

Council for Economic Renewal
Major Infrastructure Projects

This paper provides an update on the work of the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan (WIIP) to expand the scope of the plans pipeline.

WIIP Pipeline

A core function of the WIIP is to act as a hub, providing an inclusive point of knowledge, developing a holistic understanding of planned and ongoing infrastructure investment as well as related needs and opportunities across Wales. The WIIP pipeline is a key tool to deliver this improved visibility and clarity.

At present the Pipeline is a reflection of all Welsh Government programmes and projects delivering over the next 3 years, where total scheme value exceeds £15m, including major infrastructure schemes part-funded by European Structural Funds (it should be noted that we are pushing hard to ensure infrastructure is a significant part of the 2014-2020 programmes)

The Welsh Government committed to the ongoing development and regular publishing of a refreshed pipeline. The pipeline is published externally twice a year with spring and autumn updates. Since publication of the first WIIP pipeline in May 2012 we have:

- published a November 2012 update
- and will be publishing a Spring update in June 2013

Over the last 6 months, Welsh Government officials have been working with Local Government, through the Society of Welsh Treasures and WLGA to expand the scope of the pipeline.

As a result of this work, the June publication of the Wales Infrastructure Investment Plan pipeline will include for the first time, key infrastructure investment data for the wider Welsh public sector – both Welsh Government and Local Government schemes (see attached summarisation data sheet showing an early picture of data collected).

Initially the expanded pipeline will include Local Authority data covering schemes started or due to start within the next 3 years, with a threshold level of over £2m.

This work is essential if we are to progress towards the development of a infrastructure investment picture for the whole of Wales. Future work will look to improve and refine current data capture including increased detail of financing structures, such as European Funding contributions, as well as further expand the scope to include private sector data.

It should be strongly stressed that this is a first stage in expanding the pipeline data and while there will be some cross over with Welsh Government investment we will be looking to refine the approach as we move forward. To this end we welcome all input from the CfER especially with regards to how we may continue to add value to the pipeline, making it more informative for both delivery partners and stakeholders responsible for developing or advising on future Major Infrastructure Schemes.