

Regional Transport Plan 2023

The delivery of the new regional transport plans is now the responsibility of the new CJC. I expect WG will issue guidance shortly on how and what is required to complete this task by 31st March 2024.

In 2008 Ceredigion and Powys as part of the TraCC Partnership undertook a joint Regional Transport Plan, and then again in 2014 they undertook the Joint Local Transport Plan, but this time they also came together with North Wales and commissioned consultants to share and reduce the overall costs to each local authority. The result was two plans joint Mid Wales Plan and Joint North Wales Plan.

The CJC will need to commission and deliver the new Regional Plan (work to undertaken between April 2023 and March 2024) and in trying to pre-empt this work coming forward there is a couple of ways the CJC could approach it.

- a) Request TraCC to commission work on behalf of the CJC to undertake an RTP to cover Ceredigion and Powys areas. Estimated consultants £150k divided by two £75k each
- b) Request TraCC to commission work on behalf of CJC to work jointly with North Wales and commission two RTP's one for each region estimated cost £250k divided by eight £31,250 each.
- c) CJC independently appoint consultants to undertake the work on their behalf.
– costs estimate as above for consultants.

Because the costs are only my estimates, I would recommend early engagement with consultants through either local authority frameworks or Transport for Wales framework to seek estimate of costs, rather than going out to tender.

The above estimates do not include costs associated with the employment of CJC or Local authority officers to manage process.

Confirmation is required regarding the proposed working arrangements going forward to undertake the Regional Transport Plan project

- 1) Do you require the current working arrangements through TraCC to undertake this task and seeking expressions of interest from framework consultants?
- 2) Do you wish TraCC to undertake discussion with North Wales regarding jointly commissioning work?

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