

CABINET 28 TACHWEDD 2022

STRATEGAETH ARLOESI LLEOL

Yr argymhellion / penderfyniadau allweddol sydd eu hangen:

- Cymeradwyo cynnwys y Strategaeth Arloesi Lleol:
- Cytuno ar y pedwar Cyfle Arloesi a nodwyd yn y Strategaeth, yn y meysydd canlynol: Digidol; lechyd a Llesiant; yr Economi Sylfaenol a'r Economi Gylchol:
- Gofyn i swyddogion archwilio'r cyfleoedd hyn ymhellach ar gyfer gweithredu lle bo modd.

Y rhesymau:

Cefnogi adferiad ac ailstrwythuro economi Sir Gaerfyrddin drwy arloesedd.

Angen ymgynghori â'r Pwyllgor Craffu perthnasol Oes Cymunedau ac Adfywio

Angen i'r Cabinet wneud penderfyniad: Oes

Angen i'r Cyngor wneud penderfyniad: Nac oes

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Local Innovation Strategy

Cardiff University's Centre for Innovation Policy Research was commissioned by the Authority to explore innovation prospects for Carmarthenshire. The general aim was to identify proposals to support the recovery and restructuring of Carmarthenshire's economy through innovation. The aims were to explore the contribution of certain key sectors, specifically: the role of the country council and the wider public sector, especially with respect to the use of public sector spending power to support innovation; and to focus in particular on the Foundational Economy; Health and Wellbeing; Digital innovation; and the impact of Climate Change and the prospects of a Green Recovery by harnessing the potential of the Circular Economy.

The commission proceeded through three stages: (a) a desktop analysis of key documents such as the Business Advisory Group meeting notes, Economic Recovery and Delivery Plan and the CLES report work on community wealth building and progressive procurement; (b) consultations with 50 key stakeholders in the county, the region and the nation to identify the challenges, constraints and future opportunities for innovation; and (c) the development of a strategy to promote and support innovation in Carmarthenshire.

The Strategy, a copy of which is attached, recommends 4 opportunities for innovation:

Opportunity 1 – Digital

- Improved fibre and mobile connectivity
- Opportunities for next generation digital technologies
- Addressing digital skills
- Developing a rural digital innovation centre

Opportunity 2 – Health

- Development of a dispersed living laboratory to test new medical products and services

Opportunity 3 – Foundational Economy

- Sustainable food procurement and development of the local food supply chain

Opportunity 4 – Circular Economy

- Leveraging an approach for the Net Zero Agenda through reducing waste and recycling.

It is recommended that Cabinet:

1. Endorse the content of the Local Innovation Strategy.
2. Agree the four Innovation Opportunities identified in the Strategy, in the areas of Digital; Health & Wellbeing; Foundational Economy; and Circular Economy:
3. Request officers to further explore these opportunities for implementation where possible.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

Yes

IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
Yes	N/A	Yes	N/A	Yes	No	Yes

Policy

Alignment with CCC's Economic Recovery Plan is essential and this will monitor any significant changes in the economic climate and escalate as appropriate.

Consideration has been afforded to how we can apply the five ways of working as we make progress on the identified opportunities. This will be further developed as detailed plans for delivering the opportunities are taken forward.

Finance

Funding will be required to deliver the recommendations of the Local Innovation Strategy. UK Government's Shared Prosperity fund could be a possible source of external funding for any projects emanating from the Strategy

Risk Management Issues

Each intervention will be required to maintain a risk register and to mitigate the risks for the whole life period of the activity.

Physical Assets

Some interventions will entail investment opportunities in existing physical assets in our town centres.

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**
Report to go to Community and Regeneration Scrutiny
2. **Local Member(s)**
n/a
3. **Community / Town Council**
n/a
4. **Relevant Partners**
n/a
5. **Staff side representatives and other organisations**
n/a

**EXECUTIVE BOARD PORTFOLIO
HOLDER(S) AWARE/CONSULTED**

YES/NO * Delete as appropriate

Include any observations here