

Annex A: Welsh Government Activity and Engagement on a Framework for Regional Investment in Wales

Welsh Government Policy Documents:

1. Securing Wales' Future (23 January 2017) <https://gov.wales/securing-wales-future>
2. Regional Investment in Wales after Brexit Securing Wales' Future (14 December 2017) <https://gov.wales/regional-investment-wales-after-brexit>

Ministerial Written and Oral Statements to the National Assembly for Wales:

3. Written Statement: Regional Investment in Wales after Brexit (14 December 2017) <https://gov.wales/written-statement-regional-investment-wales-after-brexit>
4. Oral statement: Update on Regional Investment after Brexit (16 October 2018) <https://record.assembly.wales/Plenary/5357#A46171>
5. Written Statement: Update on the Future of Regional Investment in Wales after Brexit (18 July 2019) <https://gov.wales/written-statement-update-future-regional-investment-wales-after-brexit>
6. Oral Statement: Update on Regional Investment in Wales (14 January 2020) <https://record.assembly.wales/Plenary/6073#A55455>

National Assembly for Wales Debates

7. Debate: The UK Shared Prosperity Fund <https://record.assembly.wales/Plenary/5664#A51599>

Welsh Government Engagement papers and responses to National Assembly for Wales Committee inquiry reports:

8. EEAL Committee Inquiry into Regional Policy – What next for Wales? (June 2017) <http://senedd.assembly.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=015127>
9. Regional investment in Wales after Brexit: Engagement Report (26 May 2018) <https://gov.wales/regional-investment-in-wales-after-brexit-engagement-report>
10. Finance Committee report into preparations for replacing EU Funding after Brexit (September 2018) <http://senedd.assembly.wales/mgIssueHistoryHome.aspx?Ild=15759>

Stakeholder Engagement

11. Two-year project with the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development: [OECD Multi-Level Governance Review](#)

12. Regional Investment for Wales Steering Group

Chaired by Huw Irranca-Davies AM <https://gov.wales/regional-investment-for-wales-steering-group>

Purpose of Group: to discuss strategic issues and new ideas about policy direction and implementation approaches, and provide advice to Welsh Ministers. The membership, final papers and minutes are published here <https://gov.wales/regional-investment-for-wales-steering-group>

Meeting Dates: 18 February 2019; 2 May 2019; 18 July 2019; 10 October 2019; 17 December 2019; 5 February 2020

The RIWSG also agreed to the establishment of four specialist sub groups below to inform thinking and generate ideas around specific issues.

13. National Framework Sub Group

Purpose: to draft the consultation document and finalise the content of the new national investment framework for Wales. Subject areas considered include evidence from socio-economic analysis and SWOT analysis; prioritisation of investment objectives and indicative activities; programme logic and rationale for intervention; coordination with regional plans; and regional targeting and concentration.

Meeting Dates: 22 August 2019; 24 September 2019; 21 October 2019; 20 November 2019; 12 December 2019; 17 January 2020

14. Implementation Sub Group

Purpose: to develop arrangements to ensure the effective delivery of the new national investment framework and regional investment plans. It leads on the development of a common investment rulebook to provide a level and consistent playing field across the regions. Other subject areas include a national assurance framework, IT systems and accessibility, coordination mechanisms between national-regional-local levels, or best practice for community led local development and the use of financial instruments.

Meeting Dates: 19 August 2019; 12 September 2019; 30 September 2019; 30 October 2019; 11 November 2019; 15 January 2020; 13 February 2020

Please see web link to this group's working paper which has helped to inform this consultation: <https://gov.wales/regional-investment-proposals-community-led-local-development>

15. Research and Monitoring Sub Group

Purpose: to oversee analysis of research, monitoring information and evaluations to help inform an evidence-based regional investment framework for Wales. Subject areas considered include developing a national performance framework (measuring success/impact, indicators, targets, milestones, reviews), to national guidance (on data collection, monitoring, evaluation, etc.) to analysing lessons from thematic reviews, to exploring experimental designs/pilots around future investments/projects.

Meeting Dates: 15 August 2019; 02 September 2019; 23 September 2019; 24 October 2019; 19 November 2019; 13 December 2019; 22 January 2020

Please see web link to this group's working paper which has helped to inform this consultation: <https://gov.wales/regional-investment-proposals-monitoring-and-evaluation>

16. Cross Border / International Sub Group

Purpose: to explore and build on influential engagement mechanisms and networks at a cross-border level, including with the UK, Ireland and worldwide. The group seeks to ensure regional investment policy and its delivery arrangements maximise opportunities for regions to work together and share best practice to create positive, sustainable benefits for Wales. The aims include mechanisms for combining different funding streams, cross-border coordination, and links to EU programmes and networks.

Meeting Dates: 22 August 2019; 24 September 2019; 21 October 2019; 20 November 2019; 12 December 2019; 17 January 2020; 4 February 2020

Please see web link to this group's working paper which has helped to inform this consultation: <https://gov.wales/regional-investment-proposals-cross-border-and-international-working>

17. The Regional Investment for Wales Steering Group and sub groups above include the following representatives across Welsh Government, local government, business, HE/FE sector and the third sector:

Aberystwyth University
Bangor University
Bridgend Council
British Telecom
Cadwyn Clwyd
Cardiff Capital Region City Deal
Cardiff Council
Cardiff Metropolitan University
Cardiff University
Carmarthenshire County Council
Catapult

Ceredigion County Council
Colegau Cymru
Compound Semiconductor Applications Catapult
Control 2K Ltd
Development Bank for Wales
Engineering Education Scheme Wales
Equality and Human Rights Commission
Equality and Human Rights Committee
Federation for Small Businesses (FSB) Wales
Future Generations Commissioner
Gill and Shaw
Gower College
Grahame Guildford and Co
Growing Mid Wales Partnership
Gwynedd Council
Heritage and Tourism Freelancer
Higher Education Funding Council for Wales
Innovate UK
National Botanic Garden for Wales
National Training Federation Wales
Natural Resources Wales
North Wales Economic Ambition Board
Pembrokeshire County Council
PLANED
Rural Dept. Consultant
SGEMA
South West Wales Partnership
Spri Taldea
Straits Line
City and County of Swansea Council
Swansea University
Trade Union Congress
Universities Wales
University and College Union
Wales Co-operative Centre
Wales Rural Network
Wales Council for Voluntary Action
Welsh Local Government Association