependencies? 			
<p>In light of the above is the initial shortlist still valid and have the economic appraisals been updated to reflect the latest estimates of costs, benefits, and risks?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 			
<p>Is there a detailed analysis of each of the shortlisted options using Cost Benefit Analysis (CBA) or Cost Effectiveness Analysis (CEA)?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of detailed analysis and methodology 			
<p>Are there any decisive unquantifiable benefits to be considered?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Profiles of key benefits and beneficiaries, with clear link to the project objectives and project scope adopting the DOAM principle 			

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Key review criteria	Main evidence/detail required	Commentary	RAG Rating	Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at FBC stage (specify); no action needed</i>
Has the assessment of Optimism Bias and its adjustment for risk been undertaken and reflected in the level of certainty shown by the value ranges?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 			
Have key risks been analysed and costed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Costed risk register 			
Are appropriate sensitivity analyses provided for all shortlisted options and have switching values been provided as required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SWOT analysis of short list with reference to CSFs • Have both target and input variables been fully analysed? • Have all the variables and possible outcomes been considered? 			
Is the selection of the preferred option and the optimisation of public value for money clearly explained through reference to the Appraisal Summary Table and cross referenced to the option templates?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Appraisal Summary Table/s (ASTs) aligning with clear design proposals 			
If significant equality impacts, have they been quantified/assessed and factored into policy design	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 			

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appropriately, including any possible mitigating actions that may be necessary?				
Was Workshop 3 held (Assessing the short-listed options) with relevant experts and stakeholders?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Evidence of workshop and attendance ▪ Evidence of discussion and outcome. 			
Overall summary commentary: Economic Case				
Commercial Case – Is it viable?				
Is there sufficient evidence that there is supply side capacity and a potential deal can be made?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear Commercial Procurement Strategy discusses this matter and outlines preferred route to market accordingly. • Research and understanding of supply side. • Evidence of discussions with potential suppliers. 			

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Is there a clear concise statement of the required service outputs and requirements?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include design outputs appropriate for mid-RIBA Stage 3 design considerations 			
Has the proposed advertisement for competitive procurement been attached?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preparation of a draft Procurement Notice 			
Has the proposed allocation of risk between the public sector and the supply side been revisited, together with the associated payment mechanisms?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clear evidence of risk considerations • Costed risk register 			
What are the key contract clauses, and will the contract be standard or bespoke?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of form of contract as part of the procurement strategy; must be aligned with design approach and mid-RIBA Stage 3 outputs • Evidence that key clauses have been considered and agreed. 			
What contract lengths have been considered, together with any required breakpoints?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of developed delivery plan that informs contract duration decisions, based on mid-RIBA Stage 3 design outputs 			
Was Workshop 4 held (Developing the Commercial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evidence of workshop and attendance 			

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Strategy and Deal/s) with relevant experts and stakeholders?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of discussion and outcome. 			
Overall summary commentary: Commercial Case				

Financial case – Is it affordable?

Key review criteria	Main evidence required			
Has the sum of residual optimism bias and residual risk cost, been revisited as a basis for estimation of the contingent cost liability?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed project cost analysis Alignment with mid-RIBA Stage 3 design outputs as appropriate. 			
Have all the earlier indicative financial costs (ranges, sources, and assumptions) been revisited and updated with the best estimates available?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed project cost analysis Alignment with mid-RIBA Stage 3 design outputs as appropriate. 			

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Key review criteria	Main evidence/detail required	Commentary	RAG Rating	Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at FBC stage (specify); no action needed</i>
Are the costs of monitoring and evaluating budgeted for and included as required?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and evaluation Plan Clear budget. 			
Are the potential deal and the whole life costs affordable and sources of funding clearly identified and agreed?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed project cost analysis Alignment with mid-RIBA Stage 3 design outputs as appropriate. 			
Overall summary commentary: Financial Case				
Management Case - How will it be delivered?				
Have the assurance plans outlined in the initial stage been followed and gateway	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of a Gate 0 and Gate 1 Review (or a combined Gate 0/1) being carried out and recommendations identified and 			

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reviews undertaken as specified?	any remedial actions necessary being taken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and evaluation Plan for the Project to include all key Project Gateways (0-5) 			
Has a detailed project plan been attached to the business case outlining the key milestones and activities in the design, build and operational phases of the service, (milestones alone are insufficient for this purpose)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of developed delivery plan that informs contract duration decisions, based on mid-RIBA Stage 3 design outputs 			
Is the project team sufficiently resourced with the required roles filled; and if not, what are the plans to fill vacancies?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Resource Plan, including projected resource costs (for external consultancy and/or contractor-led design where relevant) built into cost planning Clear current management arrangements showing capacity and capability. 			
What expert advisers have been appointed and is the organisation making prudent and proportionate use of expert advice?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Resource Plan to assess use of expert advisers (external consultancy and/or contractor-led design) appropriate to the project 			

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Key review criteria	Main evidence/detail required	Commentary	RAG Rating	Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at FBC stage (specify); no action needed</i>
Have the arrangements for change and contract management been clearly considered?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is there a clear change control protocol set out Clear management arrangements/ roles and responsibilities established 			
Have updated benefits and risk registers been attached?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Costed risk register 			
Have the arrangements for post monitoring and evaluation been considered in detail?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring and evaluation Plan for the Project to include all key Project Gateways (0-5) to include resourcing and funding 			
Overall summary commentary: Management Case				
ADDITIONAL SECTION - NOT PART OF 5 CASE BUSINESS MODEL				
Decarbonisation Agenda:				
Has the Project Carbon Categorisation Form been completed? What was the outcome?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Carbon Categorisation Form Identification of actions or benefits 			

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Key review criteria	Main evidence/detail required	Commentary	RAG Rating	Action <i>needs immediate improvement (specify); issues to address at FBC stage (specify); no action needed</i>
Alignment with Net Zero Wales	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of consideration of decarbonisation agenda Other considerations e.g. procurement, visitors, supplies 			
Overall summary commentary: Decarbonisation Agenda				

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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 fit, may need some areas further developed/addressed
- **Amber** - recommend approve subject to certain areas/actions being addressed
- **Red** – poor fit, various issues/concerns. Recommendation either to revise 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 Case Summary 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 cases will need to be undertaken providing an independent review. The following documents are required before the reviews can be commissioned (Risk Profile Assessments and Integrated Assurance and Approval Plans) to ensure that the appropriate assurance ‘product’ is applied.

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

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Digital Programme

Programme Aims	Job creation Target	GVA Investment Target	Total Investment Target	RAG
To capitalise on the economic opportunities that can be unlocked by investing in digital infrastructure to address deficits in digital connectivity, drive the uptake of new technologies amongst the region's businesses and improve existing services.	To create between 280 - 340 jobs.	Create net additional GVA of £95 -120 million.	Investment of between £38 - £54 million.	

Programme Activity Area		Key Milestones (to date)	Key milestones (next period)	RAG	RAG Rationale/Issues
Programme Business Case		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme Business Case updated & agreed by Programme Board Assurance review planned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme Business Case finalised Programme Assurance Review undertaken 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report
Communications		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Digital page set up on GMW website Engagement with providers, BDUK and WG regarding plans 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued engagement with providers and suppliers 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report
Project	Project Aim	Key Milestones (to date)	Key milestones (next period)	RAG	RAG Rationale/Issues
Very Hard to Reach Properties	To consider how broadband connectivity can reach the last of the region's premises currently without sufficient broadband service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting of OBC (Strategic and Economic cases) commenced include options assessment and preferred way forward Market and stakeholder engagement Confirmation of UK Gov intervention areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further scoping work required Further development of OBC (Commercial, Financial and Management cases) as appropriate 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing in line with anticipated timeframes Timeframes will align with UK and Welsh Gov initiative outcomes Appropriate resources currently in place Further scoping required
Mobile Not Spots	Focus on improving the Regions 4G coverage.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting of OBC (Strategic case) commenced 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market and stakeholder engagement Further development of OBC (Economic case) 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progressing in line with anticipated timeframes UK Government initiatives due to conclude in 18-24 months when scale be better understood.
Digital Connectivity Mapping & Analysis	Horizon scanning to understand the best interventions for Growth Deal Support.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications prepared and submitted for SPF funding 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Decision on SPF applications 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project cannot proceed without revenue funding



Sites & Premises Programme

Programme Aims	Job creation Target	GVA Investment Target	Total Investment Target	RAG
To ensure the right supply and location of [strategic] employment land allocations and commercial premises to facilitate economic growth in the region to 2040, investing in the commercial sites/property market to stimulate private sector investment.	To create between 280 - 345 jobs.	Create net additional GVA of £100 - 120 million.	Investment of between £66 - 96 million.	

Programme Activity Area	Key Milestones (to date)	Key milestones (next period)	RAG	RAG Rationale/Issues
Programme Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drafting of Programme Business Case commenced Assurance Review Planned 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further development of Programme Business Case Hold workshops for Economic Case and Commercial Case and commence drafting Finalise arrangements for Assurance Review 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report
Site Assessments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market Demand report produced substantiating original programme investment aims. Site Assessment reports completed for each project option and considered by Programme Board at an 'Options Appraisal' Workshop to identify an initial Preferred Way Forward for programme scope which is likely to include between 2 to 4 projects. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prepare more detailed assessment for the Preferred Sites, including Planning Frameworks and Financial Viability Assessments 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report
Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sites & Premises page set up on GMW website Stakeholder engagement with landowners/Sponsors Article in Commercial Property Monthly 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be considered as Project-relationships and progress matures 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report
Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commercial Case requirements considered 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop intervention models and options aligning with Project opportunities 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report

Stand-alone Projects



Project (Project Sponsor)	Project Stage	Key Milestones (to date)	Key milestones (next period)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Cynefin - The Green Heart of Wales	Developing Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBC originally due end of March Concerns regarding costs have caused delays 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBC due end of September PoMO assessment Plan assurance review 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report
Elan Valley Lakes	Developing Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBC originally due end of February Some delays re: procurement requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBC due end of July PoMO assessment Plan assurance review 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report
Montgomery Canal Wales restoration to navigation	Developing Strategic Outline Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOC being developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOC due end of July PoMO assessment, presentation to PDB and Board in September 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report
Aberaeron Harbour	Developing Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBC being developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing development of OBC with view to submitting in October 23 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report



Project (Project Sponsor)	Project Stage	Key Milestones (to date)	Key milestones (next period)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
National Spectrum Centre	Developing Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBC being developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBC due end of July PoMO assessment Plan assurance review 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report
Mid Wales Advanced Manufacturing Campus	Developing Strategic Outline Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOC being developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOC due end of June PoMO assessment, presentation to PDB and Board in September 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report
Green Futures Innovation Park	Developing Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBC being developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBC due end of July PoMO assessment Plan assurance review 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report



Project (Project Sponsor)	Project Stage	Key Milestones (to date)	Key milestones (next period)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Food Manufacturing Innovation Centre	Developing Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> OBC being developed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing development of OBC with view to submitting in September 23 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report
Canolfan Tir Glas	Developing Strategic Outline Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOC drafted Awaiting internal sign off so delay from May to June submission 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SOC due June. PoMO assessment, presentation to PDB and Board in September 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No issues to report

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