



MID WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting – 9th May 2024

REPORT OF THE CJC Transport Sub Committee

Purpose of Report	To provide the CJC with an update on the progress of the work of the Regional Transport Sub-Committee
Decision Sought:	
<p>A) To note the content of the report and tasks undertaken to deliver the development of a Regional Transport Plan for the Mid Wales CJC.</p> <p>B) To grant a delegated power for the RTP Case for Change to be approved by the Regional Transport Sub-Committee on the 16th May 2024</p>	
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Introduction:

1. The Regional Transport Sub Committee is being requested to advise the CJC on the development and delivery of the Regional Transport Plan as required by the regulations and subsequent guidance set by Welsh Government.

Background:

2. Since your last Committee on the 29th January 2024 there has been no further Transport Sub Committee meetings, because officers have been engaged in the process of procuring a delivery partner to work the Corporate Joint Committee to deliver the Regional Transport Plan.
3. As part of the joint working arrangements to support the committee Ceredigion County Council have appointed WSP to work with the team to take forward the development of the plan in line with Welsh Government guidance.

4. The programme of delivery has an extremely tight timeline, and the next deliverable for the RTP programme is the requirement to submit the “Case for Change” and the Engagement Plan. The next Transport Sub Committee meeting is the 16th May which follows this meeting therefore on this occasion we are seeking delegation for the Transport Sub Committee to endorse the two documents on your behalf and agree the programme of dates for the committees of the CJC to conclude the process of completion of the Regional Transport Plan.

Proposed dates for processing Mid Wales CJC Regional Transport Plan

1	RTP sub committee meeting Tue 30 th July 9am to 10am	Indorse draft RTP to be sent to WG for comments
2	CJC board meeting – between w/c 30 th July	draft RTP sent to WG - for information
3	CJC Scrutiny Committee Meeting w/c 5th Aug (end of week)	endorsement of document sent to WG
4	RTP sub committee meeting w/c 16 th Sept	Indorse draft RTP for consultaion
5	CJC board meeting needed w/c 16 th Sept 2024	draft RTP that went to consultation for information
6	CJC Scrutiny Committee Meeting W/c18th Nov 2024	to go through consultation responses
7	RTP sub committee meeting w/c 9th Dec 2024	agree final draft RTP and send to WG (to invite CJC Board members as observers for presentation)
8	CJC board meeting w/c 16th Dec 2024	Approve final draft RTP to send to WG
9	RTP sub committee meeting w/c 3 rd March 2025	agree final RTP and environment documents (to invite CJC Board members as observers for presentation)
10	Arrange a CJC board meeting w/c 10 th March 2025	Approve final RTP and environmental documents
11	CJC Scrutiny Committee Meeting 14th April 2025	final RTP sent to WG

5. Attached is a copy of the delivery programme for the Regional Transport Plan (Appendix 1)

Decisions Sought:

- A) To note the content of the report and next steps in relation to the development of a Regional Transport Plan for the Mid Wales CJC.
- B) To agree to the Regional Transport Sub Committee approving the Regional Transport Plan Case for Change and Engagement Plan before sending these to Welsh Government at their meeting on the 16th May 2024.

Financial Impacts:

Funding has been made available from Welsh Government to assist with the process of delivery of the Regional Transport Plan and Strategic Development Plan as per grant award letter dated 10th January 2024

Appendix 2. Welsh Government grant award letter.

Integrated Impact Assessment:

6. The CJC is subject to the Equality Act (Public Sector Equality Duty and the socio-economic duty), the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 and the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure, and must in the exercise of their functions, have due regard to the need to:
 - Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Acts.
 - Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - Deliver better outcomes for those people who experience socio-economic disadvantage.
 - Consider opportunities for people to use the Welsh language.
 - Treat the Welsh language no less favourably than English.
 - Ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
7. The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 mandates that public bodies in Wales must carry out sustainable development. Sustainable development means the process of improving the economic, social, environmental, and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action, in accordance with the sustainable development principle, aimed at achieving the 'well-being goals.
8. The allocation of resources for the RTP would support the CJC in exercising its functions listed under the legislation above. The allocation of resources and the commencement of the Implementation Plan to deliver the RTP does not in itself require an integrated impact assessment as it is not forming policy, however later stages of RTP development will require an IIA.

Workforce Impacts:

9. The work on the RTP has a workforce impact across the 2 constituent authorities with a requirement for officers to join workstreams and engage with stakeholder forms and consultations. Currently there is no provision for re-charging their time to this CJC work.
10. There has not been any assessment of the cost associated with Annual Monitoring report requirements which will be an output of the RTP process and until these requirements are established costs cannot be assessed by their will be an impact on existing local authorities.

11. The cost estimated for the officer time to deliver the RTP are currently being seconded from Ceredigion County Council on the bases of two full time posts.

Legal Impacts:

12. None recognised at this time.

Risk Management Impacts:

13. The current risk the delivery of the RTP is whether the Welsh Government is able to undertake their review and assessment of the draft Regional Transport Plan during August as identified within the programme.

Consultation:

14. There is no requirement for consultation in respect of this report.