



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

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**From:**

Energy Division

**Cleared by:**

**Date:**

11 December 2024

## **MINISTERIAL ADVICE - Ynni Cymru Capital Grant Scheme**

**For decision by: Cabinet Secretary for the Economy, Energy and Planning**

<b>Subject</b>	Ynni Cymru Capital Grant Scheme - Approval of Projects
<b>100 word summary</b>	
<b>Timing</b>	Urgent: by 13 December to ensure grant award letters can be sent out as soon as possible
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Cabinet Secretary is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li></ul>
<b>Decision report</b>	This decision does require a Decision Report, which may be published at any point.

ADVICE

Background

- 1. Established by Welsh Government in 2023, the Ynni Cymru programme’s aim is to ensure that energy generation benefits are retained locally, promoting community ownership of integrated renewable energy assets as a central strategy in the transition to a low-carbon economy.
- 2. The core focus for Ynni Cymru was agreed to be the development and delivery of Smart Local Energy Systems (SLES).
- 3. A smart local energy system is a way to bring together different energy assets in a local area and operate them in a ‘smarter’ way, which could be more productive or more integrated, whilst seeking to maximise benefits to both local communities and the local energy network.

Capital Grant Scheme

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Assessment Process

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Table 1 – Summary of Applications

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Approval Panel

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**Table 2 – Summary of ‘Pass’ Projects within the Allocated Budget (by sector)**

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**Table 3 – Summary of ‘Pass’ Projects within the Allocated Budget (by sector/region)**

<b>Organisation Type</b>	<b># Projects</b>	<b>Count of Region</b>			
		<b>North Wales</b>	<b>Mid Wales</b>	<b>South West Wales</b>	<b>South East Wales</b>

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**Financial Implications**

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BEL	2024-25 allocation	Amount already committed	Underspend offered for repurposing in the MEG (period 7)	Committed under this advice

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**Risks**

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**Subsidy Control**

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**Communications and media handling**

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**Legal advice**

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**Programme for Government**

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**Wellbeing of Future Generations Act**

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**CLEARANCE TRACKING**

Aspect	Tracking	Yes	No	N/A	Clearance no.
<b>Finance</b>	Financial implications over £50,000?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by Group Finance?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	x
	Cleared by Budget & Government Business Division?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by Local Government Finance?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Legal</b>	Legal issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by relevant lawyers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Governance</b>	Novel and contentious issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by Corporate Governance Centre of Excellence?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	

**DEPUTY DIRECTOR, STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE**

In clearing this MA, I confirm that I, x have quality assured this advice, ensuring it is provided on the basis of evidence, accurately presents the options and facts and I am accountable for the recommendations made

I am satisfied that the recommended decision or action, if agreed, would be lawful, affordable and comply with all relevant statutory obligations. Welsh Government policy priorities and cross portfolio implications have been fully considered in line with delivery of the government objectives.

I have fully considered the statement of assurance contained in the MA guidance to ensure all relevant considerations have been taken into account, appropriate impact assessments have been undertaken and that the actions and decisions take account of regularity, propriety and value for money.

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**Annex 2 – List of Pass Projects within Allocated Budget**

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**Annex 2a: Projects where Grant Value exceeds £250,000**

Application Number	Lead Organisation	Project description (shortened)	Organisation Type	Total grant £ (Project Value £)	Score %
SLES134	Ynni Teg Cyfyngedig	The 'Gwyrdd Bangla' Community Energy project (Phase 1) is focused on a group of community buildings in South Wales, specifically mosque buildings. The project includes 200KW of PV, and 300KW of BESS.	Community	£339,000 (£353,000)	74%

**Annex 2b: Projects where Grant Value is below £250,000**

Application Number	Lead Organisation	Project description (shortened)	Organisation Type	Total grant £ (Project Value £)	Score %

Annex 3 – List of Other Fundable Projects

## Annex 3a: Other fundable projects where Grant Value exceeds £250,000

Application Number	Lead Organisation	Project description (shortened)	Organisation Type	Total grant £ (Project Value £)	Score %

## Annex 3b: Other fundable projects where Grant Value is below £250,000

Application Number	Lead Organisation	Project description (shortened)	Organisation Type	Total grant £ (Project Value £)	Score %