

### Apply to the levelling up fund round 2

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Section 1: Introduction questions

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### What is the legal name of the lead applicant organisation?

Monmouthshire County Council

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### Where is your bid being delivered?

Wales

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### Select your local authority

Monmouthshire (Sir Fynwy)

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### Enter the name of your bid

### Putting the Wellness into Caldicot

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### Does your bid contain any projects previously submitted in round 1?

Yes

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### Bid manager contact details

### **Full name**

**Daniel Fordham** 

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### **Position**

Regeneration Manager

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### Telephone number

07890 024489

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### **Email address**

danielfordham@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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#### Postal address

County Hall The Rhadyr Usk Monmouthshire NP15 1GA

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### Senior Responsible Officer contact details

### **Full name**

Mark Hand

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### **Position**

Head of Placemaking, Regeneration, Highways and Flooding

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### Telephone number

07773 478579

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#### **Email address**

markhand@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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### **Chief Finance Officer contact details**

#### Full name

**Peter Davies** 

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### **Telephone number**

01633 644644

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### **Email address**

peterdavies@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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### **Local Authority Leader contact details**

### **Full name**

Mary Ann Brocklesby

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#### **Position**

Leader

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### **Email address**

maryannbrocklesby@monmouthshire.gov.uk

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### Enter the name of any consultancy companies involved in the preparation of the bid

Chris Jones Regeneration Arup

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### Enter the total grant requested from the Levelling Up Fund

£19591640

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### Investment themes

### Regeneration and town centre

48.0%

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### Cultural

52.0%

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### **Transport**

0%

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Section 2: Eligibility and gateway criteria

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### Which bid allowance are you using?

Full constituency allowance

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### How many component projects are there in your bid?

3

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### Are you submitting a joint bid?

No

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### **Grant value declaration**

I am submitting a bid as a single applicant and can confirm that the bid overall does not exceed £20 million grant value

Tick to confirm

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### Gateway criteria: costings, planning and defrayment

### I confirm that some LUF grant funding will be defrayed in the 2022/23 financial year

Tick to confirm

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### **Costings and Planning Workbook**

LUF\_Package\_Bid\_Costings\_\_Planning\_Workbook\_V2. Updated Newport Road Costs 290729.xlsx

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Section 3: Bid Summary

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### Provide bid name

Putting the Wellness into Caldicot

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### Provide a short description of your bid

This bid aims to support the wellbeing of Caldicot and its residents in the widest sense, through targeted investment in the infrastructure of the town centre. It will deliver the refurbishment of a key town centre block, improved public space, and an upgraded wellbeing and leisure facility.

Together these interventions will help to halt the decline of the town centre, ensuring that Caldicot can meet the needs of existing and future residents. They will be critical in addressing the socioeconomic challenges that Caldicot faces, boosting the vitality of the town centre and tackling poverty and poor health among its population.

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### Provide a more detailed overview of your bid proposal

The proposal will strengthen economic and social wellness in the former steel town of Caldicot, within the Newport East Parliamentary Constituency. Caldicot is a

unique town, both a centre for economic challenge due to its loss of industry but also its economic opportunity within its growth potential as a very well-connected gateway to Wales. The local and regional economy has much to gain from the transformation of the town centre as a magnet for further economic investment.

The town centre has not kept pace with the needs and expectations of a growing population – growth which has accelerated since the removal of the Severn Bridge tolls in 2018. The consequences of historic underinvestment and market failure are increasingly visible, and the resultant drop in footfall risks a spiral of decline.

This package bid converges on the town centre with direct interventions in a prominent commercial block and a leisure centre that have not seen investment for some 50 years. This is supported by an enhanced town centre public realm space.

The long term vision for the town, which this bid will help to realise, is to create "a connected community for residents and visitors with wellbeing at its heart... A place for living, well-being, trade, enterprise and learning that is connected into its neighbourhoods and the Living Levels".

The proposed package of projects is centred on:

Regeneration activity has been delivered over the last 3 years with a Vision, Action Plan Framework and detailed design development focussed on making linkages with neighbourhoods. The focus now is on the core town centre, revitalising the central public realm area and the tired 1960s retail block that dominates the town centre.

Culture and Heritage assets sit on the edge of the town centre, providing an important daily resource for local residents as well as attracting visitors. The town's leisure, play, heritage, and culture facilities, including the leisure centre and a number of community venues, will play a vital role in the town's regeneration.

The specific projects are:

### 7-43 Newport Road

Acquisition and refurbishment of the retail and residential units comprising numbers 7-43 Newport Road which is located in the central shopping area. The aim is to repurpose and retrofit the building to provide a high quality and attractive development at the heart of the town centre, including a new community and enterprise space.

### Newport Road Public Realm Project

Improving the central public realm area so that it is fit for purpose as a social space, hosting markets, events and festivals and creating positive commercial frontages, encouraging dwell time and additional spend.

### Well Being & Leisure Hub Centre

Investment into the centre will allow us to repurpose our offer and create a wellbeing hub to provide sector leading facilities that enhance the wellbeing of current users and support those that are inactive, providing greater life chances. The connection to the town centre will be strengthened by the creation of a new pedestrian and cycle link (delivered separately from LUF).

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## Provide a short description of the area where the investment will take place

Caldicot is one of Monmouthshire's principal towns, located on the southern edge of the County. The strategic location map (see appendix A) indicates its position between the M4 and M48 motorways with it having a stronger association to Newport than rural Monmouthshire.

The focus of the proposed LUF investment is the town centre. However it is worth noting the central location of this area within the town, and its proximity to the immediate neighbourhoods, industrial estates as well as other assets such as Caldicot Castle, the Country Park and notably the public transport hub of Severn Tunnel Junction. The town plan in appendix A illustrates the relationship of the town centre to existing neighbourhoods and employment areas, as well as potential areas for future growth, demonstrating the compact walkable nature of the town and its potential for the implementation 20-minute neighbourhood principles.

The town centre is formed by Newport Road (east to west axis), Jubilee Way to the north, Chepstow Road to the east and Woodstock Way to the south. The town centre plan in appendix A shows existing provision in the town with the primary shopping area centred on Newport Road with a number of supermarkets on the edge of the town centre. The town's playing fields, and football club are also close by as well as a number of youth and sports halls.

Off Woodstock Way is the leisure centre which forms part of a campus of local facilities including the primary health care centre, newly opened comprehensive school and community centred buildings such as Caldicot Choir Hall. Whilst the leisure centre is located on Mill Lane there are plans to create a more direct active travel link to the rear of Caldicot Comprehensive, linking through to the proposed residential site, opposite Asda.

The three projects that form part of the package bid are shown in green and labelled on the plan.

The Newport Road Public Realm project which forms part of this proposal will act as a connector between recently constructed active travel and civilised street schemes in Church Road and the Cross areas. Other pipeline active travel projects are shown (not subject to LUF funding), specifically the Links and Country Park shared routes to the east and Newport Rd (West)/Station Road, Woodstock Way to the southwest. Altogether these form an east to west axis that links existing and potential housing development with planned improvements at Severn Tunnel Junction railway station on the mainline between London and Cardiff.

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### **Optional Map Upload**

Caldicot Town Centre Map.pdf

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### Does your bid include any transport projects?

No

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### **Provide location information**

### Location 1

### **Enter location postcode**

**NP26 4BG** 

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### Percentage of bid invested at the location

33%

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### Optional GIS file upload for the location

7-43 Newport Road Retail Block.zip

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### Location 2

### **Enter location postcode**

**NP26 4BG** 

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### Percentage of bid invested at the location

16%

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### Newport Road Public Realm.zip

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### Location 3

### **Enter location postcode**

**NP26 4BN** 

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### Percentage of bid invested at the location

52%

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Wellbeing & Leisure Hub.zip

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### Select the constituencies covered in the bid

### **Constituency 1**

### **Constituency name**

**Newport East** 

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### Estimate the percentage of the bid invested in this constituency 100%

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### Select the local authorities covered in the bid

### **Local Authority 1**

### Local authority name

Monmouthshire (Sir Fynwy)

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### Estimate the percentage of the bid invested in this local authority 100%

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### Sub-categories that are relevant to your investment

### Select one or more regeneration sub-categories that are relevant to your investment

Commercial Civic

Residential

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### Select one or more cultural sub-categories that are relevant to your investment

### Sports and athletics facilities

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## Provide details of any applications made to other funding schemes for this same bid that are currently pending an outcome

Nos 7-43 Newport Road

Welsh Government has provisionally allocated strategic funds through its Transforming Towns Programme towards the refurbishment element of the project. Whilst this is ringfenced, a business case would still need to be made and approved in late Autumn 2022.

Newport Road Public Realm Project

Welsh Government Active Travel monies would be sought in the autumn of 2022 for 2023/24 as a part contribution towards this project. This is shown within the workbook document.

Wellbeing & Leisure Hub Centre

#### None

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### Provide VAT number if applicable to your organisation

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Section 4: Equalities

# Check your answers for this section

Bidders are invited to outline how their bid will promote good community relations, help reduce disparities amongst different groups, or strengthen integration across the local community

As the strategic case has shown, Caldicot has been left behind over recent years with the lack of investment and loss of town centre activity leading to an air of dispiritedness within the community. Even though the County Council has focused on the town centre through its regeneration programme, the scale of the problems needs a significant injection of monies that only LUF can provide.

If the bid were successful, it would not only bring together some of the town's tired or underused assets but would provide a focus for the community to rally around this unique opportunity. Specific projects at 7-43 Newport Road and at the existing Leisure Centre would provide an enhanced provision and series of pathways for those members of the community who are head to reach or inactive. Economic and social life chances would be improved with activity creating a town centre offer that is inter-generational, thereby improving community cohesion. Activities such as agile and co-working space and an enhanced public realm for markets and events would attract new users and businesses into the town centre that would provide an environment that incubates new ideas and thinking. This mixture of long established and new residents would help bridge economic and social disparities and help the town reach a local and sustainable solution that creates direct and tangible benefits.

It is hoped that a revitalised town centre experience will lead to a change in perception of Caldicot and secondary investment will follow due to a renewed confidence with a community that projects a real collective pride.

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Section 5: Subsidy control and state aid analysis

# Check your answers for this section

Is the support provided by a 'public authority' and does the support constitute a financial (or in kind) contribution such as a grant, loan or guarantee?

Yes

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## Does the support measure confer an economic advantage on one or more economic actors?

Yes

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### Provide further information supporting your answer

Yes, the existing tenants of the commercial units at 7-43 Newport Road, which will be purchased and refurbished, may gain an economic advantage.

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# Is the support measure specific insofar as it benefits, as a matter of law or fact, certain economic actors over others in relation to the production of certain goods or services?

Yes

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### Provide further information supporting your answer

Yes, as per previous response.

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## Does the support measure have the potential to cause a distortion in or harm to competition, trade or investment?

No

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### Provide further information supporting your answer

No, the proposed redevelopment is of a small scale and of benefit only to the locality without any evidence it will or may cause a distortion or harm to competition trade and investment.

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## Will you be disbursing the funds as a potential subsidy to third parties?

No

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Section 6: Strategic Fit

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### Has an MP given formal priority support for this bid?

Yes

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#### Full name of MP

Jessica Morden

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### MP's constituency

**Newport East** 

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# Describe what engagement you have undertaken with local relevant stakeholders. How has this informed your bid and what support do you have from them?

The engagement and participation approach to place-based regeneration in Caldicot started in 2018 with the development of the Caldicot Regeneration Strategy and Action Plan, which has been the baseline position from which activity and investment has taken place. This has included the following:

- The formation of a town centre stakeholder group a multi sector group that receives reports, updates on regeneration activity, and provides a forum for discussion and problem solving.
- Engagement with activity specific grouping dependent on the type of activity, the County Council has engaged with specific communities of interest and groups/organisations. For example, leisure centre user groups were engaged with on future plans.
- Direct neighbourhood consultation with residents and businesses where the planned proposals have a direct relationship in terms of frontages, access and other land use implications.

The communication and engagement strategy has been a blend of digital and face to face methods. This ranges from:

- Digital Caldicot Regeneration page https://www.monmouthshire.gov.uk/caldicotregen/; use of social media accounts; Caldicot town team has also posted information and updates at https://caldicottownteam.co.uk/
- Online Engagement in response to Covid, the use of community webinars, Q and As, online surveys has increased over the last two years with some best practice to take forward into future activity.
- Exhibitions before Covid-19 a number of strategic and project related design surgeries and exhibitions have taken place; during Covid-19 static window displays with QR codes linking to surveys and VR digital media has been provided.
- Face to Face workshops and drop-in surgeries for the wider community and for stakeholder groupings
- Print based Communication Project related newsletters and update sheets have been undertaken for the wider community and specific groupings or areas of the town.

The timeline below summarises key engagement activity since 2018. Appendix C provides further detail on our approach to consultation, showing how methods were designed and applied.

The town centre masterplan developed by Caldicot Town Team and Monmouthshire County Council in 2016 established a place-based approach as the focus for regeneration in Caldicot. This process evolved with a Town Centre Vision and Action Plan Framework developed in 2018 and adopted as well as individual projects being developed and implemented.

2019

Since the adoption of the Town Centre Vision and Action Plan framework in 2018, there have been a number of projects that have been subject to consultation and engagement and subsequent implementation.

2020

The three LUF projects have been subject to a number of focused engagement activities, being neighbourhood, community and stakeholder consultation that due to Covid-19 was digital through web-based plans, online surveys and some targeted door to door conversations.

2021

January to March 2021, community engagement sessions held using Caldicot Town Team's pop-up shop, as well as online information and surveys, community webinars and use of VR images.

2022

In May a series of stakeholder briefings and events were held on the LUF submission, to present the proposals, validate the rationale and ensure local support.

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### Has your proposal faced any opposition?

Newport Road Public Realm Project

Active travel presents challenges in relation to behavioral change and the move from roads to streets which the County Council will need to manage in terms of its strategic messages on climate change and sustainable communities. For Newport Rd, one of the key discussion items has been the reintroduction of cycling through the pedestrianised area.

The County Council is supporting the delivery of the Burns Commission Review in South Wales with investment at Severn Tunnel Junction (increased rail services to Cardiff, public transport hub) and a possible new junction on the M48 helping on reducing commuter miles to Cardiff, Newport, Bristol and elsewhere.

Well-being & Leisure Hub

The initial proposals received opposition from the local Squash Club and its members because the squash facilities were due to be removed as part of the chosen proposal. A petition was received with a total of 324 signatures and as are result detailed squash questions were included in our online consultation. The proposal listed in this application includes a refurbishment to the existing 2 court squash facility which will be served by the new changing rooms. A letter of support from Squash Wales is attached to the submission

There are no other aspects of our projects that have been subject to objections.

Letters of support are attached in appendix P.

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## Do you have statutory responsibility for the delivery of all aspects of the bid?

Yes

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## Provide evidence of the local challenges / barriers to growth and context that the bid is seeking to respond to

On many socioeconomic indicators Caldicot has little in common with Monmouthshire as a whole. While Monmouthshire as a county is at priority 3 for LUF purposes, Caldicot is more comparable to the Welsh valleys and in particular to the adjacent Newport local authority area (Caldicot sits within the Newport East parliamentary constituency) which is at priority 1.

At a town level, there are several place based statistics at lower super output area level which demonstrate the level of need:

- West End LSOA is ranked 656/1909 for deprivation overall (30%-50%) in Wales,

but is in the top 10% for physical environment domain, ranked 160/1909

- Dewstow and Green Lane 2 LSOA is ranked 797/1909 for deprivation (30%-50%) in Wales, but is in the 20%-30% for health, ranked 401/1909
- Severn 2 LSOA is ranked 932/1909 for deprivation (30-50%) in Wales, and is in the 10-20% for its physical environment, ranked 347/1909
- 3 of the 6 LSOAs are either matching or upto 2 points above the Welsh average for people in income deprivation
- 3 of the 6 LSOAs have a significant proportion residents who have chronic health, mental health and cancer incidents, up to 30% higher than the Welsh average
- 2 of the 6 LSOAs display higher than average Welsh rates for adults with no qualifications e.g., 23.2% compared to 19.4% average.

All these LSOAs either form part of the proposed area of investment, or have a direct relationship in terms of accessing local services, education or employment.

In terms of LUF themes Caldicot also faces a number challenges and barriers to growth.

### Regeneration

- Economically, the town centre is not fit for purpose to meet the needs of future residents with its offer and range of facilities dated and lacking diversity needed for a modern town centre
- Vacancy rates rise from 5.7% in 2003 to 20% in 2021 in primary frontages (see appendix D)
- Drop in pedestrian footfall on a Saturday from 437.7 movements per hour in 2003 to 185.4 in 2021

### Culture & Heritage

- 3 of the 6 LSOAs have residents who have chronic or mental health and cancer incidents with some of these being 30% higher than the Welsh average

More broadly, although Monmouthshire is the second most competitive authority in Wales it also faces some significant challenges and continues to perform below its full potential. It has a small scale, dual economy, with a relatively elderly demographic (median age 48) which means that the working age population is low in relation to comparators. The Severnside area in the southeast of the county, where Caldicot is located, holds Monmouthshire's largest concentration of urban population and benefits from unparalleled strategic connectivity. Unlocking new opportunities here, and in Caldicot in particular, will be vital for the county as a

whole in addressing these challenges.

A comprehensive community data profile is provided at Appendix E.

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## Explain why Government investment is needed (what is the market failure)

Caldicot has a mixed demographic with those members of the community who are less economically active and mobile, and those that due to their travel to work patterns have greater choice in other towns and places. There is also evidence of a mixed community with those who are mobile and connected and those who have a limited set of life chances and outlooks with lower skills, employment benefit/claimants and being on a waiting list for a home. This submission and its proposals address these challenges by providing better quality homes in the town centre and by providing training and support, and health referral programmes through its community hub and through the improved well-being and leisure facility.

As shown in the national picture in town centres, there has been a rise in the service sector, albeit in Caldicot not of the right diversity or quality with limited choice or sense of purpose. Except for a large Asda supermarket and a discount convenience store, the town has stood still for the last ten years. This has resulted in the leakage of activity and has led to lower market demand and commercial confidence in the town centre offer.

The Covid pandemic has accelerated the shock impacts to UK's High Streets with Caldicot requiring significant re-purposing and investment if it is to meet the need of its diverse local community.

In analysing the market failure closer, the physical condition of this town centre property is very poor which is reflected in Nos 7-43 Newport Road. In single ownership, with affordability for occupiers being a key challenge, intermittent service charge collections have led to buildings falling into steady decline and disrepair. The cost of repairing the premises will be too expensive for most occupiers and it is likely that most would leave if a full charge was imposed. Discussions with the landlord has concluded that a refurbishment scheme would not be commercially viable and there would be no effective return on their new investment. Therefore, a case exists for the public sector to intervene and meet the gap in the market in terms of the capital cost of acquisition and refurbishment.

The public realm element of this LUF bid would also support the newly refurbished commercial space with it enhancing and support the attraction of new, higher quality occupiers.

The town therefore has the opportunity to realise its strategic position in relation to its role and function and transport infrastructure.

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# Explain what you are proposing to invest in and why the proposed interventions in the bid will address those challenges and barriers

This package bid a series of inter-related capital projects:

PROJECT: Nos 7-43 NEWPORT ROAD RETAIL BLOCK

The investment activity is about:

- Acquisition and refurbishment of the whole building block;
- Refurbishment of the ground floor retail units to provide new high quality commercial space;
- Creation of a new community and enterprise hub;
- Construction of new shop-fronts and associated signage;
- Refurbish the residential upper floors to provide high quality accommodation.

### Challenges & Barriers

- The town centre is underperforming and not meeting local needs with this retail block contributing to approximately 33% of the town's offer.
- There are currently three vacancies within the parade, including the largest unit (8,450ft²) which was vacated by Store 21 some 5 years ago.
- The landlord has not been proactive in managing the asset with its condition deteriorating and mix of uses not effectively curated in terms of use.

#### Evidence

- County Council annual retail surveys demonstrating low rates of performance such as vacant properties and pedestrian footfall;
- Physical condition of retail block and differing tenant aspirations.

PROJECT: NEWPORT ROAD PUBLIC REALM

The investment activity is about:

- Creation of a town centre public realm environment that is fit for purpose, accessible, functional, enterprising and event based;
- A space that works within the built form of the town centre and enables shops,

businesses and food and drink to be develop an experience;

- Adopting an integrated place based design that includes green infrastructure, local biodiversity, sustainable urban drainage and other place based principles.

### Challenges & Barriers

- The town centre is poor, with the public realm last invested in some 27 years ago.
- It is featureless, lacks greenery, has tired street furniture with no sense of purpose or function that is not helping the physical offering.
- The outdoor market needs investment in terms of setting, services and to be seen as a vibrant draw to residents and visitors.

### Evidence

- County Council annual retail surveys demonstrating low rates of performance such as vacant properties and pedestrian footfall;
- WHCAR studies on Church Road and Newport Road;
- Town centre public realm analysis.

### PROJECT: WELL-BEING AND LEISURE HUB

The investment activity is about:

- External and internal enhancement of a building that hasn't seen any significant investment for some 50 years;
- Support for inactive members of the community and improving their life chances;
- Extended fitness offer with spin and fitness studios;
- Soft play and café facilities;
- Improvements to the Pool area with enhanced pool viewing and village changing facilities;
- 2 squash court facility;
- Dedicated changing area to maximise usage of the 3G and other pitches;
- Replacement of the skatepark.

### Challenges & Barriers

For physical activity only 62% of adults in Caldicot meet the physical activity guidelines and 43% of working age adults have a healthy weight. Three of the six lower super outputs areas have residents have chronic health, mental health and cancer incidents with some of these being 30% higher than the Welsh average. The population of Caldicot is in the region of 9k, however with the large town centre regeneration is projected to double to 20k.

### Evidence

Caldicot Leisure Centre Feasibility Study, Max Associates - September 2019

Five Year Usage Profile and Latent demand analysis - September 2019

See regeneration documents and respective project information sheets in appendix F.

It should also be noted that these projects will complement future Shared Prosperity Fund activity which includes a number of local and regional proposals that have synergy with the focus of LUF projects in Caldicot town centre, such as:

Community Wellbeing Spaces & Places. Empowering communities as active partners and delivery agents with a voice in shaping the future of town centres

Community Enhancement Scheme. Supporting local communities to improve their social fabric through investment in activities that foster "pride of place"

At a regional level, there is an opportunity to manage/coordinate and deliver regionally, with

Place Promotion

Innovation & Clusters

Start-Ups & Entrepreneurship

Feasibility Fund

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## How will you deliver the outputs and confirm how results are likely to flow from the interventions?

Our approach to how we are to monitor and evaluate outputs and outcomes is outlined in more detail further on in this document, specifically in our appendices. A theory of change visual is shown in Appendix G and has been uploaded with this question.

An explanation on how outputs are likely to flow from the intervention is outlined here.

### Inputs

Some of these are already established and operational in relation to project team staff, town centre forums and communication structures and resources. The LUF will lever in other funds from Welsh Government and the County Council. These will be organised into a common monitoring evaluation framework that will track expenditure to the respective activities and outputs.

### Outputs

Across the three thematic project areas, physical monitoring supported by survey work will provide evidence and qualify the respective outputs by project. Physical and financial claims will work with interim and final milestones.

### **Outcomes**

These will happen post-delivery and will require extended quantitative and qualitative survey work to understand attribution of outcomes to project activity.

The delivery of these outputs is detailed in our project delivery plan, with our risk register demonstrating how we will manage and mitigate risks.

### **DELIVERING ON OUTPUTS**

### Nos 7-43 Newport Road

- Awarded contractor will refurbish the whole retail block to an agreed specification of works which will be signed off by the client or agent on completion;
- Awarded contractor will take possession and improve 9 no residential units and will enhance these to DQR standard, being signed off by the client or agent on completion;
- 2800 square metres of public realm will be improved by the contractor to an agreed specification and standard;
- A community enterprise hub space will be created by the main contractor;
- The community enterprise space will have a management set up that would have marketed and promoted the internal space, uses and facilities;

### Newport Road Public Realm

- 2800 square metres of public realm will be improved by the contractor to an agreed specification and standard;

### Well-being & Leisure Hub

- The main contractor will improve 3925 square metres of internal space being signed off by the client or agent on completion

### **Secondary Outputs**

Whilst not listed in the UK Government output definitions, there will be some secondary outputs from the respective projects, as outlined below:

### SECONDARY OUTPUTS

### Nos 7-43 Newport Rd

- No of events/activities in hub
- No of training activities
- No of community run activities
- No of community groups supported
- No of inactive people supported/engaged with
- No of business supported

### Newport Rd Public Realm

- No of events, festivals held
- No of markets held
- No of micro-businesses supported through activities

### Well-being & Leisure Hub

- No of inactive people supported/engaged with
- No of referrals and tailored wellness programmes
- No of community groups supported
- No of people seeing increased levels of well-being

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## Explain how the component projects in your package bid are aligned with each other and represent a coherent set of interventions

"Putting the Wellness into Caldicot" is about providing catalytic investment through maximising the potential of three physical assets that are tired, underinvested and not linked up. A package approach helps not just with the physical asset improvement but will also bring about more integrated strategic and operational management to the town centre.

7-43 NEWPORT ROAD is located along the north-western edge of the public realm area that is subject to this LUF bid. This scheme and the public realm have originated from the same architects/urban designer and subsequently there is a common design language between the built elevations, immediate frontages and the central thoroughfare.

The County Council also wishes to repurpose the former Store 21 as wellness and enterprise hub that is a springboard and grow on space for local business, a place to meet as well as being a well-being facility linked into the main Well-being and Leisure Hub.

NEWPORT ROAD PUBLIC REALM is centred on enhancing this tired town centre space with an objective of it being more, when sometimes it is also about dwell when responding to the retail block so there is engagement as well as announcing routes in. There is social space for meeting/befriending as well as a home for a refreshed outdoor markets, events and larger festivals.

The WELL-BEING AND LEISURE HUB will provide a renewed town centre attractor that will support those that are inactive, providing greater life chances as well as stronger pedestrian and cycle linkages to and from the town centre.

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## Set out how other public and private funding will be leveraged as part of the intervention

Nos 7-43 Newport Rd

As part of its strategic partnering with Welsh Government's Transforming Towns Programme, an indicative figure for the refurbishment element of this project has been discussed with civil servants and will be subject to a business case and a decision in late autumn 2022. For the purposes of this submission, the County Council will underwrite this contribution until such time it gains approval from Welsh Government.

### Newport Road Public Realm

The match funding element of this project is to be provided by the County Council and from Welsh Government's Active Travel Programme in 2023-24. For the purposes of this submission, the County Council will underwrite this contribution until such time it gains approval from Welsh Government's Active Travel fund in March 2023.

### Well-being & Leisure Hub

The match funding element would be found from the County Council's capital programme during the 2022-24 period.

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# Explain how your bid aligns to and supports relevant local strategies and local objectives for investment, improving infrastructure and levelling up

Cardiff Capital Region Regeneration Plan

CCR's vision is for "A Prosperous Capital City-Region for Wales" — a decision making centre, a global gateway for capital, trade, and visitors, a knowledge hub and a major population centre and business cluster for Wales.

Its approach to investment and levelling up is centred on ensuring that the Strategic Hubs and Cities provide and receive the maximum economic benefit from a complementary relationship. It supports the different and distinctive roles of strategic hubs such as Monmouth and builds on their key strengths to provide a diverse range of complementary employment opportunities.

### Western Gateway

The Great Western Powerhouse is a powerhouse centred on economic rebalancing in the post-Brexit world, with export-based being critical with the region having the opportunity to lead this, competing with high growth regions around the world.

The five key areas of collaboration that can enable the Great Western Powerhouse to achieve its potential are the following:

- Industrial Strategy
- Great Western Crossrail
- Internationalisation, trade and investment
- A Productivity and Innovation Observatory
- Inclusive growth

### Monmouthshire Corporate Plan

The Plan is in line with the goals and ambitions of partners in other public services such as the NHS, Police, Public Health, housing associations and Fire and Rescue Service. These and many more organisations are part of the Monmouthshire Public

Service Board (PSB). Priorities include i) Social Justice, ii) Enterprise & Job creation, iii) Locally Accessible Services and iv) The provision of quality housing.

Monmouthshire's Replacement Local Development Plan

Monmouthshire County Council is preparing a Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) for the period from 2018 to 2033. The RLDP will allocate land for development, designate areas for protection and contain policies to provide the basis for decisions on planning applications. Its Growth and Spatial Options and Preferred Strategy is recommending a Population-Led approach (Option 5) as it would:

- Provide a level of growth that will help to deliver the Council's core purpose of building sustainable and resilient communities for current and future generations.
- Provide a wide choice of homes and secure a significant level of affordable homes.
- Assist in ensuring communities have a balanced population and are socially sustainable.
- Result in an increase in the working age population group, which would support job growth within the County.

Wellbeing Assessment 2022

In 2021, the five local authorities in Gwent moved from having five separate Public Service Boards to having one overall Gwent Public Service Board. The four statutory members of the Public Service Board, or PSB, are the Local Authorities, Local Health Board, Fire and Rescue Authority and Natural Resources Wales. PSBs must prepare and publish an assessment of local well-being and produce a well-being plan. In May 2022, Monmouthshire published its first well-being assessment, assesses well-being in the county based on a broad range of evidence. It was produced following a range of engagement with people and groups across Monmouthshire. This included an online survey, young people's workshops and stalls at community events.

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## Explain how the bid aligns to and supports the UK Government policy objectives

Well-Being of Future Generations Act

Our projects fit with the seven-well-being goals and five ways of working as outlined in the Act, being:

- The best possible start in life

- Lifelong well-being
- Maximise the potential of the natural and built environment
- Thriving and well-connected county
- Future-focused Council including providing good sustainable local services whilst delivering excellent customer experience.

#### Future Wales – the National Plan 2040

Future Wales – the National Plan 2040 is the national development framework, setting the direction for development in Wales to 2040. It is a development plan with a strategy for addressing key national priorities through the planning system, including sustaining and developing a vibrant economy, achieving decarbonisation and climate-resilience, developing strong ecosystems and improving the health and well-being of our communities.

In looking at Caldicot's location within South East Wales there are a range of strategic issues. Many of these issues have national, regional and local dimensions and will be delivered through co-ordinated action at all levels. Housing, economic growth, digital and transport connectivity infrastructure should be co-ordinated and planned based on the whole region. The management of natural resources, flooding and the protection and enhancement of areas of environmental and landscape importance should inform strategic decisions on locations for growth and new infrastructure. Decarbonisation and responding to the threats of the climate emergency should be central to all regional planning.

## Wales Transport Strategy

The Wales Transport Strategy provides the framework for transport related activities and sets out the strategic priorities of a safe, integrated, sustainable, efficient and economic transport system serving Wales. It provides the context for the Welsh Government's aim to reduce the need to travel, particularly by private car, and supports a modal shift to walking, cycling and public transport. This is reflected in Planning Policy Wales and Future Wales, which put placemaking at the heart of the planning system.

This modal shift is being addressed in Caldicot through a comprehensive active travel approach, which is supporting by the sustainable transport hierarchy, which prioritises walking, cycling and public transport. The LUF proposals align to this framework with completed and planned infrastructure improvements that will be aligned to the planned town centre activity.

# Active Travel (Wales) Act 2013

Walking and Cycling has gained support when the Welsh Assembly passed the Active Travel (Wales) Act, received royal assent in November 2013. The Act places several duties on the local authorities to continuously improve new and existing facilities and routes for walkers and cyclists and to prepare maps identifying current and potential future routes for their use. The active travel network should be

designed or enhanced to meet a set of best practice standards.

The three LUF projects would ensure connectivity with the immediate active travel network in the town, which would underpin the wellness objectives of this submission.

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# Alignment and support for existing investments

Where applicable explain how the bid complements or aligns to and supports existing and/or planned investments in the same locality

Welsh Government Transforming Towns

Transforming Towns was launched in January 2020 to address the decline in town and city centres and the reduced demand for high street retail. The focus of the Programme is sustainable growth of our towns and cities, and their transformation into places of living, working, learning and leisure. Projects funded by Transforming Towns Programme will be located in town and city centres, will typically focus on the built environment, and might include interventions such as the refurbishment and repurposing of empty and derelict buildings; new build projects; improving biodiversity through green infrastructure; and improvements to public spaces.

#### Welsh Government Active Travel

The Active Travel (Wales) Act aims to make it easier for people to walk and cycle in Wales, specifically to promote walking and cycling as viable modes of transport for everyday journeys such as to the shops, work or college. It places a legal duty upon local authorities in Wales to map, plan for and promote active travel journeys. The County Council has a cluster of projects which it is delivering in Caldicot and which would be reinforced by this bid.

#### Caldicot Castle

Monmouthshire County Council has been testing the feasibility of developing a new welcome centre in the park grounds, outside of the castle walls, accessible all year round with the potential for a small café; educational heritage experiences; bicycle station and washing/restroom facilities. It also wishes to repurpose the entrance to/exit from the castle park to enable safer and more efficient access/egress and to improve overall presentation as visitors are welcomed to the site. It also wants to develop a new amphitheatre base in the park to create a much-needed arts infrastructure in the South Monmouthshire area. All these interventions would be mutually complementary with the town centre investment proposed through this bid.

# Severn Tunnel Junction Improvements

The Caldicot LUF is complimented by several other projects that will support the town and wider communities. In particular the rail link offered by Severn Tunnel Junction is of particular importance to promoting and supporting public transport. There are two aspects to the development of the station to become a key link to public transport. A park and ride car park are being developed to offer motorists a better facility. However, the Burns Commission is seeking to increase the number of services provided at the station and create a bus interchange linked to the B4245 and potentially to the M48.

### Managing Future Growth

This submission is centred on developing the right level and quality of infrastructure to meet current and future growth needs. If Caldicot does not secure this level of investment there will be significant economic, social and environmental implications for the town, Severnside and the wider sub region.

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# Confirm which Levelling Up White Paper Missions your project contributes to

# **Select Levelling Up White Paper Missions (p.120-21)**

Transport Infrastructure
Digital Connectivity
Skills
Health
Pride in Place
Housing

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# Write a short sentence to demonstrate how your bid contributes to the Mission(s)

Transport Infrastructure

By 2030, Caldicot will see a shift towards shorter trips by walking and cycling and the use of public transport, with the town centre feeling connected into other local assets and neighbourhoods.

**Digital Connectivity** 

By 2030, Caldicot town centre will be digitally facing so that people have a better awareness of local businesses, events and activities and local enterprise is confident in its local infrastructure.

#### Skills

By 2030, the skills gaps in Caldicot are bridged through LUF investment and other complementary activity through accessible training and community support pathways hosted through local hubs, local training agencies and through partners such as local social landlords, volunteering roles and more.

#### Health

By 2030, the gap in Healthy Life Expectancy (HLE) will have narrowed, specifically in relation to chronic and long term illnesses and a reduction in cancer related incidents through accessible and inclusive well-being and health referral programmes.

#### Pride in Place 2

By 2030, pride in place, such as people's satisfaction with Monmouth town centre and engagement in local culture participation and community activism will have risen and their will be a confident and vibrant sense of place.

# Housing

By 2030, renters will have a secure path to ownership with the number of first-time buyers increasing in all areas through investment in town centre homes and through its immediate neighbourhoods that have quality environments and linkages.

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Section 7: Economic Case

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# Provide up to date evidence to demonstrate the scale and significance of local problems and issues

Caldicot has developed from a small railway centred village, expanding with the demands of the steel workforce at Llanwern, with it today playing an important role as the gateway to Wales on the M4 and rail system, located with the Cardiff Capital Region. Substantial recent development has occurred in Caldicot, Magor and surrounding towns. Caldicot and Magor have significant employment bases, although they also have the characteristics of a 'dormitory' area with high amounts of out-commuting.

Whilst new homeowners see the opportunity in Caldicot as a place to live due to its strategic location, the previous links to steel and manufacturing have left some parts of the community being less economically active and mobile with the town presenting a mixed demographic with some groupings in the community.

The town centre is not fit for purpose and unless there is a significant intervention its offer and performance will decline further, leading to increased cost recovery and not supporting a low carbon place and economy.

Data evidence includes

# **Town Deprivation**

- West End LSOA whilst ranked 656/1909 for deprivation (30%-50%) in Wales, it is in the top 10% for physical environment domain, ranked 160/1909
- Dewstow and Green Lane 2 LSOA whilst ranked 797/1909 for deprivation (30%-50%) in Wales, it is the 20%-30% for health, ranked 401/1909
- Severn 2 LSOA whilst ranked 932/1909 for deprivation (30-50%) in Wales, it is in the 10-20% for its physical environment, ranked 347/1909
- 3 of the 6 LSOAs are either matching or upto 2 points above the Welsh average

for people in income deprivation

- 3 of the 6 LSOAs have residents who have chronic health, mental health and cancer incidents with some of these being 30% higher than the Welsh average
- 2 of the 6 LSOAs display higher than average Welsh rates for adults with no qualifications e.g., 23.2% compared to 19.4% average.

Some of these LSOAs cover the proposed area of investment or have a direct relationship in terms of accessing local services or are within travel to learn or work areas. At an LUF thematic level, they have the following challenges and barriers to growth.

#### Regeneration

Economically, the town centre is not fit for purpose to meet the needs of future residents with its offer and range of facilities dated and lacking diversity the town centre

- Vacancy rates rise from 5.7% in 2003 to 20% in 2021 in primary frontages
- Drop in pedestrian footfall on a Saturday from 437.7 movements per hour in 2003 to 185.4 in 2021
- Low for self-employment with less of an entrepreneurial culture;
- Reliant on employment in wholesale retail and vehicle repair which is a risk in terms of long-term dependency on this sector;

# Culture & Heritage

- 3 of the 6 LSOAs have residents who have chronic health, mental health and cancer incidents with some of these being 30% higher than the Welsh average

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# Demonstrate the quality assurance of data analysis and evidence for explaining the scale and significance of local problems and issues

MCC adopted its Local Development Plan (LDP) 2011-2021 in 2014 and has commenced work on a Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP). The Local Transport Plan highlights the need for a modal shift away from car dependence to more sustainable modes of transport, prioritising active travel. Together these provide a robust, up to date and unbiased evidence base, which is comprehensive in coverage both for Caldicot itself and its significance for south Wales.

# Deprivation

The Welsh Index of Multiple Deprivation (WIMD) is the official measure of relative deprivation for small areas in Wales. It is a National Statistic produced by statisticians at the Welsh Government. WIMD identifies areas with the highest concentrations of several different types of deprivation. The prime purpose of the Index is to provide the evidence needed about the most deprived areas of Wales to inform a variety of decisions, such as funding or targeting of programmes and services for local areas. WIMD ranks all small areas in Wales from 1 (most deprived) to 1,909 (least deprived). The Index has three main components: i) The 47 underlying indicator datasets ii) Ranks for the eight separate domains (or types) of deprivation, created by combining relevant indicators within each domain iii) Overall WIMD ranks, created by combining the domain ranks. The indicator data, domain ranks, and overall ranks are published on Stats Wales.

# Town centre vitality

The main source of data is the County Council's Local Development Plan – Annual Retail Background Paper. This data is collected on an annual basis and is in accordance with Planning Guidance (Wales) Technical Advice Note 4, Retail and Commercial Development and includes i) The Diversity of Uses ii) Retailer Representation iii) The Proportion of Vacant Street Level Property iv) Pedestrian Flow v) Accessibility and vi) Customer Views and Shopping Patterns. (See appendix I for retail paper)

## **WHCAR Transport Reports**

Several Walking Cycling and Horse-Riding Assessment (WCAHR) has been compiled in accordance with DMRB HD 42/17. The purpose of the WCHAR is to facilitate inclusion of walking, cycling and horse-riding modes into the highway scheme design process from an early stage. This enables the identification of opportunities for improved facilities and integration with the local (and national) networks where applicable.

#### Leisure Baseline Data

An estimate of latent demand for health & fitness within Caldicot has been undertaken which shows that 55% live within 1 mile of the centre, rising to 78% within 3-miles. Within the 3 miles this area is home to 15,158 adults aged 15+ (over 18k people in total). Just over 42% of the population are aged 50+ with a quarter of all people are described as Rural Reality (Mosaic group D) and these are a mix of families, mature couples and older singles with moderate incomes. We have estimated the overall demand for fitness at Caldicot Leisure Centre to be 1,507 – this is the total number of members we feel could be achieved, once the developments have taken place.

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# Demonstrate that the data and evidence supplied is appropriate to the area of influence of the interventions

To justify the three projects and their proposed interventions the following data and evidence has been collected.

## 7-43 Newport Road

The annual retail surveys have identified the lack of diversity and quality in the current offer and how 7-43 Newport Rd is a significant contribution to poor perceptions and confidence in the place. Data on long term vacancies, turnover and uses classes help build the business case and case for intervention.

## Newport Road Public Realm

The annual retail surveys have identified areas of concern in terms of clusters of vacancies and a trend in pedestrian reduced footfall within public space. Traffic/pedestrian and cycling surveys have been undertaken. The surveys produced for the WelTAG report provide data on road traffic, walking and cycling. There are specific survey points within Caldicot town that feed into the geographical context of the bid.

Option appraisals and designs have responded to data and need and in scale and proportion in terms of intervention.

# Well-being & Leisure Hub

The business case which has the relevant data for this proposal is found appendix G. This has undertaken a strategic context review, an assessment of catchment areas, demographics and age profiling and an assessment of fitness competition, latent demand and other physical activity facilities in the catchments. For financial performance it has developed 5-year income projections, an assessment of additional secondary income projections and a review of additional staffing requirements. The development of full 5-year income and expenditure business plan, providing background and assumptions to all budget lines.

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# Provide analysis and evidence to demonstrate how the proposal will address existing or anticipated future problems

Based on the Theory of Change and arguments set out within the Strategic Case a series of benefits have been identified, some of which have been monetised and

others included within the wider economic benefits analysis. The Theory of Change sets out a series of problems currently experienced within Caldicot including the poor quality of the town centre. The proposed interventions will help boost the economic activity within the town centre and wider, regeneration of the town centre will reduce vacancy rates, increase footfall and visitor spend, improved housing and community spaces enabling increased land values and opportunities for the delivery of skills programmes.

A range of assumptions have been used to demonstrate how proposals will address any existing or future problems. The assumptions are designed to ensure that the value for money assessment is as robust as possible.

The following assumptions have been used to understand how proposals will address the key issues identified:

- A fully sourced set of assumptions, based on values from the, TAG databook, Green Book and DCLG guidance and DCMS guidance wherever possible (such as Land Value Uplift, willingness to pay and health benefits). Where such guidance is unavailable for a specific indicator or assumptions, other recognised industry or academic literature and studies have been used appropriately. For instance, wider land value uplift has been calculated using methodology based on the approach adopted for the Future High Street Fund through the clarification process.

This approach has enabled a range of benefits to be quantified and valued ranging from public realm benefits as well as health benefits associated with additional demand generated through improvements to the Caldicot Wellbeing and Leisure Centre and land value uplift associated with the regeneration of 7-43 Newport Road and the public realm.

A range of non-monetised benefits have also been identified in line with the Theory of Change set out within Section H. These outcomes have been identified as benefits to local communities and society but could not be included within the value for money analysis and form an integral part of the scheme. Some of these benefits have been quantified but have not been monetised to avoid double counting.

The methodology and assumptions have been selected based on their appropriateness for the level of investment of the schemes and the information available at the time of writing.

For more details see Appendix H.

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# Describe the robustness of the analysis and evidence supplied such as the forecasting assumptions, methodology and model outputs

As outlined in the response above, benefit estimation across the range of interventions has been developed using the most robust methodology possible through the use of reliable and official data set out in government guidance or data that has been sourced from reliable academic research and studies. These provide an appropriate level of detail and are sufficient to demonstrate the scale and significance of projects.

The quantified benefits and costs of the proposed schemes are presented in base year 2022 real prices (adjusted for inflation) and discounted to appraisal year 2022 using a discount factor of 3.5% a year, as recommended by the HM Treasury's Green Book guidance and LUF guidance.

All benefits have been assessed through a robust economic model and benefits have been appraised over the appropriate timescales (30 years for public realm and wider benefits based on Greenbook guidance).

In order to ensure that benefits have been estimated accurately, specifically for land value uplift calculations a series of assumptions has been made around additionality. To account for additionality within the calculations, assumptions for the level of deadweight and displacement have been made in line with the HCA's Additionality Guide. Deadweight refers to the level of benefits that would have been realised without government interventions and displacement refers to the level of benefit that will be transferred from one area to the area where the interventions are being delivered. Once additionality has been considered, the net additional impacts can be ascertained.

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# Explain how the economic costs of the bid have been calculated, including the whole life costs

Present Value Costs (2022 prices) £'s

Well-being & Leisure Centre: £5.185,637.63

7-43 Newport Road:

Newport Road Public ements: £3,186,148.39

All scheme costs have been based on the cost figures that are presented within Section 6 of this application form. The following assumptions have been applied:

- Changed to real terms using 2022 as a base year
- Discounted using the standard rates set out in the government's Green Book Guidance.

Present Value Costs presented above for the Leisure Centre scheme and for 7-43 Newport Road account for revenue that is claimed by the public sector as a result of the proposed interventions.

Optimism Bias has been applied to all the proposed interventions, based on the level of scheme development and in line with optimism bias rates outlined within Green Book guidance and accounting for standard practice.

For the 7-43 Newport Road and Well-being and Leisure Centre hub proposals, the first step was to identify the appropriate project type by considering the characteristics of the scheme; this was deemed to be "standard buildings" in line with the Green Book definition. The recommended adjustment range for standard buildings is 2% (lower) to 24% (upper). The starting point is therefore the upper boundary of 24%. To reduce this upper bound OB, we have identified the key contributing factors and assigned a mitigation factor to each of them. As this can be a subjective, mostly qualitative exercise, we have assigned a score of 1.0 to contributory factors that are fully mitigated, 0.5 to those which are partially mitigated. The key OB contributing factors, their contribution to the upper bound OB (values taken from the Green Book OB guidance), the mitigation factors applied to them, and the justification are provided below.

OB contributing factor: Poor contractor/developer capabilities

% contribution to upper bound OB: 9%

Mitigation factor: 1.0

Justification: MCC's proven track record in the successful delivery of similar schemes. Further information on MCC's track record can be found in Appendices

OB contributing factor: Design Complexity % contribution to upper bound OB: 1%

Mitigation factor: 1.0

Justification: No design complexities have been identified for this scheme.

OB contributing factor: Degree of Innovation

% contribution to upper bound OB: 4%

Mitigation factor: 1.0

Justification: There are no unusual site conditions requiring innovative solutions.

OB contributing factor: Poor project intelligence

% contribution to upper bound OB: 2%

Mitigation factor: 1.0

Justification: Detailed research has been undertaken to ensure the business case is based on a robust understanding of the current local context, market failure, and property market characteristics.

OB contributing factor: Public relations % contribution to upper bound OB: 2%

Mitigation factor: 1.0

Justification: The scheme enjoys strong support from the local community.

Based on the above, OB was reduced from 24% by 18%, resulting in an OB value of 20%. The calculation is as follows:

Managed OB contribution = Reduction in OB = 9 + 1 + 4 + 2 + 2 = 18%

Resultant OB = (100% - 18%) \* 24% = 20%

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## Describe how the economic benefits have been estimated

In accordance with MHCLG's Levelling Up Fund Business Case Guidance, the central benefit-cost ratio (BCR) which demonstrates the value for money of the scheme. As the proposed scheme comprises regeneration and public realm improvement, the central BCR is based purely on land value uplift as well as wider benefits associated with the improvements including benefits associated with the delivery of new public realm and health benefits from the provision of a new leisure and wellbeing facility.

The proposed scheme is made up of three elements: regeneration of Nos 7-43 Newport Road, Newport Road public realm improvements and Well-being & Leisure Centre hub. The information below outlines each intervention and the benefits that they would generate.

# 7-43 Newport Road

- Land Value Uplift: Monetised
- Wider Land Value uplift: Monetised
- Creation of skills and wellbeing benefits: Non- Monetised
- Supporting increased footfall in the town centre: Non-monetised
- Providing better accessibility to the town centre: Non-monetised
- Reduction in vacancy rates: Non-monetised
- Public Realm Willingness to Pay: Monetised
- Increased visitor spend within the town centre: Non- monetised

# Well-being & Leisure Centre

- Revenue attained from latent demand: Monetised
- Health Benefits because of increased access to physical activity: Monetised
- Wider benefits associated to access to physical activity: Non- monetised

Benefits related to public realm improvements have been estimated using an economic model and have been based on MHCLG figures. Wider benefits associated with the public realm improvements and transport improvements have also been estimated using the economic model and have been based on figures outlined in appropriate studies

For more details regarding the estimation of benefits please see Appendix H.

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# Provide a summary of the overall Value for Money of the proposal

The central benefit-cost ratio (BCR) which demonstrates the value for money of the scheme should be based on benefits including land value uplift, benefits from improvements to the public realm and health benefits in line with interventions coming forward as part of the proposed scheme.

Key points on the approach are as follows:

- Scheme specific costs and values have been captured in the appraisals.
- Values have been discounted at 3.5%

The present value of costs (including optimism bias and public sector revenue) is estimated to be £ the costs for improvements at 7-43 Newport Road, public realm improvements and improvements at Caldicot Wellbeing and Leisure Centre hub. It should be noted that this PVC includes the deduction of revenues attained by the public sector from the 7-43 Newport Road scheme and Caldicot Wellbeing and Leisure Centre hub in line with Greenbook guidance.

All costs and benefits are present in 2022/23 prices.

The estimated present value (in 2022/23 prices) of benefits for the package of works is £22,784,772.

The estimated present value benefit (in 2022/23 prices) from regeneration at 7-43 Newport Road includes land value uplift benefits of £ 100 to 100. The revenue attained by the public sector from the sale of units is treated as a negative cost in line with the Green Book guidance.

Improvements to the Leisure centre will result in health benefits of £1,295,809 (estimated present value benefit (2022/23 prices)). The revenue attained from latent demand of the leisure centre is treated as a negative cost in line with the

Green Book guidance. The WTP benefits from public realm improvements at Newport Road are estimated to be £479,602. Wider land value benefits resulting from regeneration of the town centre are £ 1000. Of this, £ 1000 is apportioned to improvements at 7-43 New 1000 nd £4,280 improvements to the public realm.

#### **Benefit-Cost Ratios**

Taking into account the above the BCR is estimated to be 1.40.

The bullet points below set out total net additional benefits and Preferred Option NPVs, in 2022-23 prices (£ms)

- Newport Road Land Value Uplift: £

- Public Realm WTP: £0.48

- Leisure Centre Health Benefit: £1.23

- Wider LVU Benefits: £

- Total benefits for the initial BCR (I): £22.78

#### Costs

- LUF cost/funding (B): £13.02
- Co-funding local authority cost (including borrowing) (C): £3.26
- Total cost (LFU + Co-funding) (D): £16.28
- Private sector cost (E): nil
- Initial BCR (I-E) / D: 1.40

Overall, the LUF interventions present an acceptable value for money.

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# Have you estimated a Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR)?

#### Yes

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## **Estimated Benefit Cost Ratios**

#### **Initial BCR**

1.40

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## **Adjusted BCR**

1.40

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# Describe the non-monetised impacts the bid will have and provide a summary of how these have been assessed

There are several non-monetised impacts that would result from the LUF interventions as follows:

- Regeneration of Newport Road would lead to increased footfall through the town centre, creating additional demand for local businesses on Newport Road resulting in additional spend within the local economy. The aim of the regeneration will be to boost visitor numbers and visitor spend, increasing visitor demand by 12.5% in 2027 from 2019 levels (280 movements per hour) and a further 25% in 2032.
- The regeneration of Newport Road (both 7-43 and the public realm) will make the area in the town centre more attractive to businesses and will result in bringing vacant units within the town centre back into use and generating further economic activity within the town centre.
- Wider health benefits associated with improved access to the leisure centre including helping to reduce excess weight and obesity across the population. Children who participate in physical activity are likely to do better in their academic life. Participation in sport has a positive impact on employability and workplace absenteeism and productivity. Participation in physical activity and sport also impacts on at-risk youth through reduction in crime and anti-social behaviour as well as positively impacting on mental health.
- The improvements to the leisure centre will generate a number of jobs and volunteering opportunities. The improved Well=being and Leisure Centre will create

an additional 6 full time staff and 8 part time staff and generate 40 volunteering opportunities. In total it is assumed that there will be a creation of ten FTEs in total. In accordance with the DCLG Appraisal Guide we have not attempted to estimate the additionality of the employment impacts. However, we would expect a large proportion of the jobs created by the scheme to be taken by local people. Furthermore, the gross direct jobs would support further indirect and induced jobs. The HCA Additionality Guide 4th Edition provides economic multiplier ready reckoner values and states that the majority of interventions are expected to have a multiplier of 1.1 at the neighbourhood level. Based on this, the number of jobs likely to be generated from the leisure centre is 11 at a local level could amount to £526,757 of GVA based on a £47,877 GVA average per worker for Monmouthshire (ONS).

- Wellbeing The opportunity to volunteer at the Well-being and Leisure Centre hub will provide volunteers with the opportunity to make productive use of their time (whilst being able to get social interaction and maintain a social network) in turn having positive effects on their health and wellbeing.
- The intervention at 7-43 Newport Road includes a community space which will act as an incubator for skills and training programmes for the local community providing opportunities for the local population to retrain, gain qualifications and potentially re-enter the labour market. Such initiatives can lead to improved community well-being on top of improved skill levels and increased earnings through. Local communities may feel a sense of improved trust and belonging.

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# Provide an assessment of the risks and uncertainties that could affect the overall Value for Money of the bid

Assumptions have also been made for some of the land value uplift calculations and other wider economic benefits, based on studies or benchmarks.

Sensitivity analysis

Sensitivity analysis tests the impact on the BCR from changing a number of key assumptions and variables. The sensitivity tests undertaken include:

Preferred option: BCR 1.40

Higher costs – 20% higher than the preferred option: BCR 1.17 Lower Benefits – 20% lower than the preferred option: BCR 1.12 Higher Benefits – 20% higher than the preferred option: BCR 1.68

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# **Appraisal Summary Table 1**

## Upload appraisal summary table

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## Additional evidence for economic case

#### None selected

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Section 8: Deliverability

# Check your answers for this section

# Confirm the total value of your bid

Total value of bid

£24572454

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# Confirm the value of the capital grant you are requesting from LUF

# Value of capital grant

£19591640

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# Confirm the value of match funding secured



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# **Evidence of match funding (optional)**

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# Where match funding is still to be secured please set out details below

The following summary shows where match funding is still be secured.

7-43 Newport Rd

Monmouthshire County Council will provide match funding of £ through its capital programme for this project.

In addition, £ funding for this project is identified in the Welsh Government's Transforming Towns pipeline for south east Wales. This funding is subject to confirmation through formal application to the Welsh Government, which will be submitted in autumn 2022. Welsh Government officials have confirmed the alignment of this project with the Transforming Towns programme, and there is high confidence that this funding will be secured. Nevertheless for the purposes of this submission the County Council will underwrite this contribution until such time it receives an approval from Welsh Government.

# Newport Road Public Realm

As part of the County Council's commitment to Active Travel it has identified Newport Rd Public Realm as part of its forward commitments with Welsh Government. An application for match funding would be made in late 2022 with a decision due in March 2023. The amount being sought is £344,834. For the purposes of this submission, the County Council will underwrite this contribution until such time it receives an approval from Welsh Government. In addition, the County Council will provide £237,932 through its capital programme.

Well-being & Leisure Centre Hub

There is no external match funding. The County Council will be contributing £1,205,019 through its capital programme.

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# Land contribution

# If you are intending to make a land contribution (via the use of existing owned land), provide further details below

Not applicable to this submission.

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# Confirm if your budget includes unrecoverable VAT costs and describe what these are, providing further details below

Not applicable to this submission.

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# Describe what benchmarking or research activity you have undertaken to help you determine the costs you have proposed in your budget

Cost plans have been provided by independent cost consultants - Rhomco and Max Associates (for Alliance Leisure). All assumptions and exclusions are noted in the respective cost plans in Appendix I.

# 7-43 Newport Road

The cost estimate has been developed, based on the limited design information received to date and prepared in accordance with the "RICS new rules of measurement NRM 1: Order of cost estimating and cost planning for capital building works" based on historic cost data obtained from the RICS Building Cost Information Services (BCIS), in house data collected from similar schemes and construction price books.

Allowances for Main Contractor's preliminaries, overheads and profit have been included based on percentages benchmarked against similar developments. This estimate is to be read as a whole, bearing in mind the assumptions, exclusions and further design / investigations that are required to confirm all costings.

#### Newport Road Public Realm

The order of cost estimate has been developed, based on the design information received to date and prepared in accordance with the "RICS new rules of measurement NRM 1: Order of cost estimating and cost planning for capital building works" based on historic cost data obtained from the RICS Building Cost Information Services (BCIS), in house data collected from similar schemes and construction price books.

This cost estimate has been developed on the design information available at present, as detailed in Section 1 of the report. Budget allowances have been included where there is a lack of design information. There is a moderate to high level of risk built into the cost estimate at this stage based on the information and survey data received and used as part of this report, but further design and survey information is required as the scheme develops to be able to assess this risk. The estimate is based upon the estimated construction costs, preliminaries, main contractor's overheads and profit, risk allowances/ optimism bias, inflation and project team fees (based on % of estimated construction costs).

#### Well-being & Leisure Hub

ISG have provided a high-level indicative budget cost based on the previous RIBA 4 cost plan and estimated the cost of the extension and change in internal refurbishment. Additional costs have been added for paths and lighting to the externals and additional car parking.

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# Provide information on margins and contingencies that have been allowed for and the rationale behind them

Commentary on the three projects are as follows:

# 7-43 Newport Road

Rates for building works reflect standard quality construction with higher specification finishes & fittings. Risk Allowances for i) Design Development ii) Construction Risks iii) Employer Change Risks and iv) Other risks have been accounted for which have a range of 2% to 5%.

# Newport Road Public Realm

All the component parts of this project are well advanced on terms of cost assessment and accuracy due to rates obtained from a similar project in Q4 of 2020. Even so, optimism bias has been set at 20% for these projects due to the

associated risks with works within a highway.

Well-being & Leisure Hub

To achieve cost certainty, 19 different surveys were undertaken to identify any issues that may impact on the design and costs of construction works. This has reduced some of the risk, but a level of contingency still sits within the project, split between contractor risk (so 3% of construction costs – or 175k) with a budget for client risk being built in at 4% (or 313k) on the whole project costs.

The costings for the redevelopment of the leisure centre were provided in 2019 prices, these costings have been converted to 2022 prices using the GDP Deflator. This adjustment has been made to the total base cost.

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# Describe the main financial risks and how they will be mitigated

The County Council has undertaken an appraisal of costs for all three projects that are either new or updated. These have been undertaken by independent and qualified cost consultants (Rhomco and Alliance Leisure). These order of cost estimates have been obtained for the three projects with 2022 construction rates, inflation and other costs included.

As outlined later in the delivery plan there will be robust project management procedures that will manage project delivery, budget setting, change control and variance reporting. Whilst the costs are accurate and physical preliminary surveys have directed us to the right level of risk costs, projects can be exposed to unknown costs which need to be carefully managed. These may include:

- Availability of contractors and a lack of competitive tenders due to capacity of submitting;
- Location of unknown services and their diversion or accommodation;
- Rise in costs in specific materials due to global or local supply chain issues;
- A further global outbreak of Covid-19 or other virus;

The mechanisms to control the main financial risks are:

- Use of an approved tender framework that the County Council is signed up to:
- Thorough assessment of tenders returned for the respective works packages to understand assumptions made by contractors and where the client is exposed to unknown risk and the means to mitigate;
- Use of a project initiation document that sets out the protocols for communication and reporting;

- Clear lines of management and decision-making;
- Strict change control mechanisms and register;
- Regular accounting reports on actual spend against projected and anticipated outturn cost:
- Continuous dialogue with the respective funders.

Our risk register is found in the appendices which identifies the main financial risks.

Through our change control and project management protocols we will receive, consider and manage project variances and their implications. Where a financial cost cannot be accommodated within the existing budget, a change request form will be issued through the Senior Responsible Officer and to the Head of Finance. If this cost cannot be met by the County Council, the SRO and strategic project manager will be shared with UK Government and with other grant giving organisations.

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Caldicot Risk Register.pdf

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# If you are intending to award a share of your LUF grant to a partner via a contract or sub-grant, please advise below

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# What legal / governance structure do you intend to put in place with any bid partners who have a financial interest in the project?

In relation to the Wellbeing and Leisure Hub project, the County Council has an agreement with Alliance Leisure as its leisure provider partner. There are no other bid partners involved in the delivery of a specific project.

This framework provides the following benefits:

- Leisure Specific Framework All projects delivered by leisure specialists with expertise in the specific requirements of the design, construction, and development of leisure facilities.
- Complete Delivery Solution The framework is more than just a 'procurement vehicle', it is a complete 'delivery solution' (compliant with procurement regulations) motivated to deliver the desired outcomes from the development.
- With You Every Step of the Way Alliance Leisure will work hand in hand, providing solutions and support throughout the project, based on learnings from 150+ leisure developments delivered. The Alliance Leisure team you meet at the start of the project will be with you throughout, until completion.
- Adding Value TA6, the industry leading leisure marketing and training brand of Alliance and provider to 300+ facilities across the UK, offer bespoke support packages and added value for ALS projects to help clients achieve and exceed business plan targets.
- Mitigating Risk Through the proven Alliance 'gateway process' setting projects up for success with thorough pre construction work, informed by vast experience of the nuances of leisure buildings. Alliance enters the building contract, along with a fixed sum deliver y contract with the Council. Any cost overruns, other than instructed variations and apportioned risks, are managed, or borne by ALS.

A copy of this agreement is found in appendix J.

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# Summarise your commercial structure, risk allocation and procurement strategy which sets out the rationale for the strategy selected and other options considered and discounted

As public procurers the County Council is in a unique position to move beyond just 'saving money' – to addressing social, economic and environmental issues. Optimal public procurement can improve lives and make Monmouthshire a more sustainable and resilient place. The Wales Procurement Policy Statement supports the use of procurement in being a strategic tool to deliver economic benefit.

Contract Procedure Rules are made under sections 135(1) and 135(2) of the Local Government Act 1972, which requires that Local Authorities provide Contract Procedure Rules in respect of contracts for the supply of goods, services and works to ensure competition and to regulate the way tenders are invited.

Procurement and Commissioning activity by the Council is governed by detailed European and UK legislation. The law requires all Council procurement (to include schools) to be conducted transparently, fairly and in a non-discriminatory and proportionate manner.

The Council has entered into several collaborative contracts or framework agreements for goods, services and works. The Strategic Procurement Unit maintain a register of framework arrangements that have been endorsed by the Strategic Procurement Manager. Where it is deemed that the framework offers best value for money, use of the framework will be mandatory.

The use of framework agreements not listed in the Councils register of frameworks is only permissible once the Strategic Procurement Manager has approved its use. Where officers wish to rely upon the use of a framework arrangement, they must ensure that all relevant guidance issued in relation to the use of the framework is understood and abided by. This will include, the scope of the framework, the process for utilising the framework, whether this be a mini competition or direct award, the weightings attached to the award criteria and the terms and conditions that govern its use. All mini competitions made via a framework agreement must include a contract award notice via Sell2Wales when the contract has been awarded.

For LUF, the Council will be utilising existing frameworks, utilising those that offer the best value for money. Where officers wish to rely upon the use of a framework arrangement, they must ensure that all relevant guidance issued in relation to the use of the framework is understood and abided by. This will include, the scope of the framework, the process for utilising the framework, whether this be a mini competition or direct award, the weightings attached to the award criteria and the terms and conditions that govern its use. All mini competitions made via a framework agreement must include a contract award notice via Sell2Wales when the contract has been awarded.

The procurement strategies for the respective projects are outlined below.

# Nos 7-43 Newport Road

A refurbishment specification will be prepared by the County Council's internal design team and tenders would be invited via the Sell2Wales portal to maximise the opportunity for SME and local contractors to bid for this work. Bids will be evaluated against price, quality and decarbonisation criteria.

# Newport Road Public Realm Project

For public realm based projects we will use the SEWH - the South East & Mid Wales Collaborative Civil Engineering and Highways Construction Framework. The Framework covers maintenance works, project works, and surfacing and surfacing preservation for highways and civil engineering schemes. The specification of the

Framework is the 'Specification for Highway Works' published by The Stationary Office (formerly HMSO). The main form of contract that would be used would be the Institution of Civil Engineers' NEC 4 Engineering and Construction Contract, June 2017, Option A.

# Well-being and Leisure Hub

Denbighshire County Council (the Council) on behalf of Welsh local authorities placed a contract notice 2016/5 137-246892 on 19th July 2016 in the Official Journal of the European Union seeking expressions of interest from potential service providers for the provision of services to itself and the other contracting bodies identified in the contract notice (Clients) under a framework agreement (the UK Leisure Framework). Based on the Contractor's Tender (Alliance Leisure), the Council selected and entered into (on 2nd February 2017) a framework agreement with the Contractor (the Framework Agreement) to provide services to those Clients who place Projects for works and/or services in accordance with the UK Leisure Framework. This framework was extended in January 2022 for another three-year period.

Monmouthshire County Council has used this framework to appoint Alliance Leisure with feasibility work, business planning, design development and costings. It intends to retain their services to deliver Leisure related Facilities design and Construction of Leisure related Facilities at Caldicot Leisure Centre.

A copy of the Council's financial regulations and standing orders is found in appendix K.

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# Who will lead on the procurement and contractor management on this bid and explain what expertise and skills do they have in managing procurements and contracts of this nature?

Monmouthshire County Council will lead on the procurement and management of the respective contracts. This will be co-ordinated and managed through its strategic project delivery structure that is outlined in more detail within the delivery response.

Each project will have a senior responsible officer that will report to an overall programme director.

A project manager will be assigned to each project, who will lead on the strategic management and delivery of the various activities. The project manage will be a

key resource in facilitating the procurement process and eventually contractor management. Specific details on each project are outlined here:

#### 7-43 Newport Road

The Council's Landlord Services team will manage the procurement of this project through Sell2Wales, with the advice of the Council's procurement team. The Council's legal team will oversee the opening and award of tenders. On award of contract, the Council's Property Services team will oversee the contract management of the refurbishment works such as works inspection, valuation, handling design variances and completion/hand-over. The respective officers have experience of procuring and managing contracts for:

- New County Hall, Usk
- Various leisure centres in Abergavenny and Monmouth
- Borough theatre, Abergavenny

## Newport Rd Public Realm

The Council's Regeneration Manager will manage the procurement of this project through the SEWH - the Southeast & Mid Wales Collaborative Civil Engineering and Highways Construction Framework. The Council's legal team will oversee the opening and award of tenders. Through its consultancy framework with Capita, it will use engineering personnel to manage contracts and supervise the site works. It will monitor delivery, design variances, handle any claims, value/certify works at key stages and help with the completion, snagging and hand-over. The respective officers have experience of procuring and managing contracts for:

- The Cross Destination Space
- Church Road Phases 1 and 2

Well-being & Leisure Hub.

Monlife (Chief Operating Officer) will manage the contract with Alliance Leisure who have been appointed through a framework agreement (the UK Leisure Framework). The construction works will be managed by ISG for Alliance Leisure. The respective officers have experience of procuring and managing contracts for:

- Abergavenny Leisure Centre
- Monmouth Leisure Centre
- Chepstow Leisure Centre (underway)

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# Are you intending to outsource or sub-contract any other work on this bid to third parties?

Outsourcing and sub-contracting will occur as outlined below.

### 7-43 Newport Road

Roberts Limbrick Architects/Urban Designers have provided design advice. Procurement will need to follow to develop the design detail and planning packages. Landlord services will need to procure planning services but will project directly manage the physical works.

#### Newport Rd Public Realm

Capita will act as contract managers and site supervisors including CDM activities within this work, as per the framework agreement with Monmouthshire County Council. Roberts Limbrick Architects/Urban Designers will be retained as design advisors.

## Well-being & Leisure Hub

Alliance Leisure will project manage this construction project as framework provider, providing planning, site management, contact management and client reporting functions.

All of the above is outlined in our project delivery plan.

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# How will you engage with key suppliers to effectively manage their contracts so that they deliver your desired outcomes

The County Council will need to satisfy those key suppliers can demonstrate that appropriately experienced, technically competent and financially resilient contractors have the essential credentials to be shortlisted. Supplier Selection criteria for shortlisting may include, but not be limited to:

- Financial standing, including provisions for insurance to cover liability
- Technical or professional capability and capacity
- Health & Safety assurances
- Environmental Sustainability
- Evidence as to whether they are unsuitable on certain grounds, e.g. people trafficking, bankruptcy, bribery, corruption, money laundering or failure to pay taxes

- Data Protection GDPR Implications.
- Ethical Supply chain considerations

Authorised Officers will ensure that appropriate and proportionate supplier selection questions are included at the selection or pre-qualification stage depending on the outcomes of the risk assessment and the procurement process being used.

All tenders more than £75,000 should consider the appointment of a dedicated contract manager, being the strategic project manager of thematic project manager lead. The resources spent managing the contract will be proportionate to the price being paid and the risks being managed.

In addition to the processes by which Contracts are established, there is a need to ensure that the respective Contracts are properly managed during their life. These Contract Procedure Rules therefore cover aspects of Contract Management, which relate to ongoing day to day contract welfare, Contract variation & price control at any time during the Contract period.

The day to day management of Contracts shall be undertaken by the Contract Manager and shall include monitoring in respect of:

- Performance
- Compliance with specification and contract terms
- Cost
- Value for money
- User satisfaction
- Risk
- Community benefits (where applied)

It is the responsibility of the contract manager to raise any incidents of poor performance immediately with the Contractor and seek rectification. In instances of particularly poor performance, or persistent poor performance, the Contract Manager should consider the appropriate course of action taking advice from the Strategic Procurement Manager in the first instance.

Contracts may be varied without a new procurement procedure where:

- The variations have been provided for in the relevant contract documents in clear unequivocal terms and these do not alter the overall nature of the contract; and/or
- Additional goods, services or works which were not included in the original quotation or tender have become necessary, where a change of contractor cannot be made for economic or technical reasons or where it would cause serious inconvenience or duplication and the price does not exceed 20% of the original contract value and that it does not extend the contract period by more than 50%; and/or
- The circumstances causing the need for variation were unforeseen, the variation does not alter the overall nature of the contract and the price does not exceed 20% of the original contract value and that it does not extend the contract period by

more than 50%.

In all cases of contract variation, careful consideration must be made of the impact of the increased value of the contract on the procurement threshold levels, particularly whether the increase in value will move a contract from below OJEU value into high value, OJEU level. In this circumstance the variation should not normally be granted.

Assignments and novation. Any contracts subject to novation must be referred to the Head of Law/ Monitoring Officer at the earliest possible instance.

Termination of Contract. For any Contract exceeding £75,000 in value, early termination must be approved by the Head of Law/ Monitoring Officer. Contracts of a lesser value may be terminated early by agreement prior to the expiry date or in accordance with the termination provisions set out in the contract following consultation with the Strategic Procurement Manager.

A copy of the Council's financial regulations and standing orders is found in appendix K.

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# Set out how you plan to deliver the bid

The Delivery Plan is appended to this bid (appendix L) which provides a more indepth detail on the delivery programme, key milestones, dependencies, organisational and skills set up, statutory consents, engagement strategy and monitoring, amongst other items. There are three projects which are subject to a logic of phasing between those that are stand-alone, well-advanced and "shovel ready" and those that need to be implemented earlier on in terms of the sequence of works.

Our project plan provides a summary of the main headline activities with a more detailed Gannt chart within the appendices. To meet Gateway 1 of this submission, several our projects can incur capital expenditure in 2022-23. This is evidenced in our workbook.

Key Milestones, Dependencies & Resources

# 7-43 Newport Road

This project is presently closing off the acquisition of the freehold and leaseholder interests which is expected later in the autumn of 2022. Subject to this approval and internal financial checks, the site would require condition surveys, detailed measured surveys leading to detailed design development that will contribute to a

full planning application and contract documents for the procurement stage. We envisage full planning for the works to be secured in late March 2023 with the 2024-25 period identified for the physical refurbishment of the block.

## Newport Road Public Realm

This project is being nearing the completion of detailed design with a drawings pack and specification due in October 2022. If awarded funding, the project could initiate procurement, award the contract and commence construction work before March 2023, incurring expenditure in 2022-23. The project is well resourced with an established team that has undertaken similar works in the town over the last two to three years. For statutory consents, the project will require pre-SAB and potentially full SAB approval in relation to sustainable urban drainage.

## Well-being & Leisure Centre

This project is designed and costed to RIBA level 4. The planning application has been submitted in May 2022, with it due for determination in late August 2022. It would take 3 to 4 months to reach detailed design development for construction purposes, with site and preparatory works mobilised in January 2023 being the construction start date in March. The project is a 12 month build with it due for completion in March 2023.

# Roles & Responsibilities, Skills & Capacity

The organisational structure for project delivery is provided at Appendix L. This diagram demonstrates the structure and protocols for reporting and communication across this package of projects with overarching strategic coordination/due diligence activities, in addition to the respective project management. Additional outsourced resource is shown.

# Key skills include:

- Strategic programme and project management
- Financial monitoring, claims and reporting
- Physical monitoring and evaluation
- Communication and engagement
- Design services planning, architecture, urban design, engineering, property, cost, amongst other items
- Procurement, contracts management including CDM/Health & Safety
- Site supervision

Team CVs can be found in appendix L.

# Stakeholder Management

This is developed further within our communications strategy and plan and builds on our existing channels with the multi-sector town centre stakeholder forum supporting the County Council with communications message on site and through digital information and messaging.

## **Statutory Consents**

The delivery plan also outlines the status on statutory consents in more detail with the two property related projects – Nos 7- 43 Newport Rd and the Well-being & Leisure Hub requiring planning consent with the programme showing this to be secured during Q3 and Q4 of 2022-23. The Newport Road Public Realm project is all within the highway and only requires screening for SAB (SUDs) requirements.

## Monitoring

The Council's approach to monitoring progress will be led by the senior responsible officer with delegated responsible to the respective project managers to ensure the following activities are undertaken:

- Produce regular management reports highlight and where needed more detailed progress reports
- Identification, recording, assessment, management and reviewing of risks
- Ensure the Consultants and Contractor deliver to time and that their products are appropriately presented and signed off
- Monitor any payments and claims made through the project
- Manage all payments to Consultants and Contractors
- Facilitate issue resolution
- Confirm and manage project communication, reporting, authorisation and change management procedures to operate between MCC and the consultants, and contractors
- Monitor the achievement of milestones and overall programme progress, including the signing off of completed tasks, and ensuring all deadlines are met
- Ensure quality checks are planned and undertaken during the delivery stages. Establish and work to safety, quality and environmental policy strategies and plans
- Draft and manage the project controls
- Ensure the drafting of a post programme plan

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# Demonstrate that some bid activity can be delivered in 2022-23

The list below demonstrates the level of bid activity that can be undertaken in the 2022-23 period. This is subject to an award of LUF funding in October 2022.

The main activities are:

- 7-43 Newport Road acquisition, design development and planning services
- Newport Rd Public Realm preparation of contract document, use of framework

for procurement, tender assessment and award of contract and mobilisation of site work (site compound and preparing site)

- Well-being and leisure hub – this will mainly focus on organising contracts and award to main building contractor and mobilising the site

Risks are shown within the risk management section of this form and within our risk register.

Key 22/23 activities:

### 7-43 Newport Road

- Design development Q3 Oct-Dec 2022
- Planning package Q4 Jan-Mar 2023

#### Newport Road Public Realm

- Contract procurement and award Q3 Oct-Dec 2022
- Site mobilisation/commencement Q4 Jan-Mar 2023

## Well-being & Leisure Hub

- Contract packages and award Q3 Oct-Dec 2022
- Site mobilisation Q4 Jan-Mar 2023

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# Risk Management: Set out your detailed risk assessment

The Caldicot (LUF) project risk register lists all identified risks, their causes and consequences, assessment of likelihood and impact, and proposed management actions to mitigate the risk. The register is the focal point for addressing risks, actions and impacts and is the key management tool for communication and tracking actions.

Key Barriers and Level of Risk

# 7-43 Newport Road

- Sequence of work between building contract and public realm works within the Newport Road Public Realm Project being mismatched AMBER
- Managing the town centre during works to minimise business disruption AMBER
- Managing existing tenants during the works and their needs AMBER
- Ensuring a robust occupier and letting strategy for refurbished space AMBER

# Newport Road Public Realm Project

- Management of highway network and phasing of works so that disruption is

#### minimised GREEN

- Unknown utilities and constraints on site that have not been identified through survey work AMBER
- Continued supply chain disruption AMBER

## Well Being & Leisure Hub

- Managing customers during works that ensures their retention and satisfaction levels GREEN
- Managing relationships with school and onsite tenants AMBER
- Unknown utilities and constraints on site that have not been identified through survey work GREEN

## Management/Mitigation

The risks on the register have been identified at the detailed design development stage of the project. New risks will be added from the issues log, highlight reports and specific workshops. The risks will be quantified and considered when presenting budget costs, assisting the Client Team in managing tolerances etc. The owner of individual risks should also be noted on the risk register; however, risks will generally be owned by the Client Team, their management will often be delegated to Project Team members. The RAG system helps focus the need for mitigation action.

# The key controls are:

- procedures are in place to identify, assess, prevent or contain material known risks, and these procedures are operating effectively throughout the Authority;
- a monitoring process is in place to regularly review the effectiveness of risk reduction strategies and the operation of these controls;
- managers know that they are responsible for managing relevant risks and are provided with relevant information on risk management initiatives;
- managers apply a standard approach to risk identification and recording, using the risk management strategy;
- provision is made for losses that might result from the risks that remain;
- procedures are in place to investigate claims within required timescales;
- acceptable levels of risk are determined and insured against where appropriate;
- the Authority has identified business continuity plans for implementation in the event of disaster that results in significant loss or damage to its resources.

# Roles and Responsibilities

The Strategic Project Manager will be the main risk manager that co-ordinates, monitors, records and is part of the decision-making process in the event of any project variances. This post will report to SRO and lead accountant/Senior Finance Officer in relation to financial implications and recommendations.

The risk register is found in appendix M.

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# Provide details of your core project team and provide evidence of their track record and experience of delivering schemes of this nature

The County Council has a proven track record in delivering projects within the regeneration and heritage and culture setting. The Council uses a mix of in-house technical officers and when needed augments these with external consultancies. Team CVs can be found in appendix L.

#### In-house skills include:

- Regeneration and place-making
- Property and asset management/delivery
- Transport and traffic
- Active travel
- Green infrastructure and biodiversity
- Well-being and leisure
- Social inclusion

#### External consultancies include:

- Capita engineering, contracts and site supervision
- Roberts Limbrick architecture and design
- Quad Consulting drainage and SUDs
- Rhomco cost consultancy
- Alliance Leisure framework consultancy

### In recent years, notable projects include:

- Church Rd Connections Project, Caldicot £500,000, completed August 2021
- Provision of new gym and associated fitness space, Abergavenny Leisure Centre
- £1.7m completed March 2022
- Refurbishment of Abergavenny Town Hall into a multi-purpose facility (library, TIC, community space, one stop shop, etc) £1.8 million, completed March 2021
- Civilised street scheme, Cross Destination space, Caldicot £1.5 million, completed March 2021
- Provision of new leisure centre at Monmouth cost of £7.3 million, phased opening fitness offer only August 2018 & fully open February 2019
- Chepstow High Street regeneration scheme £1.5 million, April 2005

Abergavenny Leisure Centre – 1.7M refurbishment, completed December 2021. A total reconfiguration of the first floor to include a brand new fitness suite, dedicated group exercise studio, spin studio, new pool viewing area and new changing facilities.

#### Project Case Study 2

Monmouth Leisure Centre – A 7.3M complete re-development of the whole leisure centre building, fully opened in February 2019. New facilities included a 25m swimming pool and changing village, spa, dedicated first floor fitness offer, children's soft play centre and café. The works at Monmouth Leisure Centre will be very similar to those we are hoping to achieve in Caldicot.

### Project Case Study 3

Civilised Street Scheme, Caldicot - £1.55m, completed in August 2020. A local transport scheme integrated with public realm to improve pedestrian and cycling priority at a busy town centre junction and forming a physical link to the castle and country park. New bus shelters, street furniture, tree planting and landscaping and the creation of a functional civic space for events and activities.

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## Set out what governance procedures will be put in place to manage the grant and project

The Chief Financial Officer is a key member of the overall Project Board. The Board will receive reports to confirm project delivery and costs to ensure the individual projects remain on target and within the project plan. Project Board will meet bi-monthly and will receive a financial report, key milestone report and a review of the risk register to support any variation to expenditure, timescales or project delivery.

The Project Board will consist of Senior Leadership Team Officers. The Strategic Project Lead Officer will report directly to the Board and will ensure that all programme changes and variations are reported there. The Board is responsible for ensuring that changes to the programme are managed effectively and will monitor any remedial actions implemented to ensure that the project remains on track. Should significant concerns be raised that may impact the ability to deliver any aspect of the project, then the Project Board will commission an independent gateway review which will be undertaken to provide an objective and independent view and to assess the continued viability of the scheme.

The LUF Project will also report to the Communities and Place Project Board which is comprised of each Heads of Service from each service area from within the

Communities and Place Directorate, along with Mon Life Chief Officer and Finance. Members of the board will (initially) fulfil the role of project sponsor also for their respective service areas (unless identified differently). Project Managers will be invited to attend meetings as required. The group will be chaired by Head of Service – Placemaking, Highways and Flood and facilitated by the Regeneration Team. Specialist advisors will be invited as required (estates, procurement, legal, audit).

The main purpose of the group is to provide clear direction, ensure appropriate governance arrangements and have oversight of key strategic capital regeneration projects being delivered in Monmouthshire.

The primary focus is on those capital projects being delivered internally (inc Regeneration, Highways, Housing) and where there is not an existing reporting board established. In some instances, e.g. Active Travel, where projects are multifaceted there may be a requirement to bring them into the C&P programme Board by the respective project sponsor

Its main roles and responsibilities are:

- 1. To agree a set of priorities and direction for regeneration and transport projects (others to be agreed) to inform recommendations to members.
- 2. To confirm funding strategies including grant, S106, MCC capital allocation etc.
- 3. To approve/recommend projects and programmes that form part of any bids and/or capital allocation.
- 4. To monitor individual project delivery and programme delivery in terms of timetable and funding, based on updates provided.
- 5. Receive updates from project managers or sponsors, including SLT Rep reports (red RAG projects) and approve virement or project revision where necessary.
- 6. Confirm/allocate projects to project manager(s) and sponsor(s), agree project delivery at concept, design, delivery stages (e, g, in house, contract, consultancy support etc.) and agree procurement strategy.
- 7. To scrutinise and approve any ongoing revenue/future capital costs associated with any project/programme and to ensure that this is reported at an appropriate time.
- 8. Liaise with and where necessary gain approval from Chief officers, DMT, SLT, members as necessary.
- 9. To maintain an up to date and accurate schedule of projects

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If applicable, explain how you will cover the operational costs for the day-to-day management of the new asset /

## facility once it is complete to ensure project benefits are realised

The County Council will meet the following operational resources, post completion, from established staffing costs.

Nos 7-43 Newport Road

The County Council will assign an asset manager for the block that will manage the following:

- Managing defects
- Existing tenant liaison and management
- Energy plan management
- Maintenance
- Licensina
- On-site marketing and promotion
- Links to the town centre stakeholder group

Store 21/new community hub. This space will need an overarching co-ordinator that will be found through established posts to manage activities, events, income streams as well as ICT and other systems management.

The Council's Business Development team will also support in the following ways:

- Handle enquiries and signpost to asset manager
- Address any business support needs
- Account manage business

Newport Road Public Realm

The physical extent of this project is within the highway and is maintained by Monmouthshire County Council. A continued cleansing and landscape maintenance contract would be maintained.

The County Council also seeks to partner with local community organisations such as Caldicot Town Council and Keep Caldicot Tidy to develop joint approaches to maintaining the quality of the environment across the year.

Well-being and Leisure Hub

Prior to handover from Alliance Leisure to the County Council TA6 will support staff with marketing and sales. Sales impact training will be provided for duty managers and front of house staff. TA6 will support for a month with the membership drive, handing over to the Sales Manager.

For day to day management, the organogram in appendix L outlines the service

areas that are based in the Well-being and Leisure Hub as well as those staff that have cross-sites roles and responsibilities.

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## Set out proportionate plans for monitoring and evaluation

#### **Objectives**

The evaluation of Caldicot's Place (LUF) Project will have the following objectives:

- 1. To assess how the package of projects are being developed and delivered against agreed LUF aims and objectives;
- 2. To assess the project governance and management during the project and its future sustainability, post 2025;
- 3. To assess the impact of implementation of the package of projects and the resultant aggregated outcomes and impacts.

The scope of the evaluation is for the period October 2022 to March 2025. The geographical coverage is Caldicot town centre and its immediate environs of the Well-being & Leisure Hub and the road network of Woodstock Way and Newport Road. The evaluation will also look at secondary and multiplier benefits across the wider place and community.

### **Evaluation Approach**

Our approach to this evaluation is formative and summative assessing the process and impact of LUF on several suggested Fund objectives:

- 1. Regeneration and town centre investment to upgrade eyesore buildings and dated infrastructure, acquire and regenerate brownfield sites, invest in secure community infrastructure and crime reduction so that public services and safe community spaces are brought back into town and city centres.
- 2. Cultural investment to maintaining, regenerate, or create repurposed museums, galleries, visitor attractions (and associated green spaces) and heritage assets as well as creating new community-owned spaces to support the arts and serve as cultural spaces.
- 3. For investment proposals to support high priority projects that will make a visible impact in local areas.
- 4. For capital and infrastructure projects to have a visible impact on our

surroundings, being aligned to and support Net Zero goals, either based on low or zero carbon best practice, adopt and support innovative clean tech and/or support the growth of green skills and sustainable supply chains.

#### Audience for Evaluation

The evaluation will be open to a multi-layered audience from strategic to local beneficiaries with case studies, lessons learnt and knowledge transfer and continual free flow of information during the process.

#### **Tasks**

The key tasks for the evaluation include:

- To sense check the baseline data that has been brought together, that is both qualitative and quantitative that sets a benchmark for the evaluation process, identifies any barriers/opportunities at the start and validates the project aim and objectives;
- To review the Caldicot (LUF) project process from a strategic to operational level and how progress is being made against project objectives;
- To understand the process, logic and outputs from that lead to "improved lives by giving people pride in their local communities; bringing more places across the UK closer to opportunity; and demonstrating that government can visibly deliver against the diverse needs of all places and all geographies".
- To understand the impact of the key projects and deliverables.

### Data & Monitoring

The programme manager will have responsibility for requesting, collecting, analysing and reporting data to the town centre project board. A centralised system will be used to record and evidence activity. Storage will be secured and will abide by the Data Protection Act 2018.

### Monitoring Systems

The project will create a library of baseline project documentation, management and monitoring information. This will provide a technical context for any future evaluation of the project and its constituent parts. Documents and information will include (but are not limited to) the following:

- Key strategic documents that support the project;
- Approved project application and funding letters with conditions;
- Monitoring and reporting documents; financial and physical (MIS);
- Project management manuals systems and protocols;
- Organisation and management systems;
- Meeting notes and reports;
- Marketing and promotion activities and associated material;
- Desktop analysis of project documentation strategic and delivery information

e.g. monitoring returns on expenditure, milestones, outputs.

The management information system will provide a spreadsheet-based file that tags project activity to key results, outputs and outcomes by theme or at a strategic level. These systems also have links to evidence and documents that supports progress to date. It provides an actual position on indicators against targets and shows variances. It is also linked to financial expenditure, claim made, and grant income received.

#### Overview of key metrics for M&E

An overview of some of the key metrics is outlined below, specifically for outputs and outcomes.

#### REGENERATION

#### **Indicators**

- Vacancy rates
- Diversity of uses
- Footfall
- Dwell
- Business confidence
- Perception

#### **Outputs**

- 21178 Sqm of town centre space refurbished, repurpose
- 2800 of public realm improved generating more footfall and active travel activity

#### **Outcomes**

- Growth in local town centre enterprise and employment that creates wellness within the community
- A town centre whose public space is inclusive, active, enterprising and is a hub to meet and explore from
- Active citizenship

#### **CULTURE & HERITAGE**

#### **Indicators**

- Number of visitors
- Learning activities
- Perceptions of place
- Direct spend
- Dwell

#### **Outputs**

- Upgraded well-being and sports facility that is linked to town centre and provides pathways to wellness in the community

#### **Outcomes**

- Residents have greater access to health and well-being activity, opening pathways to employment and active citizenship

Identify the Resources Required and Governance Arrangements

The Strategic Project Manager will have ultimate responsibility and sign off for monitoring and regular claims for Monmouthshire County Council and onwards to UK Government. This will include physical monitoring evidence that will be linked to financial expenditure.

Key roles and responsibilities include for the Strategic Project Manager are:

- Ensuring appropriate resources
- Ensuring information is collected and available
- Procurement of evaluation consultant
- Appointment
- Day to day management
- Progress and meeting milestones
- Dealing with consultant queries
- Ensuring feedback
- Dissemination of evaluation findings

Our monitoring and evaluation plan is shown in appendix N.

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Section 9: Declarations

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## Check your answers for Annex A

## **Project 1 Name**

7-43 Newport Road

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## Provide a short description of this project

Acquisition and refurbishment of the retail and residential units comprising numbers 7-43 (inclusive) Newport Road which is located in the primary core of the town centre. The aim is to re-purpose and retrofit the building to provide a high quality and attractive development at the heart of the town centre.

### Specific activities:

- Refurbishment of the ground floor retail units to provide new high quality commercial space;
- Provision of a community and enterprise hub;
- Construction of new shop-fronts and associated signage;
- Refurbish the residential upper floors to provide high quality accommodation;

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## Provide a more detailed overview of the project

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7-43 Newport Road is located along the north-western edge of the public realm area that is subject to this LUF bid. This scheme and the public realm have originated from the same architects/urban designer and subsequently there is a common design language between the built elevations, immediate frontages and the central thoroughfare.

The County Council also wishes to repurpose the former Store 21 as wellness and enterprise hub that is a springboard and grow on space for local business, a place to meet as well as being a well-being facility linked into the main Well-being and Leisure Hub.

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## Further location details for this project

### **Project location 1**

#### **Postcode**

**NP26 4BG** 

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#### **Grid reference**

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### **Upload GIS/map file (optional)**

7-43 Newport Road Retail Block.zip

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### % of project investment in this location

33%

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## Select the constituencies covered by this project

### **Project constituency 1**

### **Select constituency**

#### **Newport East**

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## Estimate the percentage of this package project invested in this constituency 100%

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## Select the local authorities / NI councils covered by this project

#### **Project local authority 1**

#### Select local authority

Monmouthshire (Sir Fynwy)

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## Estimate the percentage of this package project invested in this Local Authority

100%

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### What is the total grant requested from LUF for this project?



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## What is the proportion of funding requested for each of the Fund's three investment themes?

#### **Regeneration and Town Centre**

100%

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#### Cultural

0%

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#### **Transport**

0%

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## Confirm the value of match funding secured for the component project



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## Provide details of all the sources of match funding within your bid for this component project

As part of its strategic partnering with Welsh Government's Transforming Towns Programme, an indicative figure for the refurbishment element of this project has been discussed with civil servants. This figure is £

For the purposes of this submission the County Council will underwrite the match funding contribution until such time that Welsh Government formally approves their grant. The County Council will provide an additional £ from its capital programme.

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## Value for money

The following outlines each intervention and the benefits that they would generate.

- Land Value Uplift: Monetised
- Wider Land Value uplift: Monetised
- Creation of skills and wellbeing benefits: Non- Monetised
- Supporting increased footfall in the town centre: Non-monetised
- Reduction in vacancy rates: Non-monetised
- Increased visitor spend within the town centre: Non- monetised

The total net additional monetised benefits included within the VfM assessment for the Preferred Option are as follows (NPV, 2022-23 prices) (£ms):

- Newport Road Land Value Uplift: £



- Wider LVU Benefits (Newport Road): £

Site-specific land value uplift: Existing use value estimates are based on MHCLG's land value estimates for commercial and residential land values (where appropriate) and assumed site sizes are based on available information. In calculating the uplift, a development appraisal provided by TC Consult has been used to inform the Gross Development Value and developments costs. Appropriate deadweight and displacement assumptions have been applied. A 5% real land value inflation has also been added to the land value estimates, in accordance with the DCLG Appraisal Guide.

A wider LVU analysis has also been completed as it is understood that the regeneration of public realm and buildings on Newport Road would make the area more attractive and therefore would increase the value of properties within 500m of the area. This radius has been assumed due to the size of Caldicot and the nature of improvements being delivered. Wider Land Value Uplift analysis has been undertaken using the framework provided as part of MHCLG's Future High Streets Fund clarification questions process. It is considered that this is an appropriate framework and methodology to use and the schemes proposed as part of this LUF bid are in line with the scale of interventions brought forward as part of the Future High Streets Fund.

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#### BCR and value assessment

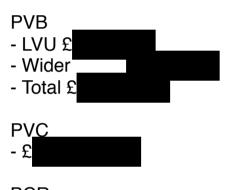
## If it is not possible to provide an overall BCR for your package bid, explain why below

The central benefit-cost ratio (BCR) which demonstrates the value for money of the scheme should be based on benefits including land value uplift in line with interventions coming forward as part of the proposed scheme.

Key points on the approach are as follows:

- Scheme specific costs and values have therefore been captured in the appraisals.
- Values have been discounted at 3.5%

The assessment is as follows:



BCR - 2.12

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### **Benefit Cost Ratios**

#### **Initial BCR**

2.12

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### **Adjusted BCR**

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## Non-monetised benefits for this project

Wider benefits associated with this scheme that have not been monetised include:

- Regeneration of Newport Road would lead to increased footfall through the town centre and would mean that there is additional demand for local businesses on Newport Road and therefore there would be additional spend within the local economy. The aim of the regeneration will be to boost visitor numbers and visitor spend. The ambition is to increase visitor demand by 12.5% in 2027 from 2019 levels (280 movements per hour) and a further 25% in 2032.
- The regeneration of Newport Road (both 7-43 and the public realm) will make the area in the town centre more attractive to businesses and will result in bringing vacant units within the town centre back into use and generating further economic activity within the town centre.
- The intervention at Newport Road includes a community space which will act as an incubator for skills and training programmes for the local community providing opportunities for the local population to retrain, gain qualifications and potentially re enter the labour market. Such initiatives can lead to improved community well-being on top of improved skill levels and increased earnings through. Local communities may feel a sense of improved trust and belonging.

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## Does this project include plans for some LUF grant expenditure in 2022-23?

Yes

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### Could this project be delivered as a standalone project?

Yes - the project could be delivered as a standalone project

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## Demonstrate that activity for this project can be delivered in 2022-23

The following activities will be undertaken during 2022-23:

- Acquisition
- Design development
- Planning package and submission

This project is presently closing off the acquisition of the freehold and leaseholder interests which is expected later in the autumn of 2022. Subject to this approval and internal financial checks, the site would require condition surveys, detailed measured surveys leading to detailed design development that will contribute to a full planning application and contract documents for the procurement stage. Development and mobilisation activities would therefore commence in 2022-23.

We envisage full planning for the works to be secured in late March 2023 with the 2024-25 period identified for the physical refurbishment of the block. A letter from the local planning authority is attached in appendix O which provides their position on the proposal.

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## **Statutory Powers and Consents**

List separately below each power/consents etc. obtained for this project n/a

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## **Outstanding statutory powers/consents**

Planning permission inc. SAB (to be applied for in autumn 2022 with determination notice to be secured before March 2023).

### See appendix O

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## Check your answers for Annex B

## **Project 2 Name**

Newport Road Public Realm

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## Provide a short description of this project

Improving the central public realm area so that it is fit for purpose as a social space, hosting markets, events and festivals and creating positive commercial frontages, encouraging dwell time and additional spend. Specific activities:

- A space that works within the built form of the town centre and enables shops, businesses and food and drink to be develop an experience;
- Adopting an integrated place based design that includes green infrastructure, local biodiversity, sustainable urban drainage and other place based principles;
- A linking space that supports active travel at the Cross and Newport Road west.

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Newport Road Public Realm is centred on enhancing this tired town centre space with an objective of it being more, when sometimes it is also about dwell when responding to the retail block so there is engagement as well as announcing routes in. There is social space for meeting/befriending as well as a home for a refreshed outdoor markets, events and larger festivals.

The Newport Road Public Realm project acts as a connector between recently constructed active travel and civilised street schemes in Church Road and the Cross areas.

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## Further location details for this project

#### **Project location 1**

#### **Postcode**

**NP26 4BG** 

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#### **Grid reference**

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#### **Upload GIS/map file (optional)**

Newport Road Public Realm.zip

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### % of project investment in this location

16%

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## Select the constituencies covered by this project

### **Project constituency 1**

### Select constituency

**Newport East** 

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## Estimate the percentage of this package project invested in this constituency 100%

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## Select the local authorities / NI councils covered by this project

**Project local authority 1** 

#### Select local authority

Monmouthshire (Sir Fynwy)

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## Estimate the percentage of this package project invested in this Local Authority

100%

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## What is the total grant requested from LUF for this project?

£3037991

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## What is the proportion of funding requested for each of the Fund's three investment themes?

**Regeneration and Town Centre** 

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#### Cultural

0%

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#### **Transport**

0%

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## Confirm the value of match funding secured for the component project

£582766

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## Provide details of all the sources of match funding within your bid for this component project

This project has been developed up to this point with funding from the Welsh Government's Active Travel Fund (ATF). It is anticipated that a contribution of £344,834 will come from ATF towards the implementation of the project. Since this funding is awarded on an annual basis, this is being underwritten by the County Council until such time that a bid has been submitted and determined.

The County Council will provide an additional £237,932 from its capital programme.

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## Value for money

The following summarises the nature of the benefits to be generated from this intervention:

- Wider Land Value uplift: Monetised
- Providing better accessibility to the town centre: Non-monetised
- Public Realm Willingness to Pay: Monetised

Wider LVU analysis has also been completed as it is understood that the regeneration of public realm and buildings on Newport Road would make the area more attractive and therefore would increase the value of properties within 500m of the area. This radius has been assumed due to the size of Caldicot and the nature of improvements being delivered. Wider Land Value Uplift analysis has been undertaken using the framework provided as part of MHCLG's Future High Streets Fund clarification questions process. It is considered that this is an appropriate framework and methodology to use and the schemes proposed as part of this LUF bid are in line with the scale of interventions brought forward as part of the Future High Streets Fund.

Public Realm Improvements: For the improvements to the public realm, figures from the 2010 Communities and Local Government, Valuing the Benefits of Regeneration have been used. The area for the public realm improvements has been established using design estimations. The public realm benefit estimates increase each year according to the externality growth rates in the DCLG Appraisal Guide.

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### **BCR** and value assessment

## If it is not possible to provide an overall BCR for your package bid, explain why below

The central benefit-cost ratio (BCR) which demonstrates the value for money of the scheme should be based on benefits including land value uplift and benefits from improvements to the public realm in line with interventions coming forward as part of the proposed scheme.

The assessment is as follows:

#### **PVB**

- Public realm £479,602
- Wider LVU £4,280,220
- Total Benefit £4,759,822

**PVC** 

- £3,186,148.39

**BCR** 

- 1.49

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#### **Benefit Cost Ratios**

#### **Initial BCR**

1.49

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#### **Adjusted BCR**

1.49

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## Non-monetised benefits for this project

- Regeneration of public realm would lead to increased accessibility and increased footfall through the town centre and would mean that there is additional demand for local businesses on Newport Road and therefore there would be additional spend within the local economy. The aim of the regeneration will be to boost visitor numbers and visitor spend. The ambition is to increase visitor demand by 12.5% in 2027 from 2019 levels (280 movements per hour) and a further 25% in 2032.
- The regeneration of public realm will make the area in the town centre more attractive to businesses and will result in bringing vacant units within the town centre back into use and generating further economic activity within the town centre

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## Does this project include plans for some LUF grant expenditure in 2022-23?

Yes

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## Could this project be delivered as a standalone project?

Yes - the project could be delivered as a standalone project

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## Demonstrate that activity for this project can be delivered in 2022-23

This project is being nearing the completion of detailed design with a drawings pack and specification due in October 2022. If awarded funding, the project could initiate procurement, award the contract and commence construction work before March 2023, incurring expenditure in 2022-23. The project is well resourced with an established team that has undertaken similar works in the town over the last two to three years.

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### **Statutory Powers and Consents**

List separately below each power/consents etc. obtained for this project n/a

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## **Outstanding statutory powers/consents**

For statutory consents, the project will require pre-SAB and potentially full SAB approval in relation to sustainable urban drainage. These would be obtained before November 2022.

No planning permission is required due to the works being deemed as permitted development.

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## Check your answers for Annex C

## **Project 3 Name**

Well-being and Leisure Hub

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## Provide a short description of this project

The two-storey leisure centre will be renewed to support those that are inactive, providing greater life chances and access to fitness, as well as stronger pedestrian and cycle linkages to and from the town centre. This will include the pool hall being refurbished and a café will support a new viewing area, communal seating area and new adventure play. Specific activities:

- Support for inactive members of the community and improving their life chances;
- Extended fitness offer with toning suite, spin and fitness studios;
- Soft play and café facilities;
- Provide outside changing area;
- Replacement of skatepark.

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## Provide a more detailed overview of the project

"Putting the Wellness into Caldicot" is about providing catalytic investment through maximising the potential of three physical assets that are tired, underinvested and not linked up. A package approach helps not just with the physical asset improvement but will also bring about more integrated strategic and operational management in terms of uses, activities, marketing, promotion and presenting a unified town centre offer, experience and place management.

This package bid converges on the town centre with direct interventions in a prominent commercial block and a leisure centre that have not seen investment for some 50 years. This is supported by an enhanced town centre public realm space that supports local enterprise, events and active travel. Creating a coherent identity that increases wellness and presents Caldicot as an accessible place for all is key to the placemaking ambition. This in turn will lead to local economic and social benefits for the town as well as maximising its role at a key strategic entrance into the Cardiff Capital Region and Southeast Wales.

The Well-being and Leisure Hub will provide a renewed town centre attractor that will support those that are inactive, providing greater life chances as well as stronger pedestrian and cycle linkages to and from the town centre.

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## Provide a short description of the area where the investment will take place for this project

Caldicot is one of Monmouthshire's principal towns, located on the southern edge of the County. The strategic location map (appendix A) indicates its position between the M4 and M48 motorways with it having a stronger association to Newport than rural Monmouthshire.

The focus of the proposed LUF investment is the town centre however it is worth noting the central location of this area to the immediate neighbourhoods, industrial estates as well as Caldicot Castle, the Country Park and notably the public transport hub of Severn Tunnel Junction. The town plan in appendix A illustrates the relationship of the town centre to existing neighbourhoods and employment areas, as well as potential areas for future growth, demonstrating the compact walkable nature of the town.

The town centre is formed by Newport Road (east to west axis), Jubilee Way to the north, Chepstow Road to the east and Woodstock Way to the south. The town centre plan in appendix A shows existing provision in the town with the primary shopping area centred on Newport Road with a number of supermarkets on the edge of the town centre. Off Woodstock Way is the leisure centre which forms part of a campus of local facilities including the primary health care centre, newly opened comprehensive school and community centred buildings. Whilst the leisure centre is located on Mill Lane there are plans to create a more direct active travel link to the rear of Caldicot Comprehensive, linking through to the proposed residential site, opposite Asda supermarket.

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## Further location details for this project

### **Project location 1**

#### **Postcode**

**NP26 4BN** 

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#### **Grid reference**

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### % of project investment in this location

52%

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## Select the constituencies covered by this project

### **Project constituency 1**

### **Select constituency**

#### **Newport East**

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## Estimate the percentage of this package project invested in this constituency 100%

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## Select the local authorities / NI councils covered by this project

#### **Project local authority 1**

#### Select local authority

Monmouthshire (Sir Fynwy)

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## Estimate the percentage of this package project invested in this Local Authority

100%

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## What is the total grant requested from LUF for this project?

£10193812

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## What is the proportion of funding requested for each of the Fund's three investment themes?

#### **Regeneration and Town Centre**

0%

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#### Cultural

100%

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#### **Transport**

0%

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## Confirm the value of match funding secured for the component project

£1205019

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## Provide details of all the sources of match funding within your bid for this component project

Monmouthshire County Council will provide the match funding through its capital programme.

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## Value for money

The following summarises the nature of the benefits to be generated from this intervention:

- Revenue attained from latent demand: Monetised
- Health Benefits because of increased access to physical activity: Monetised
- Wider benefits associated to access to physical activity and volunteering opportunities: Non- monetised

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#### **BCR** and value assessment

## If it is not possible to provide an overall BCR for your package bid, explain why below

The central benefit-cost ratio (BCR) which demonstrates the value for money of the scheme should be based on health benefits in line with interventions coming forward as part of the proposed scheme.

The assessment is as follows:

#### **PVB**

- Health £1,295,809
- Total Benefit £1,295,809

#### **PVC**

- £5,185,637

#### **BCR**

-0.25

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### **Benefit Cost Ratios**

#### **Initial BCR**

0.25

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#### **Adjusted BCR**

0.25

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## Non-monetised benefits for this project

- Wider health benefits associated include reducing excess weight and obesity across the population. Children who participate in physical activity are likely to do better in their academic life, participation in sport has a positive impact on employability and workplace absenteeism and productivity. Participation in physical activity and sport also impacts on at -risk youth through reduction in crime and antisocial behaviour as well as positively impacting on mental health.
- Leisure Centre will result in an additional 6 full time staff and 8 part time staff as well as 40 volunteering opportunities. In total there will be a creation of ten FTEs. In accordance with the DCLG Appraisal Guide we have not attempted to estimate the additionality of the employment impacts. However, we would expect a large proportion of the jobs created to be taken by local people. The gross direct jobs would support further indirect and induced jobs. The HCA Additionality Guide 4th Edition provides economic multiplier ready reckoner values and states that most interventions are expected to have a multiplier of 1.1 at the neighbourhood level. The number of jobs likely to be generated from the leisure centre is 11 at a local level could amount to £526,757 of GVA based on £47,877 GVA per worker (ONS).
- The opportunity to volunteer at the Leisure Centre will provide volunteers with the opportunity to make productive use of their time (whilst being able to get social interaction and maintain a social network) therefore having positive effects on their health and wellbeing.

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## Does this project include plans for some LUF grant expenditure in 2022-23?

Yes

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## Could this project be delivered as a standalone project?

Yes - the project could be delivered as a standalone project

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## Demonstrate that activity for this project can be delivered in 2022-23

The scheme would incur site mobilisation costs between January to March 2023.

This project is designed and costed to RIBA level 4. The planning application has been submitted in May 2022 and is due for determination in late August 2022. It would take 3 to 4 months to reach detailed design development for construction purposes, with site and preparatory works mobilised in January 2023 with the construction start date in March. The project is a 12 month build with it due for completion in March 2024.

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### **Statutory Powers and Consents**

List separately below each power/consents etc. obtained for this project n/a

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## **Outstanding statutory powers/consents**

Planning permission submitted in May 2022, with the application to be determined by the end of August 2022.

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