



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

**From:**

Energy Division

**Cleared by:**

**Date:**

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2025

## **MINISTERIAL ADVICE – Request to amend timing of Local Energy Grant to Ynni Teg Penrhiw Wind Turbine Project –**

**For decision by: Rebecca Evans MS, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning**

<b>Subject</b>	Request to amend timing of Award of Local Energy Grant to Ynni Teg Penrhiw Wind Turbine Project
<b>100 word summary</b>	In MA-RE-0070-25 a capital request for Ynni Teg totalling £1.525M was requested. This was split between 2024-25 and 2025-26. Due to unforeseen issues and a delay in the subsequent supply of the wind turbine, we are now seeking permission for the full grant to be allocated in 2025-26. This can be fully accommodated within the allocated budget for the overall scheme in 2025-26.
<b>Timing</b>	Routine
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Cabinet Secretary is asked to agree to commit capital funding of £1.525M fully in the 2025-26 financial year.
<b>Decision report</b>	This decision does require a Decision Report, which may be published at any point after the funding award is announced.

## **ADVICE**

### **Background**

1. In MA-RE-0070-25 you agreed to fund the Ynni Teg (YT) wind turbine project with a total grant award of £1.525M. This agreed profile was to be split with £567k in 2024-25 and £958k in 2025-26. The funding was to be met from the Green Energy BEL capital allocation (BEL1280).
2. Officials and the Welsh Government Energy Service discussed supply issues impacting the purchase and delivery of the wind turbine earlier this year. The company providing the turbine went into administration. The resulting delay in finding a replacement turbine meant the community group could not draw down the grant allocated for the 2024-25 financial year. The community group was able to source an equivalent refurbished wind turbine to continue with the project but not in time to provide evidence to support the drawdown of grant in the 2024-25 financial year.
3. Following full discussion with Welsh Government Energy Service and Energy Division lead officials, we are confident that the community group would still be able to deliver the full scheme in the current year.

### **Funding Request**

4. The total value of the grant awarded to Ynni Teg remains the same. The cost can be met from within the overall capital available in the Green Energy BEL 1280.
5. The original request to you to award the grant was made following a grant assessment panel decision to recommend approval on the 19 December 2024. The panel was re-convened to consider the amended project and agreed that the project was still robust. The panel recommended the grant be made available in full in the 2025-26 financial year.

### **Recommendation**

6. Officials recommend that you agree to commit capital funding of £1.525M fully in the 2025-26 financial year.

### **Financial Implications**

7. The £1.525M grant can be met from the local energy BEL 1280 for the 2025-26 financial year.

8. Table outlining budget in Energy Directorates (Deputy Director- Ed Sherriff) remit:

<b>Financial Summary:</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>	<b>Description/ Comments</b>
<b>Published capital budget for BEL 1280</b>		
<b>Capital commitment requested in this MA</b>	<b>£1,525,000</b>	MA/RE/0070/25 – Ynni Teg Penrhiw wind turbine project. This MA originally indicated that the overall budget would be split across two financial years. However, as outlined in the email update to the CSEEP in May 2025, the project experienced issues with the turbine manufacturer, resulting in no expenditure during 2024–25. Consequently, the full grant will now be accommodated within the BEL, with no adverse impact on the project. The additional £25K can be accommodated within the wider Green Energy BEL 1280.

### **Legal Issues, Powers and Statutory Duties**

9. As with previous local energy fund grant awards advice, there are no legal issues associated with this advice so no legal advice has been sought.

### **Novel and Contentious Issues**

10. There are no novel or contentious issues with the advice.

### **Communications and Media Handling**

11. We will work with your comms team, the community group and WGES to announce the grant at an appropriate time.

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

Aspect	Tracking	Yes	No	N/A	Clearance no.
<b>Finance</b>	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"/>	
	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"/>	
<b>Legal</b>	Legal issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
	Cleared by relevant lawyers?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
<b>Governance</b>	Novel and contentious issues?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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, appropriate impact assessments have been undertaken and that the actions and decisions take account of regularity, propriety and value for money.

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