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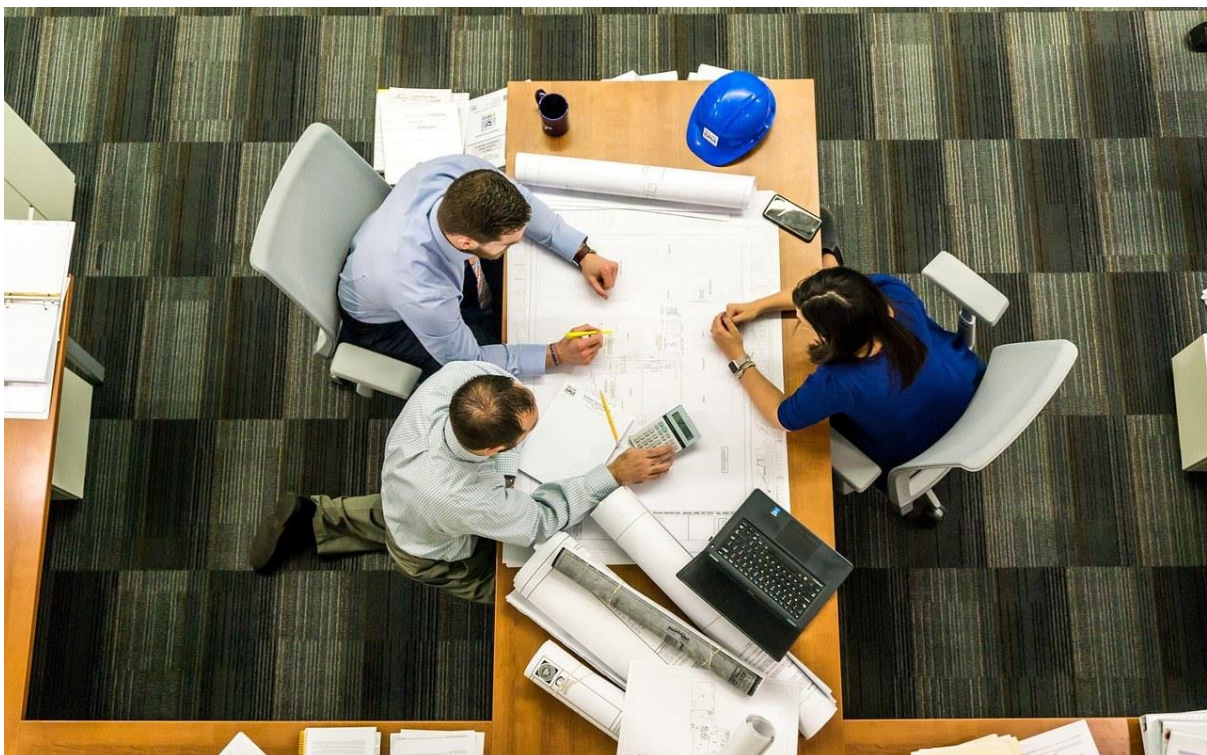
# WEST WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD NEWSLETTER CAPITAL EDITION

A very warm welcome to the January edition of the West Wales Regional Partnership Board Newsletter.

All of us at the team would like to wish you a very happy new year!

This newsletter edition focuses the WWRPB Capital Programme Management Office and the teams work during 2024 and looking forward to 2025 and beyond.

## Capital Programme Management Office RECAP 2024



As we reflect on 2024, it was an extremely busy year for the Capital PMO and our regional partners in West Wales. With a full compliment of staff and a large number of projects supporting the transformation of health and social care across the region, underpinned by

**Housing with Care Fund (HCF)** and **Integration & Rebalancing Capital Fund (IRCF)** monies, there have been:

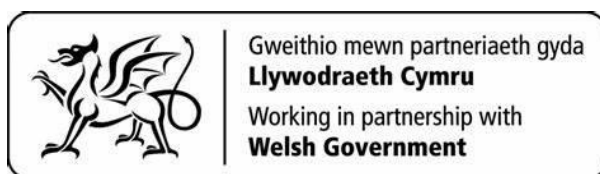
- **12 new projects approved for funding**
- **15 emerging projects added to the pipeline**
- **7 projects live on site**
- **5 projects completed**

2025 looks to be as busy a calendar year, with a number of new projects set to seek approval from the RPB and Welsh Government and further projects to start construction works on site.

### **Lessons Learnt**

- Early engagement with RPB is vital to ensure intentions of grant applicant are known, various approvals and stages are undertaken for compliance and that sufficient time and resource is allocated to programme in projected target panel dates
- Drivers for any project must be clear; any proposals need to be driven by a service strategy
- Where joint applications (IRCF/HCF) are received, the IRCF scrutiny process will be followed
- No set intervention rate for HCF Objective 2 or IRCF Priority 3

In order to ensure engagement from the earliest possible outset, we would encourage any potential grant applicant to contact us as soon as reasonably practicable to discuss any future concepts/ideas/projects on [WWCapitalPMO@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:WWCapitalPMO@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)



### **We are hiring!**

An exciting opportunity has arisen to recruit two Project Leads to fill a recent promotion and maternity period within the existing team.

For more information, please see here: [Project Lead - Carmarthenshire County Council](#)

## Eliminating Profit in Childrens Accommodation in West Wales



The Eliminate agenda aims to remove the profit in respect of looked after children and build public and not-for-profit provision of care for children looked after and to help support the government's commitment to improving outcomes for children; with their best interests, rights and entitlements at the core of decisions that are made. It is hoped this will ensure that all public money invested in accommodation and fostering is re-invested to support better outcomes for the most vulnerable children and young people in Wales. This key commitment by government has been identified as a key regional priority for West Wales and will continue to be for the next 12 months, **over 60%** of our spend for 2023/24 was against childrens accommodation and it is projected nearly a **quarter** of the spend is forecast against this target group in 2024/25.

To date, West Wales has completed 6 residential childrens accommodation projects, through the support of **Housing with Care Fund (HCF) from Welsh Government**, creating some **19 units** and investment in the region of **£4.7 million**. It is forecast that there are set to be up to another 6 childrens residential projects completed within the next 24 months\*. Some of these forecasted projects are hoped to be funded via IRCF Priority 3 monies. IRCF can be utilised to support up front property acquisitions and related fees through the established

IRCF application and approval processes, with these costs being requested at the initial application form stage.

Aside from this, the Capital PMO are working with across the counties with partners to establish a regional childrens accommodation design blueprint which it is hoped will be completed by March 2025 and is being funded via the **Integration and Rebalancing Capital Fund (IRCF)** revenue stream through **Welsh Government** . This piece of work is pivotal and aims to provide a schedule of accommodation for new build childrens residential accommodation, for both single and double storeys, and an accompanying bilingual support document.

*\*Subject to approval and receipt of funding*

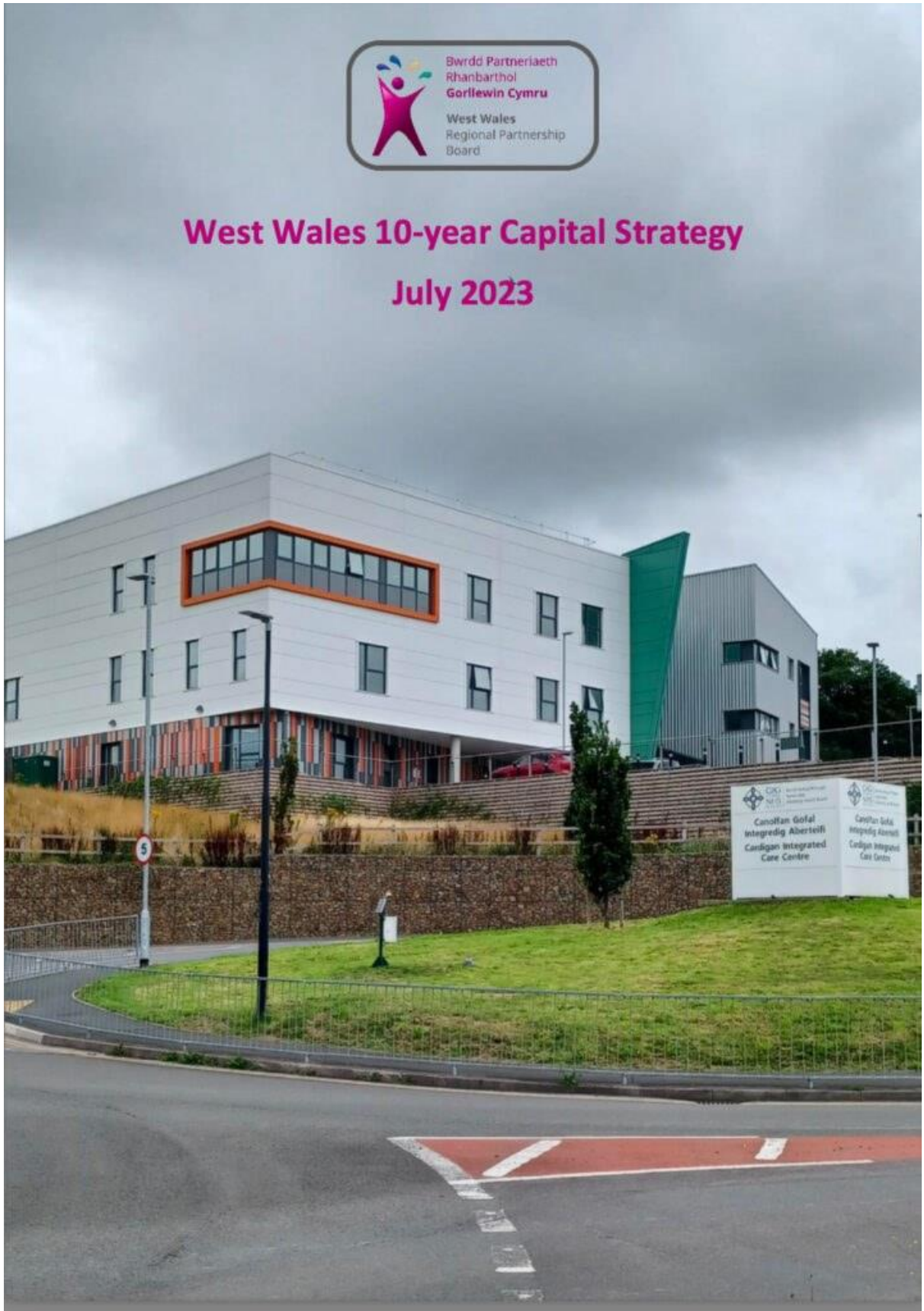






## West Wales 10-year Capital Strategy

July 2023



The **West Wales Strategic Capital Plan** was developed in July 2023, and outlined the regions visions and aspirations to support the transformation of Health and Social Care across Carmarthenshire, Pembrokeshire and Ceredigion over a 10 year period. Since its origin 18 months ago, the direction of travel has evolved in the region and the team has been tasked by Welsh Government (WG) to refresh its Strategic Capital Plans, part of which outlines the future priorities for capital investment in West Wales. This revised version will be a key document to assist ourselves in the region and WG in planning future infrastructure investment across Wales. Anticipated to be ready by March 31st 2025, moving forward, the next iteration of the plan will look to incorporate and build upon the following areas

- Prominent inclusion of the prioritisation process within the region to give assurance to WG that a robust procedure exists at a regional level to collectively agree investment priorities.
- Revisited priorities against IRCF national investment pot and any future funding streams that will succeed the current cycle of funding and projected future programme of works and high level estimated spend forecasts.
- Benefits management approach development in line with RIF and the wider outcomes framework. Digital technology as an enabler and how prominent this needs to be in any blueprint / planning of future developments.
- Revenue requirements and outcomes, coupled with the importance of continuity longer term if the ambitions for a 10-year programme are to be realised.

Each Region will be approached to discuss their initial plans and visions, with some additional meetings scheduled on a wider basis with stakeholders to ensure we build upon and develop on the current regional engagement and communication across West Wales.

## Supported Living - Llanelli

*The Bay, Llanelli was formerly a detached public house, which has been acquired by Carmarthenshire County Council and will be redeveloped into specialist housing to provide shared supported accommodation for individuals with learning disabilities and mental health.*

*Conversion of the property will provide five ensuite bedrooms with shared communal kitchen, dining and living room facilities, separate office space, a WC and off-road parking. It will promote independent living that meets the current and future demand of specialist housing need, which provides an opportunity for individuals to move on from family accommodation, and prevent unnecessary placements into residential care, both in and out of county.*

*The property is located in the Glanymor Ward of Llanelli and is in a central location, providing good access to the town's amenities and transportation links.*

*Carmarthenshire County Council has been awarded **£245,575** from **Housing with Care (HCF)** to assist with the acquisition of the property, and further intervention from the **Welsh Government** fund is anticipated to support the renovation works.*



## Supporting Living - Haverfordwest

Pembrokeshire County Council in partnership with First Choice Housing Association have been successful in obtaining approximately £469,114 **Housing with Care (HCF)** Objective 1 funding from **Welsh Government** to support the Portfield project. This project will target people with learning disabilities and individuals with neuro-diverse & neurodevelopmental conditions.

The project involves the acquisition and refurbishment of an existing property in Haverfordwest to deliver supported living accommodation. It is situated within a dense residential area, in close proximity to local amenities and the town centre. The primary objective of the project is to help people with learning disabilities to remain within their



own homes by developing additional Supported Living accommodation within Pembrokeshire. This property provides the opportunity to enable 2 people to share with support, and support 1 person to live in a self-contained annexe, which will help meet the need where people are finding sharing difficult, however, still need access to support as required.





## Upcoming Events

### Citizen and Third Sector Engagement Board

We welcome new members to the board, our next meeting is on **February 19th 2025** and we would love to see you. Please message us at [wwrpb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:wwrpb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk).

### WE WELCOME YOUR VIEWS: PROPOSED PRIORITIES FOR THE NEXT CARERS STRATEGY FOR WEST WALES 2025-2030

**CLOSES 3rd March 2025**

Unpaid carers of all ages in West Wales should be visible, feel valued and be supported. These are the proposed priorities that will form the foundation for the next Carers Strategy for West Wales 2025-2030 and are based on the conversations that we have had with unpaid carers and organisations that support unpaid carers, over the past 9 months.

We welcome your views and if you'd like to help shape the priorities and actions for the Carers Strategy 2025-2030, please visit: [West Wales Carers Priorities Consultation – West Wales Regional Partnership Board](#)

Research shows that many people in Wales don't see themselves as unpaid carers. If you regularly look after a family member, friend or neighbour who may not be able to cope without some sort of help, whether it be the grocery shop or providing more intense personal support, you would be considered to be an unpaid carer. Unpaid carers don't always need or want support but circumstances can change, both over time or unexpectedly, leading to a possible point of crisis or deterioration of health and or wellbeing.

### West Wales Neurodivergence Support Drop-In Event: 26th March 2025

**Are you looking for neurodivergence support in West Wales?**

We have a range of public sector, private and third sector organisations attending the event to showcase what support they have on offer across West Wales for neurodivergent individuals.

For more information on who is attending, please see here: [West Wales Neurodivergence Support Event 2025 – West Wales Regional Partnership Board](#)

Sign up for tickets here: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/west-wales-regional-partnership-board/e-aedmdm>

### **Are you an organisation, team or support group that supports neurodivergence individuals?**

You are invited to take part in our regional West Wales Neurodivergence Support Drop In Event. Taking place on the 26th March at the Halliwell Centre in Carmarthen. We are planning to bring together as many services and support groups for neurodivergent individuals and their families. We welcome applications from support groups, third sector, social enterprises and private organisations.

Last year 400 individuals attended a similar event run by Carmarthenshire Council in March 2024. This year, we are aiming to build on the success, and develop a regional event.

Information we need from you:

- Your organisation name, audience and location
- What you would like to provide on the day e.g. information stand, activity, 1 -1 support/ advice, other.

**Please contact us to express interest: [wwrpb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk](mailto:wwrpb@carmarthenshire.gov.uk)**

### [Are you following us?](#)

We have recently started a LinkedIn page, give us a follow and mention us in your posts when you get involved with the work we do. We would love to hear it!



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