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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An email is due to be sent to the WG's Grant Centre of Excellence raising concerns on issues identified in relation to the WG grant claims e.g. inconsistent claim forms, format etc.</li> <li>• Following a meeting with the Records Management Officer it has been confirmed that arrangements for the retention of documentation on SharePoint, for European funded projects, are in place to meet the European retention deadlines.</li> <li>• A review of the closure guidance for grant funded projects to be undertaken to ensure it includes guidance on the retention of documents held electronically as well as those in paper format.</li> </ul>	<p>DT</p> <p>RP</p>
3.0	<p><b><u>Audit Wales - Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The audit of Pooled Budgets is still outstanding for 2019/20 and 2020/21. There are a number of queries outstanding and Audit Wales are hoping to finalise the audit next week.</li> <li>• The Authority is still waiting for confirmation from Audit Wales on the audit programme for 2021/22.</li> </ul>	
4.0	<p><b><u>Internal Audit (IA) - Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Audits on the 2021/22 projects has commenced. These include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Enable</li> <li>○ Supporting People Regional Development Co-ordinator</li> <li>○ Pupil Development grant</li> <li>○ Regional Consortia Improvement grant</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The audit arrangements for the 2022/23 Regional Consortia School Improvement grant and the Pupil Development grant are to be reviewed by the Partneriaeth Consortia and agreed with IA.</li> </ul>	
5.0	<p><b><u>Grants Register 2022/23</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work has commenced to update the register for</li> </ul>	Chairs of

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	<p>2022/23. A request was made for Chairs to raise in their respective PWG for updates on grants information to be forwarded to GCO.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It's anticipated that there will be a reduction in the number of grants awarded in 2022/23. However the Cost of Living grants and Winter Fuel grants will continue.</li> </ul>	PWGs
6.0	<p><b><u>Project Working Groups</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes of PWG meetings were received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Education &amp; Children (capital): 22/3/2022</li> <li>○ Communities: 23/3/2022</li> <li>○ Chief Executive: 22/3/2022</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The following updates were provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ a number of EU funded projects are due to be extended however the funding will be within current approved budgets</li> <li>○ noted that where there are delays in the recruitment of staff this impacts on both the ability to deliver the project delivery and project spend</li> <li>○ improvements have been noted on changes implemented within the Education &amp; Children Services on the management of grants</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
7.0	<p><b><u>European Grants Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A schedule of all current European grant funded projects was presented to Grants Panel. The total estimated project costs approved is £49m with grant of £32m. However it was noted that the Authority is still waiting for formal notice of additional funding for Crosshands East Gateway Plot 3 and Llandeilo Market Hall. The Food COVID Recovery Plan project submitted under the Rural Development Programme has recently been approved with a grant of £121k.</li> <li>• An update was provided to Grants Panel on the amount of grant income outstanding to the Authority for European grant funded projects. The total</li> </ul>	

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	amount claimed to date is approximately £21.9m with a total of £2.7m grant income outstanding.	
8.0	<p><b><u>Successor Schemes Update</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Authority has received approval from UK Government to extend the eleven Community Renewal Fund projects to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022.</li> <li>• UK Government launched the Shared Prosperity Fund in April 2022 with funding through to March 2025. £38m has been allocated to the area of which £32m is allocated to activity focused on 3 key pillars - communication, skills and business, with the remaining £6m focused on Adult Numeracy. Swansea Council is the accountable body who has the responsibility to distribute the funding to each local authority. The Authority has submitted its investment plan to Swansea Council who will co-ordinate and forward to the UK Government for approval.</li> <li>• Progress is being made on both the Carmarthen/Pembroke Hub and Towy Valley Path, both projects are funded by grant through the Levelling Up fund. Timelines are challenging to complete delivery within the defined timescales.</li> <li>• Additional bid to be submitted for Levelling Up funding for Llanelli town centre.</li> </ul>	
9.0	<p><b><u>AOB</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New subsidy rules are expected from WG. Any amendments will need to be incorporated in the Project Grants Manual. The authorisation process for amending the manual will be dependent on the extent of these changes.</li> <li>• Copies of all Management Verification Team reports issued by WEFO on EU funded projects should be forwarded to the GCO.</li> </ul>	All
10.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Date of next meeting – 1:00pm on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022 via Teams</li> </ul>	