



Rolling Programme

As approved by the Minister for Education and Welsh Language the Sustainable Communities for Learning programme will now transition away from fixed bands of funding to a more agile rolling programme.

As delivery partners are at differing stages through their existing Band 'B', it is expected that as and when a local authority or college is nearing completion of their Band B programme, that they submit their new Strategic Outline Programme (SOP) which would initiate the start of their rolling programme. At the latest, Delivery Partners must review and resubmit their Programme by March 2024.

This will encourage a smooth transition of each delivery partner's programme as and when the need arises, removing the stop start actions associated with a fixed term investment programme.

A 9 Year Capital Programme, including an indicative funding forecast for the 9 years, is required to be submitted to the Welsh Government for consideration towards providing a commitment and support for first 3 years along with in-principle support for years 4, 5 and 6. Years 7 to 9 will reflect your longer-term project pipeline. If appropriate, Band B projects can be included at the beginning of your 9 Year Capital Programme.

Years	Expectation
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1, 2 and 3	Projects expected to reach Full Business Case within the 3 years
4, 5 and 6	Projects being developed and going through statutory consultation
7,8 and 9	Pipeline Projects

Delivery Partners are required to review their Rolling Programme at least every 3 years, by which time it is expected that years 1, 2 and 3 would comprise those projects which formed years 4, 5 and 6 of the previous revision, subject to those projects remaining a priority for the delivery partner with a further 3 years of pipeline projects added to the 9-year plan. This will focus on a 3-year investment plan and draft budgets, alongside the Wales Infrastructure Investment Strategy.

Projects identified for delivery under the Education Mutual Investment Model (MIM) delivery framework will continue to be classified as Band B projects.

All submitted Business Cases must be underpinned by a Strategic Outline Programme (SOP), which provides an overarching view of individual local authority / further education institution strategies. Individual projects can then be approved subject to receipt of a satisfactory Business Case.

Current intervention rates would be retained to support the deliverability and affordability of delivery partners' individual programmes.

Further information and guidance will be issued and published on our web site in the coming weeks.

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