



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government

From:

Energy Division

Cleared by:

Date:

06/05/2022

MINISTERIAL ADVICE

For decision by: Julie James MS, Minister for Climate Change

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| Subject | Energy Division Finance 2022/23 |
| 100 word summary | <p>This advice sets out the Energy division's proposed expenditure activities for 2022/23, within BEL 3770 – Clean Energy and BEL 2809 - WGES.</p> <p>This provides an opportunity for the Minister to consider financial allocations against Ministerial priorities.</p> |
| Timing | Normal course of business |
| Recommendation | Officials recommend the Minister agrees to energy officials committing expenditure in line with budgets, as set out in this advice. |
| Decision report | This decision does require a Decision Report, which may be published at any point. |

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Background

1. The Energy Division has been allocated the following funding in the 2022/23 budget round:

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2. This advice sets out the intention to allocate this funding across all of the Energy Division's work priorities. The expenditure is split into BELs and revenue and capital activities within budget lines.
3. The division's activities are focused across three broad work priorities; policy and evidence, delivery and financial support for renewable energy projects.
4. Work priorities are aligned to;
 - Programme for Government commitments and well-being objectives.
 - Recommendations from the deep dive in to renewable energy.
 - Our statutory commitments and policy framework.
 - Policies and proposals set out in Net Zero Wales.

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Clean Energy

Policy and Evidence

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- An estimated breakdown is outlined below.

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10. Community Energy Wales – £261,150

- The Minister agreed to commit funding over three years to support the business plan for Community Energy Wales and Ynni Teg. The funding proposal is for £752,462 over 3 years – 2022-23 to 2024-25 ref: MA/JJ/4533/21.

| Year | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 | 2024-2025 |
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| Funding requested | £261,150 | £261,219 | £230,093 |

- Costs consist of staff costs and running costs to deliver their business plan.
- A grant offer letter will be issued for 2022-23, with future years being agreed in conjunction with a business plan.

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Legal Issues and Policy Obligations related to this advice

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Financial Implications

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Annex 1: ASSURANCE AND COPY RECIPIENTS**CLEARANCE TRACKING**

| Aspect | Tracking | Yes | No | N/A | Clearance no. |
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| Finance | Financial implications over £50,000? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Cleared by Group Finance? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | CCRA/021/22 |
| | Cleared by Budget & Government Business Division? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Cleared by Local Government Finance? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Legal | Legal issues? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Cleared by relevant lawyers? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| Governance | Novel and contentious issues? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |
| | Cleared by Corporate Governance Centre of Excellence? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | |

DEPUTY DIRECTOR, STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE

In clearing this MA, I confirm that I, Xx have quality assured this advice, ensuring it is provided on the basis of evidence, accurately presents the options and facts and I am accountable for the recommendations made

I am satisfied that the recommended decision or action, if agreed, would be lawful, affordable and comply with all relevant statutory obligations. Welsh Government policy priorities and cross portfolio implications have been fully considered in line with delivery of the government objectives.

I have fully considered the statement of assurance contained in the MA guidance to ensure all relevant considerations have been taken into account and that the actions and decisions take account of regularity, propriety and value for money.

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