

Education Investment Panel (EIP)

Online Teams Meeting: 19 June 2025 10:30 - 12:30

Minutes of Panel meeting

Present	Apologies
Emyr Harries (EH) - Chair	REDACTED
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Capital Programme Team:	
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Agenda item	<u>Business Cases - Discussions</u>	Decisions & Actions
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5. SCfL ROLLING PROGRAMME – BUSINESS CASES		
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7.4	WG Official 1 presented an overview of the SOC as outlined in paper 7.4.	<u>Decision:</u> Panel recommend approval of the SOC.
RCT – YG Cwm Rhondda – SOC	WG Official 1 highlighted: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Straightforward SOC. New Welsh medium secondary, with new teaching facilities for 750 pupils (ages 11-16) and 150 sixth form pupils (total capacity: 900 pupils). - Cost high at SOC which the Team will manage when abnormal and NZC costs are known. - Approval is recommended, subject to clearance from a couple of scrutiny colleagues and noting the need to carefully monitor costs. 	<u>Action:</u> Team to draft MA.
Panel Discussion/Requests		

It was noted that the SOC list outlines extensive abnormalities, but is there a clear definition? Many items, like 4G pitches, seem standard in other schemes and aren't typically classified as such.

It was confirmed that there is a list of what constitutes abnormalities in the programme's business case guidance. The Team is currently updating the guidance, and will likely revise the list as part of that process

It was commented that Cymraeg 2050 colleagues were surprised by the reduction in school places and asked whether immersion provision had been considered. It seems all factors were reviewed, and if the figures support it, the decision is reasonable.

It was requested the WLIA be submitted.

It was asked if the Team had an early sense of the funding envelope? If there's a significant net zero component and funded at 100%, the WG's contribution would likely increase?

It was advised that the Team have a fairly clear view of the funding envelope.

Referring to the NZC costs, it was said that the extra over NZC costs cap/benchmark (currently £416/m²) is based on 12.5% of construction costs. He advised this figure can guide full intervention up to that level, with any excess supported at 65%.

It was noted that there were several gaps during scrutiny, particularly the lack of input from Sports, despite many abnormalities being linked to the 4G facilities and sports hall.

It was confirmed that the sports feedback was being obtained.

Panel were content to approve the SOC subject to submission of a WLIA at OBC stage and noting that costs will be closely monitored.

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Date of Panel's next meeting – 14 August 2025