

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE, 13 DECEMBER 2000

Date	13th December 2000
Time	2.00-5.30pm
Venue	Committee Room 1

OBJECTIVE ONE: UPDATE

Fast Track Projects

As at 1 December, 30 projects had received formal approval for funding of £38.8 million. The first approvals were issued within hours of the Programme Monitoring Committee agreeing the Programme Complement on 16 October, which was the final formal step before approvals could be made. 14 projects have been approved for funding of up to £11.8 million from the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), and 16 approved for funding of up to £27 million from the European Social Fund (ESF). A list of these projects is attached.

The Programme's commitment profile is running according to plan.

Local and Regional Action Plans

The Programme Monitoring Committee agreed on 16 October that WEFO should explore how to reduce the number of Regional Plans and to improve the connections between the Local and Regional Plan elements of the Programme. To assist this process, the Deputy First Minister has convened a 'Task and Finish Group' to deliver a cohesive operational framework for the local and regional action plans to enable the effective delivery of the Single Programming Document and to set a strategic direction for the Objective 1 programme. The group will prepare a paper setting out its plan of action in time for the next meeting of the Programme Monitoring Committee.

The members of the Task and Finish Group are:

- Neville Davies of the West Wales European Centre;
- Geraint Davies of the Welsh Development Agency;
- Professor Kevin Morgan of Cardiff University;
- Grenville Jackson of the Mid Wales TEC;
- Tina Sommer of the Federation of Small Businesses;
- Graham Benfield of the Wales Council for Voluntary Action; and
- Chris Johnes of the National Assembly's European Affairs Division.

The PMC will discuss the Action Plans and the report of the Task and Finish Group at its meeting on 15 December.

The September Round

Most action plan partnerships submitted further project applications with their action plans in September. WEFO are appraising these projects, taking into account the views of the Programme Monitoring Committee on policy issues, and are working towards early approval of successful projects.

Welsh European Funding Office

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ANNEX A

OBJECTIVE ONE APPROVED PROJECTS (1 DECEMBER 2000)

European Regional Development Fund (ERDF)

Priority	Measure	Organisation Name	Project Name	ERDF Funding
4	4	Further Education Funding Council for Wales	Welsh Learning Network/ Rhwydwaith Dysgu Cymru	£2,636,380
1	5	Conwy County Borough Council	New York Enterprise Centre (Penmaenmawr)	£145,467
1	5	Denbighshire County Council	Denbighshire Strategic Industrial Site Development	£699,040
5	6	Ceredigion County Council	Support for Local Economic Development in Ceredigion	£129,800
1	5	Caerphilly County Borough Council	Tredomen-Penallta Sustainable Urban Village – Phase 1	£760,000
6	3	Pembrokeshire County Council	Business Premises & Infrastructure, Cleddau Bridge	£1,034,677
1	1	Blaenau Gwent County Borough Council	Local Financial Support for Small & Medium Enterprises, Blaenau Gwent	£247,500
1	1	Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council	Grant Scheme for Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs), Rhondda Cynon Taff	£1,418,750

1	1	Torfaen County Borough Council	Integrated Grant Scheme Providing Business Support, Torfaen County Borough Council	£467,061
1	1	Bridgend County Borough Council	Business Support Framework, Bridgend County Borough Council	£315,500
1	1	Isle of Anglesey County Council	MONFENTER, Isle of Anglesey County Council	£216,000
1	1	Gwynedd Council	Gwynedd Business Development Package	£731,500
2	3	Welsh Development Agency	Opto-electronics cluster development – sector champion	£210,000
1	5	Welsh Development Agency	Speculative Development Programme for north-west Wales – Phase 1	£2,864,000

European Social Fund (ESF)

Priority	Measure	Organisation Name	Project Name	ESF Funding
4	2	Careers Services Association Wales	Youth Gateway	£1,371,636
1	4	CELTEC	Skills for Business	£369,412
4	3	City & County of Swansea	Swansea Skills Service	£1,418,239
4	1	Cyfle	Cyfle New Entrant Scheme 2000	£131,725
4	1	Employment Service	Interactive Programme Centre	£3,000,000
1	4	Further Education Funding Council for Wales	Knowledge Exploitation Fund	£3,689,963
1	4	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales	Business and Management Skills	£2,467,617
2	4	Higher Education Funding Council for Wales	High level skills Sci,Tech, Eng,ICT	£2,685,413
4	1	Isle of Anglesey County Council	Môn shared apprenticeship	£9,082
4	2	Menter Fachwen	Prosiect Anabledau Gwynedd	£722,009

4	5	Merthyr Tydfil County Borough Council	Pathways to Employment	£429,622
4	1	N W Wales Employment Zone	N Wales Employment Intermediary	£6,319,771
4	3	Neath Port Talbot County Borough Council	New Learning Network for NPT	£3,096,536
1	4	University of Wales Swansea	Cymru Prosper Wales	£1,420,393
4	2	WEA North Wales	Outreach in the Communities	£620,254
4	2	West Wales TEC Ltd	Initial Guidance and Training	£124,910