

A Partner's Experience of Vibrant and Viable Places

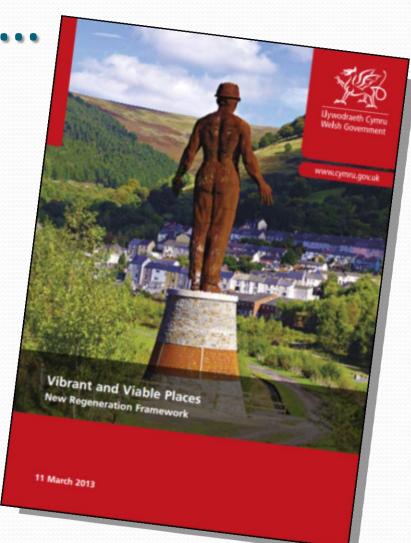
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Where we began...

- Launched March 2013 (Huw Lewis AM).
- 2 stage bidding process (22 down to 11 then 6).
- Carl Sergeant assumed role from Huw Lewis in May 2013.
- Leslie Griffiths September 2014.
- Carl Sergeant May 2016.



Bidding

- Original dates stage 2 successes in January 2014, project implementation in April 2014.
- Actual June 2014, following hasty bid revision!

| Local authority | Settlement area | Proportion of bid to be funded as notional allocation | Notional allocation |
|-------------------|-------------------------------|---|---------------------|
| Isle of Anglesey | Holyhead | 100% | £7.490 million |
| Merthyr Tydfil | Merthyr Tydfil | 100% | £12.873 million |
| Newport | Newport Central | 100% | £14.988 million |
| Conwy | Colwyn Bay | 90% | £12.022 million |
| Neath Port Talbot | Port Talbot | 90% | £9.643 million |
| Wrexham | Wrexham/Caia Park/Hightown | 90% | £10.594 million |
| Swansea | Swansea city centre | 60% | £8.394 million |
| Torfaen | Pontypool | 60% | £8.203 million |
| Bridgend | Bridgend | 40% | £5.978 million |
| Flintshire | Deeside | 40% | £6.024 million |
| Rhondda Cynon Taf | Pontypridd | 40% | £5.980 million |





To each his own...

- Swansea initially, forms completed by partner PMs.
 Later changed to headline reports with outputs monitored by CCS (BBM). Commercial only.
- NPT completed monitoring forms with input from PMs.
 Housing and commercial.
- BCBC completed monitoring forms alone. But, rigorous financial routines. Housing and commercial.
- PIM forms changed on change of minister (housing -> relief of poverty).

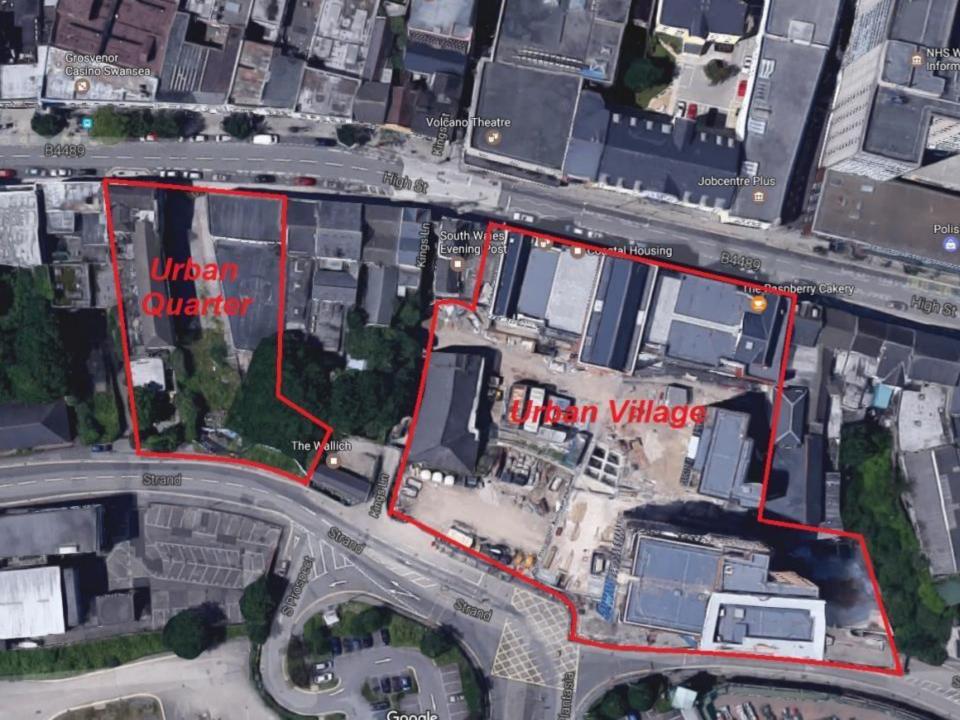
Forward funding

- SHG vs VVP.
- Year-end inconsistencies.
- Inconsistencies and discussions.
- Partial victory forward funding now but only to RSLs.
- Grant claim brought forward in 2014/15 (£200k).
- Financials additional funding 'levered in'.

The schemes!

Urban Quarter

- Initially an Urban Village 2.0.
- 57 flats and 3 commercial units.
- Split into 2 phases.
- Phase 1 total cost £4,832,608. Completing April 2017.
 - Funding £2,211,433 SHG, £550,000 VVP.
- Phase 2 total cost £4,881,315. Completion Christmas 2017.
 - Funding £2,986,887 SHG.













Green Park

- 100% social housing scheme.
- 34 units (4 x 1b flats, 4 x 2b flats; 5 x 2b bungalows; 14 x 2b houses, 7 x 3b houses).
- Total cost £4,459,150.
 - £705,939 VVP
 - £1,263,426 SHG
 - £450,000 Smaller Properties
- Key gateway to Port Talbot.









Glan Afan School

- 39 homes (17 x 1b flat, 12 x 2b flat, 8 x 2b houses, 2 x 3b houses)
- Total cost £6,757,250.
- Funding of £3,412,640
 - £1,000,000 VVP
 - £2,412,640 SHG (including RCG)
- First scheme to feature façade retention.
- Demolition imminent, due to complete in 18 months.





The Rhiw, Bridgend

 28 x 2b flats plus 1 commercial unit. Also developer for 240 space car park!

Costs and Funding

Contract cost - £8,383,193

Professional fees – £476,834

Land cost - £250,000

Car park cost to CHG- £0

Social Housing Grant - £695,000

• S106 money - £568,000

 VVP money - £1,328,350 >Most VVP funding went towards the MSCP - £4.6m









Questions?



Comments?

Snide Remarks?