

Support Grant for Public Services Boards 2019-20

Year End Progress Report & Claim

Reporting Period – April 2019 – March 2020

Description of the target key milestones & activities	Date by when it should be achieved	Progress during reporting period
Community Engagement	31/12/19	<p>Environment</p> <p>Following the approval of a Common Environmental Policy. The Environmental working group reconvened in January 2020 to discuss the practicalities of commencing work. There is a firm commitment to collaborate, however the Group felt that this work should be deferred until the Welsh Government Guidance is published in March and that the data will need to mirror that guidance. In the meantime, a consultant has been appointed to map the environmental work across the North Wale Region, and a report is being produced to advise on the best approach for a regional environmental partnership, in terms of role and governance.</p> <p>The Community Green Pledges were officially launched in January 2020 and a series of communications have been developed to keep the pledges in the public eye.</p>
Consolidating gaps in evidence base	31/01/20	<p>Barriers to Travel</p> <p>The Travel Research Draft Report has been received and discussed with key officers, feedback will be shared with Glyndwr later this week. The deadline for the NHS input is on Friday 28th February and therefore this will feed into the revised version which is due to be received from Glyndwr by 15th March. The translated version is hoping to be received soon after this.</p>

	30/03/20	Equalities – Research and evidence report finalised and circulated to the North Wales PSB Network. This work is now complete.
	30/03/20	Poverty – no longer pursuing with this.
	30/03/20	<p>Environment/Climate Change – During Q4 a consultant was appointed to support North Wales PSBs to develop a regional approach to climate mitigation by 28th February. The package of support provided includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • research and preparation of an ideal structure for managing a North Wales regional response to climate change. • Providing a focus on four themes of fleet, assets, procurement and land management and propose work plans/actions for sub-groups on these issues • review existing groups and structures for climate change mitigation across PSB partners in North Wales and prepare a schematic of existing groups and undertaking a gap analysis between ideal and existing structures • preparation of recommendations which makes maximum use of existing regional and local structures including the North Wales Regional Leadership Board & Economic Ambition Board (NWRLB) and establishing membership options for the regional programme board and terms of reference for the environment programme board.
Real-time data availability	30/09/19	Work to stabilise the assessment website for Conwy & Denbighshire has been completed.
Scoping of collaborative projects	31/03/20	A draft report and presentation will be produced prior to the contract end date (28.02.20) with sufficient time for this to be reviewed and agreed. The findings of the research will be presented to the NWRLB and bi-lingual versions of final report and presentation will be produced.

Overall Project Progress

The greatest proportion of the work of North Wales PSBs in 2019-20 has been focussed around consolidating gaps in our evidence base and scoping of collaborative projects, with research being undertaken by consultants on behalf the PSBs around Barriers to Travel, Equalities and Environment/Climate Change. The findings and recommendations from these areas of research will now be used to coordinate and enhance our approach to addressing the gaps as a region.

Community Engagement has also been another key area that has been progressing throughout 2019-20 with a focus on the Environment. A Regional Engagement Event was held in September 2019 that attracted nearly 50 attendees from the PSB member organisations and others including National Trust, Snowdonia National Park, North Wales Wildlife Trust, Keep Wales Tidy and National Farmers Union. The event included workshop sessions to discuss how we could approach the climate emergency and what is already going on that can contribute to the agenda. There seemed to be general consensus that a North Wales regional approach would be beneficial.

Following engagement and awareness raising within communities, Green Pledges were approved by the Conwy & Denbighshire PSB. The purpose of the pledges has been to engage communities to make green changes to reduce their environmental footprint. The pledges were formally launched in January 2020 with Conwy supporting the launch and engagement of the scheme. PSB partners and communication officers across the region have also been involved in the support and promotion of the scheme and engaging with their local community groups. An engagement plan has been developed outlining how to encourage communities to get involved.

Ongoing website maintenance/repairs for Conwy and Denbighshire's wellbeing assessment website continued to support the accessibility of real-time data and information.

General / Other comments

As previously highlighted, the grant criteria remains inflexible for supporting project delivery, and should support expenditure not only regionally but on a PSB footprint as well.

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Claimant Name (organisation): Denbighshire County Council on behalf of the Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board, Gwynedd & Mon Public Services Board, Flintshire Public Services Board, and Wrexham Public Services Board.

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Financial Year: 2019-20

Claim Period: From 01/04/2019 to 31/03/2020

Eligible Expenditure Description	Approved Expenditure	Grant Amount Claimed
Gwynedd & Anglesey Annual Report - Graphic Design	880.00	880.00
Environment Engagement Workshop 18-09-19	967.50	967.50
Translation for Environment Engagement Workshop 18-09-19	135.00	135.00
Green Pledges Development and Communication	5870.00	5870.00
BSL Translation - Community Green Pledges	265.00	265.00
Pupil Wellbeing Survey	7000.00	7000.00
Barriers to Travel Research - North Wales	32990.00	32990.00
Equalities Research - North Wales	5400.00	5400.00
Translation of Equalities Research Report	1006.68	1006.68
Website Support (including repairs to Conwy & Denbighshire Assessment website)	760.00	760.00
Climate Change Research - North Wales	14550.00	14550.00
Totals	69824.18	69824.18

DECLARATION

I hereby make a claim on behalf of Denbighshire County Council on behalf of the Conwy & Denbighshire Public Services Board, Gwynedd & Mon Public Services Board, Flintshire Public Services Board, and Wrexham Public Services Board, for grant payable under the above grant programme. I confirm that to the best of my knowledge and belief:

- a) The information given is correct and no other specific grants or external contributions have been or will be made towards the expenditure detailed in this claim.
- b) The grant claimed is within the approved expenditure limits.

Name (Printed): Natasha Hughes	Position: Strategic Planning & Performance Officer
Date: 28.02.20	