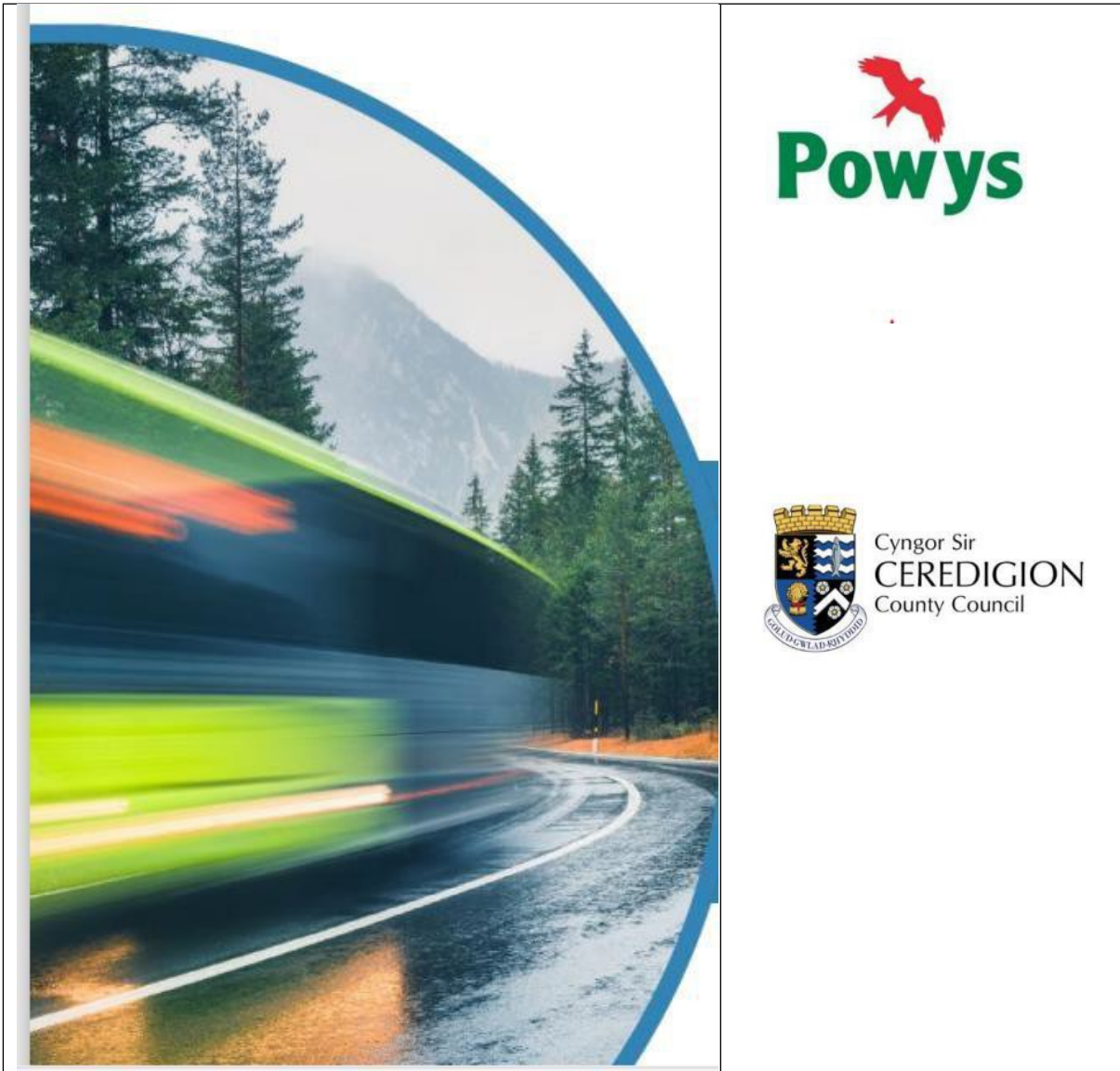




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Mid Wales Corporate Joint Committee

# Mid Wales Regional Transport Plan Implementation Plan



## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Governance of the Regional Transport Plan process is set out in the CJC regulations, and the formal regional transport sub-committee has been set up to provide research and development advice and guidance in order to provide recommendations to the CJC before making its decisions.

To further support the CJC Regional Transport Sub Committee there will be a local authority officer working group.

The corporate joint committee is required to undertake following regarding Regional Transport Planning, following its establishment in 2022.

- the function of developing policies under section 108(1)(a) and (2A)(a) of Part 2 of the Transport Act 2004(4) is, in respect of the area of each constituent council to be exercised by the Mid Wales CJC, and not be the constituent council.
- Part 2 of the Transport Act 2000 applies in relation to the Mid Wales CJC and its constituent councils subject to the modifications in the Schedule to the Corporate Joint Committees (Transport Functions) (Wales) Regulations 2021(5)

The purpose of the **Regional Transport Plan** (RTP) will be to deliver a regional transport by March 2025 as set out and in line with Welsh Government guidance, issued in July 2023

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Although the duty to produce a RTP sits with the CJCs, the duty to deliver a programme of actions for the RTP this sits with the local authorities. Despite this, it is expected that the local authorities in each CJC will collaborate on a single collective delivery plan, an RTDP, alongside the RTP process.

The Area of the regional transport plan covers the counties of Ceredigion and Powys, which also includes the majority of area of Bannau Brycheiniog National Park

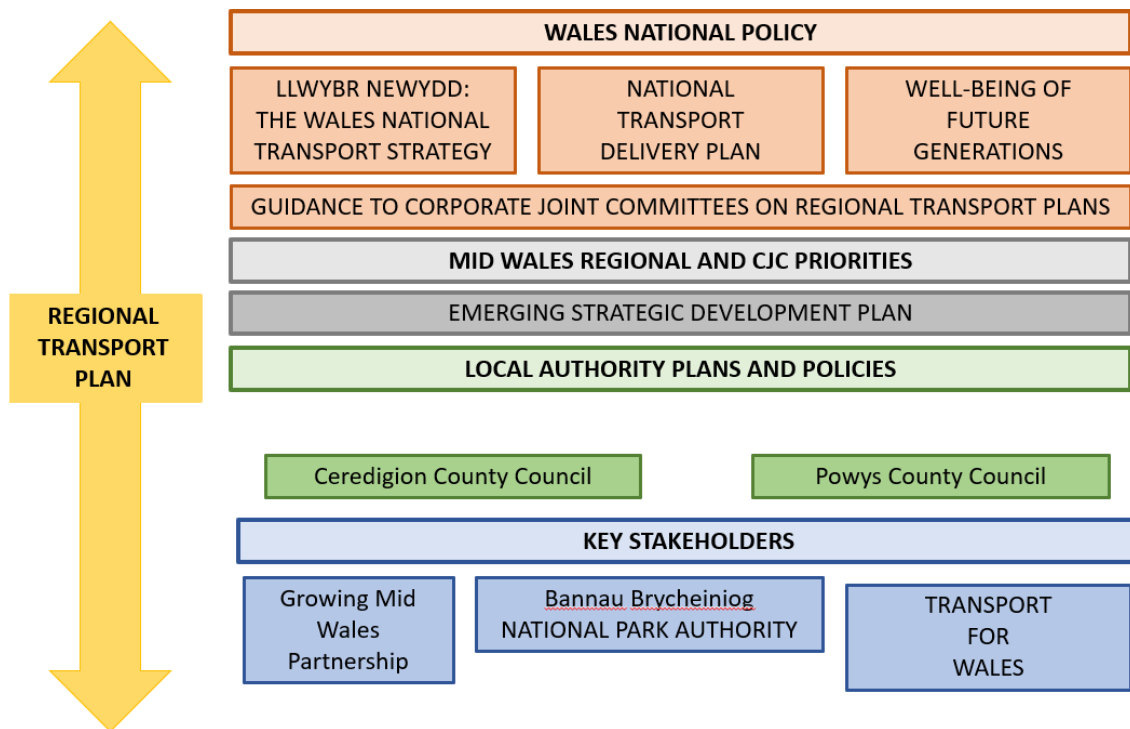
*Area location Plan*



The Mid Wales Region has forged its strategic aim and objectives by engaging with The Growing Mid Wales Partnership (GMWP) who have identified the transport aims to grow the economy as: - ***“To drive economic growth and attract new investment we need to improve connectivity both to and within the region. We will build on our existing linkages to help deliver the transport network required to help grow the economy and raise productivity”***. It will be important to work with the wider transport stakeholders to ensure the Vision for the RTP takes account of both the GMWP and that it also supports delivery of the Welsh Government’s Welsh Transport Strategy.

The CJC is required to produce a Regional Transport Plan **“Implementation Plan”** by the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 to be submitted to the Welsh Government (WG) which will set out how the RTP will be developed and submitted by 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025, and what funding is required to undertake that task.

The Guidance issued by WG sets out the need for the plan to identify how it takes account of the National, Regional and Local Strategies and priorities.



**Figure 2: Policy Context for Regional Transport Plan**

### 3. SCOPING THE KEY WORK PACKAGES

Table 1 below sets out the key work packages that will be undertaken to develop the RTP.

Work Package	Description	Lead Organisation	Key Dates
<b>Case for Change</b>			
Develop the Case for Change	<p>This work package will involve producing the Case for Change. As stated in the WG RTP Guidance, the Case for Change will <i>‘draw on the WTS and other current strategic plans, as well as on existing knowledge of issues and opportunities including previous plans.’</i> It will include a review of base datasets and existing work/ studies/ strategies that have been undertaken.</p> <p>The Case for Change will be largely based on existing data sources and will provide an evidence-based overview of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The current transport situation by mode;</li> <li>▪ Future trends and likely changes over the plan period (closely tied to land-use planning);</li> <li>▪ Key issues for travel and transport in the region; and</li> <li>▪ Opportunities and barriers to addressing the priorities in the WTS and fit with the NTDP.</li> </ul> <p>This work package will include a scoping exercise to establish whether any specialist work may be needed to develop the Integrated Well-being Assessment (IWBA), including any supporting statutory impact assessments (e.g. carbon assessment, equalities, Welsh Language etc).</p>	WSP	<p>Case for Change produced - April/ May 2024</p> <p>CJC review and approval – May 2024</p> <p>WG review – May/ June 2024</p>
Stakeholder Engagement – Case for Change	<p>Engagement and consultation activities will be an important and ongoing part of the development of the RTP. All engagement and consultation activities will take into account Welsh language requirements.</p> <p>LA officer meetings will be undertaken with Land-Use Planning and Transport/ RTP Officers Working Group to inform the development of the Case for Change and the wider RTP process.</p> <p>A stakeholder workshop will also be undertaken to inform the Case for Change e.g. identification of key issues and opportunities. The stakeholder workshop will seek views from a variety of stakeholders, e.g. LA officers from a range of policy areas, LA Elected Members and external stakeholders.</p>	WSP to lead	<p>TfW data meeting – 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2024</p> <p>RTP Working Group meeting – 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024</p> <p>Case for Change Stakeholder Workshop – April 2024</p>

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<b>Engagement Plan</b>			
Produce RTP Engagement Plan	<p>The Engagement Plan will be produced as part of the Case for Change. In line with the RTP Guidance, this will set out who will be involved in developing the RTP and how they will be involved, including details of the formal consultation process and other engagement mechanisms.</p> <p>The Engagement Plan will include details of engagement with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The CJC (through presentations on the RTP work);</li> <li>▪ Key partners, e.g. each of the LAs in the CJC, TfW, WG, transport groups and operators in the private and third sectors across different transport modes;</li> <li>▪ The other CJCs (to share knowledge and avoid duplication);</li> <li>▪ Land-use planning LA officers developing Strategic Development Plans;</li> <li>▪ Stakeholders from policy areas including education, health and well-being; and</li> <li>▪ The public.</li> </ul>	WSP	April 2024
<b>Objectives</b>			
Identify RTP Vision and SMART Objectives	<p>Once the Case for Change has been established, a vision for the RTP will be developed, along with SMART RTP objectives. The RTP will clearly demonstrate how the objectives link to the WTS.</p> <p>The development of the RTP vision and objectives will be informed by, e.g. wider objectives in the study area (e.g. Growing Mid Wales objectives, LA well-being objectives); regional evidence in the Case for Change; issues raised by stakeholders during the LA officer meetings and stakeholder workshop.</p>	WSP/ CJC	<p>RTP objectives developed - April/ May 2024</p> <p>CJC review and approval – May 2024</p> <p>WG review – May/ June 2024</p>
<b>Initial Draft Regional Transport Plan (RTP)</b>			
Produce Initial Draft Regional Transport Plan (RTP)	<p>The development of the Initial Draft RTP will involve setting out the RTP policies and high-level interventions for the region, which will achieve the vision and objectives of the RTP.</p> <p>In line with the RTP Guidance, this will involve a review of and evidenced links to the WTS to ensure policies are included that, e.g.:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have a focus on implementing the WTS in the region and support the vision and ambitions of the WTS, with an emphasis on the three short-term priorities;</li> <li>▪ Make best use of existing infrastructure and follow the Sustainable Transport Hierarchy where new infrastructure is</li> </ul>	WSP to lead	<p>Initial Draft RTP developed – June 2024</p> <p>CJC review and approval – July 2024</p> <p>WG review – August/ September 2024</p>

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	<p>needed;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Give people the capability, opportunity and motivation to use sustainable transport;</li> <li>▪ Include for a range of behaviour-change projects;</li> <li>▪ Support the WTS mini-plans and cross-cutting pathways;</li> <li>▪ Maximise contribution to the measures in the WTS Monitoring Framework.</li> </ul> <p>A review will be undertaken of wider plans and strategies to ensure alignment with these and the RTP policies, e.g. NTDP, North Wales Transport Commission, Roads Review, LDPs and work on Strategic Development Plans.</p>		
Stakeholder Engagement – Initial Draft RTP	<p>LA officer meetings will be undertaken, e.g. with Land-Use Planning and Transport/ RTP Officers Working Group, to inform the development of the RTP.</p> <p>A second stakeholder workshop will be undertaken as part of this work package, e.g. to feedback on the RTP policies and high-level interventions and to feed into the development of the RTDP.</p>	WSP to lead	<p>RTP Working Group meeting – June/ July 2024</p> <p>RTP Stakeholder Workshop – July 2024</p>
<b>Strategic Environmental Assessment and Initial HRA Screening</b>			
Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) and Initial HRA Screening	<p>SEA and HRA screening on the RTP will be undertaken. The SEA will assess the likely environmental effects of the RTP whilst the HRA screening will test if the RTP could significantly harm the designated features of a European site.</p> <p>A scoping process will be undertaken to agree with the CJC and stakeholders what level of baseline data collection is sufficient, and the key issues for the RTP (scoping in/out).</p> <p>Following scoping, the alternatives along with the RTP will then be assessed, capturing the main elements of the RTP that are likely to cause significant effects. The assessment will be presented in a way that is both proportionate and understandable to consultees and stakeholders.</p> <p>The main outputs for the SEA and HRA are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ SEA Scoping Report including a 5-week consultation with the statutory consultees (Cadw and Natural Resources Wales);</li> <li>▪ SEA Environmental Report;</li> <li>▪ HRA Screening Assessment; and</li> <li>▪ Relevant mapping to support both the SEA and HRA.</li> </ul>	WSP	<p>SEA – ongoing between May 2024 and February 2025</p> <p>Initial HRA Screening – ongoing between July 2024 and February 2025</p>

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<b>Initial Draft Regional Transport Delivery Plan (RTDP)</b>			
Produce the Initial Draft Regional Transport Delivery Plan (RTDP)	<p>The RTDP will set out the detail of how the policies identified in the RTP will be delivered by local authorities, i.e. a list of the schemes/projects that will be delivered.</p> <p>For each high-level intervention identified in the RTP, the RTDP will need to set out the specific schemes proposed to deliver them.</p>	WSP to lead	<p>Initial Draft RTDP developed – June/ July 2024</p> <p>CJC review and approval – July 2024</p> <p>WG review – August/ September 2024</p>
Identification and Prioritisation of Schemes	<p>The first step in this work package will be to identify potential schemes for inclusion in the RTDP. In line with the RTP Guidance, the schemes included within the RTDP will <i>‘only include proposals for schemes that are within a local authority’s remit and should not, for example, include schemes relating to the rail or trunk road network’</i>.</p> <p>The process of identifying schemes will involve the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review and identification of current projects and scheme proposals that are included in existing plans and strategies.</li> <li>▪ Ensure the list of projects and schemes identified have a regional focus, e.g. it is proposed that projects that have an impact at the local level only will not be included in the prioritisation process but may be included in the RTDP as package.</li> <li>▪ A meeting with LA officers/ RTP Officer Working Group to review and sense-check the schemes identified.</li> </ul> <p>A methodology will be developed that enables the list of potential RTP schemes to be prioritised. It is expected that the prioritisation methodology will assess schemes in terms of their impact on delivering against WTS priorities, WTS ambitions/ well-being criteria and RTP objectives. It is also expected that the prioritisation will consider accessibility to key services, in line with the RTP Guidance requirement that RTPs should demonstrate that they will enable access to public services such as education and health. It understood that TfW are developing a prioritisation tool that may assist with this process.</p>	WSP to lead	Prioritisation of schemes – June/ July 2024

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Produce the prioritised Initial Draft RTDP	<p>Following the process of prioritisation, the RTDP will be produced and will be based on the format detailed in the RTP Guidance. The RTDP will take the form of a list of specific schemes/ projects, which will be ranked in order of priority in terms of impact on delivering WTS priorities.</p> <p>The format of the RTDP links schemes to the relevant evidence, issues, and well-being outcomes and also require the schemes to be considered in relation to affordability, how schemes will be delivered, along with potential timescales for delivery.</p> <p>The RTDP will be accompanied by easy-to-understand GIS mapping showing the location of proposed schemes across the region, which will enable the proposed RTDP to be understood visually and spatially.</p>	WSP	Initial Draft RTDP developed – June/ July 2024
Stakeholder Engagement – Initial Draft RTDP	A third stakeholder workshop will be undertaken (if required) as part of this work package to review and inform the development of the RTDP.	WSP to lead	RTDP Stakeholder Workshop – July 2024
<b>Initial Draft Integrated Well-being Appraisal (IWBA)</b>			
Produce the Initial Draft Integrated Wellbeing Appraisal (IWBA)	<p>An IWBA will be produced to support the Initial Draft RTP. The first step in this work package will be to produce the Integrated Well-being Appraisal Framework, which will set out the criteria that will be included in the IWBA. In line with WelTAG, this will incorporate the four well-being ambitions in the WTS by asking four key questions of the RTP:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ How will it benefit people and communities?</li> <li>▪ How will it benefit the environment?</li> <li>▪ How will it benefit places and the economy?</li> <li>▪ How will it benefit culture and the Welsh language?</li> </ul> <p>In addressing the four well-being ambitions of the WTS, the IWBA will also require consideration of more detailed goals, which will be included as a range of specific criteria. These include but are not limited to: equalities issues (including impacts of the RTP on groups with protected characteristics); health; safety; carbon emissions (including Net Zero modal shift and decarbonisation targets); biodiversity; and the Welsh Language.</p> <p>The next step of this work package will be to undertake the IWBA for the RTP, in order to assess and understand the potential impacts of the RTP (including its policies and projects) on well-being. The IWBA will document how</p>	WSP	<p>Initial Draft IWBA produced – June/ July 2024</p> <p>CJC review and approval – July 2024</p> <p>WG review – August/ September 2024</p>



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	<p>well-being has been taken into account in developing the RTP (including social, environmental, economic and place based and cultural well-being) and how the five ways of working of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 have been followed.</p> <p>The development of the IWBA will be based on existing data where this is available, e.g. through existing well-being plans and assessments.</p>		
<b>Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (M&amp;E Plan)</b>			
<p>Produce the RTP Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (M&amp;E Plan)</p>	<p>This work package will involve producing a M&amp;E Plan for the RTP, which will set out how regional progress in achieving the national priorities and ambitions in the WTS will be monitored, measured, and evaluated. In line with the WG RTP Guidance, the M&amp;E Plan will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Include the region’s contribution to national decarbonisation and modal shift targets;</li> <li>▪ Include a set of measures with baseline information for each, which will include qualitative outcomes and quantitative measures; and</li> <li>▪ Align with the WTS monitoring framework.</li> </ul> <p>The M&amp;E Plan will be produced in line with the RTP Guidance which states that measures <i>‘should be based on the framework of measures used in the IWBA and updated if needed, drawing on the WTS Monitoring Framework adapted for regional needs’</i>. The development of the M&amp;E Plan will involve reviewing and utilising appropriate measures and baseline data from the WTS Monitoring Framework, as well as any other relevant monitoring frameworks/ indicators in place within the region.</p>	<p>WSP</p>	<p>M&amp;E Plan produced – June/ July 2024</p> <p>CJC review and approval – July 2024</p> <p>WG review – August/ September 2024</p>
<b>Final Draft RTP, RTDP, IWBA and M&amp;E Plan</b>			
<p>Produce Final Draft RTP, RTDP, IWBA and M&amp;E Plan (including public consultation on the Final Draft RTP)</p>	<p>This work package will initially involve undertaking any amendments to the RTP documents following WG’s review of the Initial Draft and producing a further version of the Draft RTP, RTDP, IWBA and MEP, which will be used for public consultation.</p> <p>It is proposed that an 8-week period of public consultation is undertaken on the Draft RTP, RTDP, IWBA and M&amp;E Plan. Public consultation will use a variety of methods. It is proposed that there is a strong focus on on-line participation and ensuring the on-line consultation is user-friendly, easy to</p>	<p>WSP to lead</p>	<p>Public consultation on draft RTP – September/ October 2024</p> <p>Final draft RTP, RTDP, IWBA and M&amp;E Plan produced – November/ December 2024</p>

<b>Work Package</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Lead Organisation</b>	<b>Key Dates</b>
	<p>read and easy to access. All consultation materials will be produced in Welsh and English.</p> <p>Following the period of public consultation, any further amendments and updates will then be made to the RTP documents, e.g. to take account of consultation feedback and comments where relevant, and a Final Draft version of the RTP, RTDP, IWBA and M&amp;E Plan produced.</p>		<p>CJC review and approval – December 2024</p> <p>WG review – January 2025</p>
Produce Consultation Report	A Consultation Report will be produced that will provide a summary of all engagement and consultation activities undertaken in developing the RTP. This will include details of who has been consulted, provide a summary of feedback received, and explain how comments have been taken into account. The Consultation Report will be included as supporting information to the RTP.	WSP	Consultation Report produced – November 2024
<b>Final Draft RTP, RTDP, IWBA and M&amp;E Plan</b>			
Produce Final RTP, RTDP, IWBA and M&E Plan	This work package will involve undertaking any amendments to the RTP documents following WG's review of the Final Draft and producing a Final version of the RTP, RTDP, IWBA and MEP.	WSP	<p>Final RTP, RTDP, IWBA and M&amp;E Plan produced – February 2025</p> <p>CJC review and approval – March 2025</p> <p>WG review – April/ May/ June 2025</p>

## 5. Timeline and Key Dates

<b>31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 (date specified by WG)</b>	<b>CJC to submit implementation plan to WG</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May 2024 (based on current programme)</b>	<b>CJC to submit RTP Case for Change including SMART objectives to WG</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> August 2024 (based on current programme)</b>	<b>CJC to submit initial draft RTP, IWNA and RTDP to WG BEFORE public consultation</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (based on current programme)</b>	<b>CJC to submit final draft RTP, IWBA and RTDP to WG</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 (date specified by WG)</b>	<b>CJC to submit final RTP, IWBA and RTDP to WG</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> June 2025 (date specified by WG)</b>	<b>Welsh Government decision to approve RTP.</b>