

Key Achievements & Successes

Economic Infrastructure

- Development of a semi-conductor cluster in Newport ratified by Cardiff Capital Region City Deal, Welsh and UK government
- Investment in expansion of National Software Academy in the city centre agreed by Welsh Government and Newport City Council
- VVP legacy schemes – Work underway on Phase 2 of POBL’s scheme to create apartments at Griffin Island and at 123-129 Commercial Street.
- Draft High Street Conservation Area Management Plan prepared for public consultation as part of Heritage Lottery Funding Townscape Project for Market Arcade
- Active Travel public consultation underway regarding walking and cycling routes

Skilled Population

- Further planning work undertaken for the development of Newport Knowledge Quarter
- Two Jobs Fairs held in the city - July Jobs fair focused on the hospitality sector in partnership with Celtic Manor Resort; September Jobs fair focused on the retail sector in partnership with Friars Walk
- Work undertaken through the Youth Engagement & Progression Framework to identify Key Stage 4 and 5 young people at risk of no progression and to reduce the number not in education, employment or training (NEET)
- Partnership event held on the findings / recommendations of a NEET Review and an audit of the sufficiency of youth support services in Newport to inform way forward
- Sector focused Employer Fora at Coleg Gwent, set up to better understand Gwent employer needs, resulted in a re-focus of some curriculum areas, new content on some courses, new FT and PT courses and new apprenticeship / HE routes at the college
- The first cohort of cyber security students started at University of South Wales Newport City Campus

Economic Growth

- Pop-up Business School held in Newport City Centre to offer advice and support to people interested in setting up in business
- Announcement of ABP Newport Wales Marathon to take place in the city April 2018
- Announcement of Newport as the host city for the Westfield Heath Transplant Games in Spring 2019
- Second round application submitted for £2.7 Million HLF grant for the HLF Living Levels Landscape Partnership to improve access to this internationally important area, supporting the economy and improving perceptions of Newport.

Performance Measures

	Target	Actual	RAG
Reduction in number of Year 11 school leavers not in employment, education and training (NEET)	1.9%	Figure available year end	
Reduction in number of Year 13 school leavers not in employment, education and training (NEET)	3.0%	Figure available year end	
Increase in city centre footfall (Commercial St and Bridge St counters)	Apr – Sep 2016 6,907,344	Apr – Sep 2017 6,648,417	A
No. of people supported into skills and work related activity across Employability and Skills Group	2000	945	G
No. of people supported into employment across Employability and Skills Group	1000	534	G
No. of people who maintained their employment for at least 13 weeks across Employability and Skills Group	600	312	G

Plans for next quarter

- Next stage of master planning for Newport Knowledge Quarter
- Public consultation on City Centre Masterplan
- Submit bid for Heritage Lottery Funding for Newport Transporter Bridge
- Employability and Skills Group review City Skills Audit and agree action plan

Underperformance & risks

Failure to attract funding e.g. Unsuccessful HLF bids, external funding for employability / skills programmes, funding for infrastructure projects including Newport railway station footbridge;

Mitigating actions

Continue to work closely with funding providers and seek alternative funding if required.