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DYDD GWENER, 24 MAWRTH 2023

AT: YR AELOD O'R CABINET DROS ADFYWIO, HAMDDEN, DIWYLLIANT A THWRISTIAETH

YR WYF DRWY HYN YN EICH GALW I FYNYCHU RHIF-GYFARFOD O'R YR AELOD CABINET DROS ADFYWIO, HAMDDEN, DIWYLLIANT A THWRISTIAETH A GYNHELIR AM 10.00 YB, AR DYDD GWENER, 31AIN MAWRTH, 2023 ER MWYN CYFLAWNI'R MATERION A AMLINELLIR AR YR AGENDA ATODEDIG.

Wendy Walters

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AGENDA

1. DATGANIADAU O FUDDIANNAU PERSONOL

- 2. CYMERADWYO A LLOFNODI HYSBYSIAD PENDERFYNIAD Y 5-6 CYFARFOD A GYNHALIWYD AR YR 23AIN MAWRTH 2023
- 3. CYMERADWYO'R RHAGLEN ANGOR POBL A SGILIAU SPF Y 7 24 DU, THEMÂU AR GYFER PROSIECTAU ANNIBYNNOL A GALWAD AGORED AR GYFER LLUOSI

Sylwer: - Nid oes hawl gan y wasg a'r cyhoedd fynychu'r cyfarfod. Bydd y cofnod penderfyniad yn cael ei gyhoeddi fel arfer o fewn 3 diwrnod gwaith.

Eitem Rhif 2 YR AELOD CABINET DROS ADFYWIO, HAMDDEN, DIWYLLIANT A THWRISTIAETH

DYDD lau, 23 Mawrth 2023

YN BRESENNOL: Y Cynghorydd: G.H. John (Aelod o'r Cabinet)

Roedd y swyddogion canlynol yn bresennol:

- C. Owen, Swyddog Biwro
- S. Williams, Swyddog Datblygu Economaidd
- E. Bryer, Swyddog Gwasanaethau Democrataidd

Rhith-Gyfarfod - 10.00 - 10.20 yb

1. DATGAN BUDDIANNAU PERSONOL.

Ni ddatganwyd unrhyw fuddiannau personol.

2. CYMERADWYO A LLOFNODI HYSBYSIAD PENDERFYNIAD Y CYFARFOD A GYNHALIWYD AR YR 17EG CHWEFROR 2023.

PENDERFYNWYD llofnodi cofnod penderfyniadau'r cyfarfod a gynhaliwyd ar 17 Chwefror 2023, gan ei fod yn gywir.

3. CYMORTH ARIANNOL O'R CRONFEYDD GRANTIAU CANLYNOL: GRONFA CYLLID A DARGEDIR

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo'r ceisiadau canlynol am gymorth o Gronfa Cyllid a Dargedir yn amodol ar y telerau a'r amodau arferol ac ar y rhai a bennwyd yn yr adroddiad:

Gronfa Cyllid a Dargedir		
Yr Ymgeisydd	Y Dyfarniad	
Carmarthenshire Water Safety Partnership	£5,000	
Llanelli and Mynydd Mawr Railway Company Ltd	£20,000	



4. CYMORTH ARIANNOL O'R CRONFEYDD GRANTIAU CANLYNOL: CRONFA YNNI ADNEWYDDADWY BUSNES SIR GAERFYRDDIN

PENDERFYNWYD cymeradwyo'r ceisiad canlynol am gymorth o gronfa Ynni Adnewyddadwy Busnes yn amodol ar y telerau a'r amodau arferol ac ar y rhai a bennwyd yn yr adroddiad:

Cronfa Ynni Adnewyddadwy Busnes		
Yr Ymgeisydd Y Dyfarniad		
Philip Hughes, The Old Board School Guest House £10,000		

AELOD O'R CABINET

DYDDIAD



CYFARFOD PENDERFYNIADAU AELOD Y CABINET AR GYFER ADFYWIO, HAMDDEN, DIWYLLIANT A THWRISTIAETH 31/03/2023

Aelod y Cabinet:	Y Portffolio:			
Cynghorydd Gareth John	Adfywio, Hamdden, Diwylliant a Thwristiaeth			
Pwnc: Cymeradwyo'r Rhaglen Angor Pobl a Sgiliau SPF y Du, Themâu ar gyfer Prosiectau Annibynnol a galwad agored ar gyfer Lluosi Y Pwrpas: Cymeradwyo argymhellion y Bartneriaeth Adfywio				
Yr Argymhellion / pender	rfyniadau allweddol	sydd eu hangen		
1) Cymeradwyo'r Rhaglen / Sir Gaerfyrddin	Angor Pobl a Sgiliau fel y	r argymhellir gan Bartneriaeth Adfywio		
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3) Agor galwas am brosiect Sgiliau	tau I gyflwyno'r rhaglen L	luosi o fewn y flaenoriaeth Pobl a		
Rhesymau: Mae Cronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin y DU (UKSPF) yn biler canolog yn agenda Lefelu i Fyny llywodraeth y DU. Mae dyraniad cyllid o £38.6m wedi'i gadarnhau ar gyfer Sir Gaerfyrddin a fydd yn ein galluogi i gyflawni yn erbyn rhai o amcanion strategol y Sir. Bydd cymeradwyo'r manylion yn y rhaglenni Angori a'r themâu ar gyfer y galwadau Annibynnol yn galluogi'r gwaith o gyflawni'r gwaith yn Sir Gaerfyrddin ac yn rhoi cyfle i sefydliadau'r trydydd sector, y sector cyhoeddus a'r sector preifat elwa ar y cyllid sydd ar gael.				
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Helen Morgan	HLMorgan@sirgar.gov.uk			



Dispensation Granted to Make Decision (if any):

Cabinet resolved on 30th January 2023 to delegate authority to Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture and Tourism to sign off the detailed Anchor projects following recommendation of the Regeneration Partnership.

DECISION MADE:

Signed: _____

The following section will be completed by the Democratic Services Officer in attendance at the meeting

CABINET MEMBER

Recommendation of Officer	YES / NO
adopted	
Recommendation of the Officer	
was adopted subject to the	
amendment(s) and reason(s)	
specified:	
Reason(s) why the Officer's	
recommendation was not	
adopted:	



DATE:_____

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY CABINET MEMBER DECISIONS MEETING FOR REGENERATION, LEISURE, CULTURE & TOURISM 31st March 2023

Approval of UK SPF People & Skills Anchor Programme and Themes for Standalone Projects and Multiply Open Call

The Cabinet, following recommendation from the Regeneration Partnership has agreed the delivery models for the implementation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) in Carmarthenshire as follows:

- Anchor Programmes Thematic programmes developed under each of the key SPF themes that will manage major parts of the investment strategy
- Standalone projects Strategic applications that will address challenges that are not covered by the Anchor projects. Applications will be invited via open calls.
- Commissioned projects Procured activity to deliver precisely defined activity that is not being fulfilled by the delivery models detailed above.

Anchor Programmes

The Anchor programmes will deliver major parts of the investment plan, primarily by offering third party grants to organisations. It has been agreed by Cabinet that 5 Anchor programmes be established, namely, Sustainable Communities, Rural, Place, Supporting Local Business and People and Skills.

The four Anchor programme applications under the Communities and Place and Supporting Local Business SPF investment priorities were approved in the Cabinet Member Decisions Meeting for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture & Tourism on the 17th February 2023 and the funding opportunities within these programmes opened on the 1st March 2023.

The application for the Anchor Programme that sits under the People and Skills Priority has been received.

Appendix 1 summarises the People and Skills Anchor programme.

Following assessment by the SPF Programme Management Team and discussion at the People and Skills subgroup, the Anchor has been recommended for approval by the Regeneration Partnership. We are requesting final approval from Cabinet Member for Regeneration Leisure, Culture and Tourism.

Standalone Projects Open Call

A mapping exercise has been undertaken (Appendix 2) where key challenges and opportunities identified within Carmarthenshire's Investment Plan have been assessed against the funding opportunities being made available within the Anchor programmes for the People and Skills Anchor Programme.

Based on the findings and following input from the priority subgroup meetings and following recommendation by the Regeneration Partnership, it is proposed that the call for applications for strategic applications under the People and Skills Priority should specifically focus on the following themes:

- Care
- Digital
- Green
- Hospitality / Catering



We are requesting approval by Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, to open calls for applications within the People and Skills priority that focus on the themes above.

Multiply Open Call

Sitting within the People and Skills priority is the Multiply Programme. This programme has been developed to help transform the lives of adults across the UK, by improving their functional numeracy skills through free personal tutoring, digital training, and flexible courses.

Following discussion at the People and Skills subgroup and recommendation from the Regeneration Partnership, we are proposing to open a call for applications from organisations with the capacity and capability to deliver against the portfolio of UK SPF Multiply interventions set out by UK Government

Appendix 3 summarises this call

We are requesting approval by Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure, Culture and Tourism, to open calls for applications for the Multiply programme.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED ?	YES – Appendix 1 2 & 3	



IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report :

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

Policy and Crime & Disorder	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
YES	YES	YES	NONE	YES	YES	NONE

1. Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities

The Shared Prosperity Fund provides an opportunity to draw down additional investment which will help deliver against some of the County's key strategic objectives.

In order to draw down the funding, a Regional Investment Plan was submitted to UK Government setting out how the Region intends to utilise the funding based on local needs and opportunities. A Carmarthenshire Investment Plan was developed which fed into the Regional Plan.

The Investment Plan for Carmarthenshire is based on our existing strategies and plans including the Economic Recovery Plan, Local Innovation Strategy, Wellbeing Assessment, and the South West Wales Regional Economic Delivery Plan. The Carmarthenshire Plan is aligned to the 7 Wellbeing goals of the Well-being of Future Generations Act.

The Anchor programmes have been developed to address some of the challenges and opportunities detailed in Carmarthenshire's Local Investment Plans and as such, are in line with Carmarthenshire's existing strategies and plans including the Corporate Strategy and Well-being Objectives



2. Legal

Local government is being given responsibility for delivery of the UKSPF. Swansea Council will act as the 'lead local authority' for the South West region and will have overall accountability for the funding and how the Fund operates.

Delivery and management of the programme in Carmarthenshire will be the responsibility of the Authority. This will include assessing and approving local project applications, entering into funding agreements with third parties as well as processing payments and day-to-day monitoring.

Appropriate agreements will be put in place between the Regional lead and the Authority which will set out agreed roles and responsibilities. Swansea Council as the Lead Authority is currently drafting a Service Level Agreement. Our Authority's legal team is being consulted on this.

At a project delivery level, the Authority will enter into a funding agreement with all delivery partners. These will be developed in conjunction with the Authority's legal team.

Approval was received by Cabinet on 30th January 2023 to proceed at risk with opening calls for all applications prior to entering into a formal Service Level Agreement with Swansea Council. This will ensure that we can launch the programme as soon as possible at a local level.

3.Finance

Whilst Swansea Council will act as the accountable body for the region and receive the Region's allocation via UK Government, delivery and management of Carmarthenshire's allocation will remain the responsibility of the Authority with Chris Moore as Senior Responsible Officer.

The budget requested by the Anchor programmes is fully funded by the SPF. Some of the thirdparty grants contained within the Anchor programmes will attract further private sector investment into the county. It is the intention that following approval of the Anchor programmes, Carmarthenshire's remaining UKSPF budget will be allocated to Standalone and Commissioned projects.

4.Risk Management Issues

A programme level risk management process will be developed to ensure that risk is assessed and managed at all levels.

Individual risk registers will be maintained at project level together with appropriate mitigation measures.



5.Staffing Implications

To manage the UKSPF at a local level and coordinate the process of opening Standalone calls, a dedicated Programme Management team will need to be established to ensure that the necessary processes and procedures are put in place to administer the UKSPF. The Anchor projects require dedicated staffing to deliver the programmes. The staffing structures and associated job descriptions have been prepared.

On the 30th of January 2023, Cabinet approved the recommendation to proceed at risk with the recruitment of staff for the internal Anchor teams and Programme Management team whilst the formal Service Level Agreement between Swansea Council and this Authority is finalised to enable the programme to commence as soon as possible. The risk will be minimal as the allocation for Carmarthenshire has been approved by UK Government.



CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: Jason Jones

Head of Regeneration

1. Scrutiny Committee N/A

2.Local Member(s) N/A

3.Community / Town Council N/A

4.Relevant Partners

Carmarthenshire's Regeneration Partnership recommended approval of the People and Skills Anchor Programme, themes for the open call for Standalone projects and the call for Multiply applications.

5.Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations





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Appendix1 - Summary of Carmarthenshire People & Skills SPF Anchor Programme

Anchor Programme	Activity	Budget	
People & Skills Anchor	• Employability Support – Employability Carmarthenshire will provide support to get people back into work, reducing barriers to get into work and supporting individuals with volunteering opportunities to gain experience in the workplace. The main focus of the programme will be on the following:	£5,794,122 SPF	
	 Employability support to residents of Carmarthenshire to get into work by offering one to one support; training; paid work experience and volunteering opportunities. Priority will be on the 25+ age group both short term and long term unemployed, however other individuals not eligible for support from other provisions will also be eligible. Bespoke training opportunities to support people into work specifically in key sectors in Carmarthenshire including the advancement of digital skills and job clubs/fairs to secure employment. 		
	• Youth Support - This aspect of the project relates to seeking to address the gaps in NEET related provision as follows:		
	- To target vulnerable secondary age pupils in the county to prevent them becoming NEET aged 11-18. This approach will also include a focus upon the 16 -18 year old cohort at key stages of transition. Work will include delivery of additional,		

 non-statutory interventions, to strengthen transition, improve attendance, attainment, engagement, and behaviour in those at the very greatest risk of becoming NEET. To target young people aged 16-25 who have left secondary school and are judged to be NEET. Interventions would include supporting with access to training programmes, college and supporting young people towards employability. 	
• Employability Fund: This will provide targeted financial support to organisations who work with individuals who are furthest away from the labour market who have complex barriers that require specialist intervention.	
 Skills Development Fund: This will provide targeted financial support to colleges, universities, and training providers to deliver training including non- accredited short courses; accredited courses (short and up to 1 year) in the key skill areas below: Net Zero Digital (specialist) Care Manufacturing Customer Services Leadership and 	
 Leadership and Management Problem Solving Confidence Building 	

Process for inviting Standalone projects

Background

The delivery models for the Shared Prosperity Fund for the region have been agreed as follows:

- Anchor projects Thematic projects that will manage major parts of the investment strategy
- Standalone projects Strategic applications that will address challenges that are not covered by the Anchor projects. Applications will be invited via open calls.
- Commissioned projects- procured activity to deliver precisely defined activity that is not being fulfilled by the delivery models detailed above.

The Anchor projects will deliver major parts of the investment plan, with additional funding within the People and Skills programme to offer third party grants to organisations to deliver employability and skills projects where gaps are identified. As a reminder, it has been agreed that the following anchor projects be established. This approach is being replicated across the region

People and Skills Anchor

The Anchor will consist of 4 elements:

Employability

A targeted employability programme to reduce unemployment and the number of economically inactive, by ensuring that all residents in Carmarthenshire receive the necessary support and training to enable them to enter the world of work. The programme will work with over 25; long and short term unemployed and any other individual who is not receiving support from any other employability project.

The programme will:

- Support people into employment
- Support individuals furthest away from the labour market into volunteering and paid work opportunities.
- Work with businesses to identify job and volunteering opportunities.
- Offer paid work opportunities
- Provide training opportunities
- Provide work preparation opportunities
- Work within the community offering support on job searches; applying for jobs and training.
- Support those underemployed to gain more hours and move into better paid jobs.

Youth Support

This aspect of the project relates to seeking to address the gaps in NEET related provision

a) To target vulnerable secondary age pupils in the county to prevent them becoming NEET aged 11-18. This approach enables delivery of additional, non-statutory interventions, to

strengthen transition, improve attendance, attainment, engagement and behaviour in those at the very greatest risk of becoming NEET.

 b) To target young people who have left secondary school and are judged to be NEET. Interventions would include supporting with access to training programmes, college and supporting young people towards employability.

The project will:

- Engage with individuals early
- Provide wellbeing support
- Support young people presenting with a range of complex needs
- Provide advice and support on housing, welfare, digital skills and numeracy skills
- Provide support within the community for young people.

Employability Support Fund

This will provide targeted financial support to organisations who work with individuals who are furthest away from the labour market who have complex barriers that require specialist intervention. Organisations will be invited to submit applications for funding up to £200,000 to deliver the specialist support, each submission will be to identify the gap in provision and provide a proposal on how the funding will help in getting individuals closer to employment or volunteering through offering training and support.

Skills Development Fund

This will provide targeted financial support to colleges, universities and training providers to deliver training including non-accredited short courses; accredited courses (short and up to 1 year). The main areas of skills development identified are listed below and these have been identified following consultation with employers across the county and region during preparation of the Employment and Skills Plan 2022 – 2025. The Skills Development Fund will enable individuals to be upskilled in areas where there will be job opportunities and where the existing skills gaps exist. The programme could help individuals gain additional qualifications to enable them to increase their hours of work and have a higher paid job. The key skills areas are:

- ✓ Green
- ✓ Digital
- ✓ Hospitality
- ✓ Care
- ✓ Manufacturing
- ✓ Customer Services
- ✓ Leadership and Management
- ✓ Problem Solving
- ✓ Confidence Building

Organisations will be invited to submit applications for funding up to £250,000 to deliver the training between May 2023 – December 2024. The applicants would need to demonstrate that there is no

duplication of provision either through existing FE/Apprenticeship provision or through the Personal Learning Accounts. It would add weight to the project if up to 10% match funding was included.

Options for Inviting Standalone projects

A substantial percentage of the overall allocation for the County will be committed to Anchor projects. The Anchor projects however will continually be monitored to ensure that the activity meets the demands for employability support and skills development.

The remaining budget will be made available for more specialist support and help address some of the challenges identified in the Investment Plan that are not covered by the anchor projects.

An initial assessment of the key challenges and opportunities identified within the Carmarthenshire Investment Plan against the funding opportunities being made available within the Anchor projects is mapped in Table 1 for the People and Skills investment priorities. A similar exercise has already been undertaken in relation to Community and Business investment priorities.

Within the People and Skills area there are a number of key issues including above average level of Economically inactive; over 8900 residents (16 - 64) with no qualifications and only 21,300 residents (16-64) with a level 2 qualification. The Investment Plan for Carmarthenshire identifies this as a challenge and one that needs to be addressed in order to meet the increasing number of vacancies that cannot be filled across all levels and sectors. Looking at the economy of Carmarthenshire there are key areas that the skills gap is impacting and the four areas listed below have been identified within the Employment and Skills Plan for South West Wales as areas that either have a large number of vacancies; that have a poor perception as a place to work; require key skills in order to enter the sector or are a new and emerging sector where there will be huge opportunities to upskill individuals to enter the new emerging industries that are being developed in the county and the region.

Based on the findings, it is proposed that the call for applications for 'standalone applications' should specifically focus on skills for the following themes:

- Care
- Digital
- Green
- Hospitality/Catering

The stand-alone project should offer accredited short courses that will reskill individuals who are potentially thinking of a career change; are seeking employment or require upskilling to get into work. The project would create opportunities in key areas where there are a number of vacancies but not enough people having the correct skills in order to take up the roles. The project should aim to deliver as many projects as possible within the time to maximise the impact of the programme i.e, the number of individuals being trained and gaining a qualification.

Standalone projects will be invited via an open call and will be assessed against key criteria. All applications will be required to demonstrate that they can deliver by the end of December 2024 to allow sufficient time to close the programme by March 2025

Table 1

People and Skills

Challenges

- An above average level of Economically inactive people in the county many with complex barriers that restricts them getting into work.
- High number of individuals who are NEET (not in education employment or training)
- Access to jobs is a challenge in some instances owing to a lower population density and rurality.
- Upskilling people to meet the changing skills landscape to meet the Net Zero industries in the region.

Opportunities within local investment plan	Opportunities via Anchor projects	Proposed standalone themes
Reduce the number of economically inactive individuals in Carmarthenshire and reduce the number of complex barriers individuals have in getting into work.	The People and Skills Anchor project will assist individuals with the training and advice/support to gain employment, with ongoing support for the individual and employer. The project will offer paid work opportunities, volunteering opportunities and specialist training.	
Support for specialist Employment support for individuals furthest away from the workplace because of complex barriers	The People and Skills Anchor will provide 3 rd party grant for public, private and 3 rd sector organisations. Specific focus on support for hardest to reach individuals Grants of up to £200k will be made available.	
Low wages – too many jobs do not pay enough	Opportunity via the People and Place Anchor to upskill individuals to new jobs specifically in Care; Green; Digital and Hospitality/Catering	Strategic projects focusing on short courses to deliver training in the four key areas that will support individuals to increase the opportunity to work across Carmarthenshire.
Underemployment – too many people cannot access jobs which meet their needs.	People and Skills Anchor will offer training for individuals to increase their opportunities to work for more than their contracted hours.	
Skills - supporting people and businesses to retrain, re-skill, and up-skill through blended traditional, online and work- based learning.		Strategic projects focusing on short courses to deliver training in the four key areas that will support individuals to increase the opportunity to work across Carmarthenshire.

Open Call for Multiply Applications

Multiply is the programme that that has been developed to help transform the lives of adults across the UK, by improving their functional numeracy skills through free personal tutoring, digital training, and flexible courses. Multiply provision should complement but not duplicate existing provision. The core requirement of Multiply is the delivery of flexible numeracy skills support to adults aged 19+ who do not have a Level 2 or higher maths qualification.

We are specifically looking for organisations with the capacity and capability to deliver against the portfolio of UK SPF Multiply interventions set out by UK Government and the priorities outlined in the Carmarthenshire and South West Wales Regional Investment Plans.

Multiply Applications will be expected to address the following interventions:

- W44 Courses designed to increase confidence with numbers for those needing the first steps towards formal qualifications.
- W45: Courses for parents wanting to increase their numeracy skills in order to help their children, and help with their own progression.
- W46: Courses aimed at prisoners, those recently released from prison or on temporary licence.
- W47: Courses aimed at people who can't apply for certain jobs because of lack of numeracy skills and/or to encourage people to upskill in order to access a certain job/career.
- W48: Additional relevant maths modules embedded into other vocational courses.
- W49: Innovative programmes delivered together with employers including courses designed to cover specific numeracy skills required in the workplace.
- W50: New intensive and flexible courses targeted at people without Level 2 maths in Wales, leading to an equivalent qualification (for more information on equivalent qualifications,
- W51: Courses designed to help people use numeracy to manage their money.
- W52: Courses aimed at over 19s that are leaving, or have just left, the care system

• W53: Activities, courses or provision developed in partnership with community organisations and other partners aimed at engaging the hardest to reach learners – for example, those not in the labour market or other groups identified locally as in need.

The budget for this call will be £5.5million