



<b>Title</b>	<b>Natural Resources Wales – funding allocation for PSB projects</b>		
<b>Item Number</b>	<b>6</b>		
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>29 September 2020</b>		
<b>To consider and comment on the following issues:</b>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To note the funding contribution by Natural Resources Wales.</li> <li>2. To consider and approve further development of the projects proposed by the Healthy Environment Delivery Group.</li> </ol>			
<b>For Discussion</b>		<b>Decision required?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Proposed by</b>			
<b>Huwel Manley, Natural Resources Wales &amp; Kate Harrop, PSB Support Team</b>			

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27 August 2020

Dear Mr Liles,

**Allocation of Natural Resources Wales grant funding to support delivery of the well-being objectives of the Public Services Boards across Wales.**

NRW is represented on all 19 PSBs across Wales. As an organisation we are committed to working collaboratively to further the delivery of the PSB's well-being plans and objectives. To support this way of working, NRW's Board has agreed to a ring-fenced grant to be made available to all PSBs in Wales, with an intention of this funding continuing for the period from 2020/21 – 2023/24. This means an amount of £25,000 for each PSB this financial year.

We recognise that the last six months have been exceptional. The PSB has not met face to face since the start of the year and we have therefore not had the opportunity to discuss this grant and how we should work collectively to prioritise spend this year. Despite this, we feel it's important to follow through with the grant commitment this financial year. Building the resilience of our communities, their connection with nature and tackling the climate and nature emergencies remain vitally important as we plan for a green recovery. Its purpose is to support Public Services Boards to:

- Deliver the agreed priorities set out in the PSB well-being plan, including better coordination and new ways of working, with a particular focus on those priorities that maximise the contribution to the nature and climate emergencies.

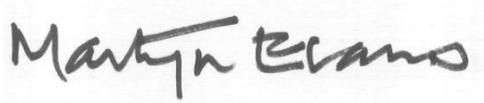
This is a way of working that we will continue in future years with the aim of allocating longer term funding for PSB's from next financial year onwards. Please be aware that if you do not feel that the PSB is in a position to deliver against the full/part allocation this year, this will have no bearing on any future funding allocation offers.

The request now is to please confirm whether you would or would not like to take advantage of this funding - indicating whether you wish to accept the full allocation or a specific reduced amount. Please *respond within 15 working days of receiving this letter* to Huwel Manley, Operations Manager (Land & Assets), South West Wales ([Huwel.Manley@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:Huwel.Manley@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk)) who, as a member of the PSB, will be in touch with you soon to discuss this letter and next steps.

Please also cc: [strategicallocatedfunding@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:strategicallocatedfunding@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk).

In the meantime, should you wish to discuss this matter please do not hesitate to contact me or Huwel.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Martyn Evans". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

**Martyn Evans**  
**Head of Operations South West Wales**  
**Pennaeth Gweithrediadau De Orllewin Cymru**

## NRW Funding – Project Proposals from the Healthy Environment Delivery Group

### Green Infrastructure

1. We would like to work with consultants to investigate how Green Infrastructure (GI) can be incorporated into the redevelopment of **Jackson's Lane**, with the aim of maximising its potential as a multifunctional green space, and showcasing how commercial development can be balanced and enhanced by GI in urban spaces. We hope that the outcome of this work would be a mini-masterplan for the area, ensuring alignment with the existing Carmarthen Town Regeneration Masterplan and the Covid-19 Recovery Masterplan. Within this GI masterplan, we would seek to investigate the use of GI to address some of Carmarthen's key issues such as air quality, health and well-being, and climate resilience, as well as economic regeneration and green recovery from Covid-19.

The masterplan would seek to include ways in which to measure any outcomes once implemented, for example incorporating air quality monitoring equipment and step counters to monitor footfall. We would hope to involve local students from schools/UWTSD in gathering and analysing the data. This project would be completed in close partnership with Economic Development, with the aim of developing the initial master-plan concepts to progress onto detail design and implementation of the greening element to compliment delivery of the overall redevelopment of Jackson's Lane in subsequent financial years.

2. To complement the current NRW funded climate change resilience project in Newcastle Emlyn and the Ten Towns project, we would also like to work with consultants to investigate how GI can be incorporated into the regeneration of **Newcastle Emlyn town centre**, with the aim of maximising climate resilience, economic regeneration and health and well-being. Many of the proposals outlined in the draft Ten Towns Newcastle Emlyn Economic and Growth Plan could be delivered or enhanced through green infrastructure, and this could be used to showcase how Carmarthenshire is leading on both a green recovery and climate adaptation. Again, this would take the form of a masterplan and would seek to have measurable outcomes. This project would be completed in close partnership with Economic Development, Owen Davies Consultants leading on Ten Towns project and Dr Alan Netherwood/Dafydd Thomas who are currently leading on the NRW funded climate resilience project. Both proposals would align with the objectives of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015, NRW South West Area statement objectives and Carmarthenshire's wellbeing objectives, as well as with other Council strategies such as the Ten Towns recovery and growth plans, revised Local Development Plan, Moving Rural Carmarthenshire Forward report and Net Zero Carbon Action Plan. It would also provide a blueprint for the development of such spaces in line with the green recovery from COVID-19, and would allow us to have specific and costed projects prepared for implementation, as and when further funding opportunities become available.

Estimated costs of 12-15k for work over the two sites.

### **3. Seven Council Tree Planting Initiative**

This project will involve partnership working between NRW and our larger town and community councils to identify opportunities for tree planting. These Councils are the town and community councils subject to the Well-being of Future Generations Act - Llanelli Town, Llanelli Rural, Pembrey and Burry Port, Llanedi, Llannon, Cwmaman and Carmarthen.

The Councils will use the initiative as a means of community engagement and improving residents' ownership of, and sense of pride in, their communities. Planting will be undertaken with community members safely within COVID-19 restrictions. In addition to the engagement benefits, there are the well documented benefits that spending time in natural spaces can have upon mental and physical wellbeing which, in the current time, is even more important.

Each Council has identified tree stock requirements and proposed sites. Within the Councils there is a variety of site types from urban through to rural and semi-rural. In most of our areas there is a mix of natural green spaces, municipal parks and built environments.

Each of the Councils have environmental and sustainability policies and strategies in place which include the need to maintain a healthy and diverse tree stock, ensuring a sustainable ecosystem and making a meaningful impact upon environmental factors. Indeed, the majority of the Councils involved have existing and planned projects which the trees supplied by NRW will greatly support.

Estimated costs - 8-10k.