

APPENDIX 1

The intended allocation of the £160m flexible funding is set out in Table 1 below:

Table 1 Proposed Financial Allocations for the Investment Zone Flexible Funding				
Flexible Spend Theme	Intervention	Summary	Revenue Allocation £'000	Capital Allocation £'000
Programme and Planning Unit	Programme Management	Delivery of the Investment Zone	6,400	
	Planning Unit	Investment Zone Planning Unit	1,000	
	Feasibility and Business Case Revenue Support	Supporting proposal quality and pre-development work	1,500	
Skills	Investment Zone funding used to complement LSIF-funded work and complement uses of other funding streams to deliver LSIP priorities	Pre 16 STEM Engagement with Schools and third sector organisations	2,258	
		Internship Programme	3,000	
		Skills Academy	524	
		Capital investment in Coleg Cambria's Deeside and Bersham sites for Enhanced Apprenticeship facilities and school link provision (VCSEs) - infrastructure, development, and modernisation and relocation of Airbus apprenticeship provision to proposed MRC)		1,200
		Capital Allocation for skills delivery		500
		Capital Allocation for skills delivery (pre-16)		500
	Funding to support local skills through training co-designed with employers, for example, sector-specific Skills Bootcamps	Advanced Manufacturing, Industry 4.0, and Digital Skills Bootcamps, with sector-relevant content developed in partnership with industry	6,500	
		Co-creation of new and co-created development of current offerings to support sector specific skills requirements	2,912	
	Funding to support entrepreneurial skills and networks	Entrepreneurial skills training programme developed for regional/sector-specific needs	1,200	
	Investment Zones will be able to propose localised apprenticeship incentives for employers linked to the sectoral focus of the Investment Zone, to stimulate demand for	Apprenticeship incentive scheme, supporting recruitment and retention of Advanced Manufacturing / Digital Apprenticeships, Higher Engineering Apprenticeships	2,376	

	apprenticeships targeted to the specific skills and labour market needs of their Investment Zones	(L4) and Degree Apprenticeships (L5/L6)		
		Degree Apprenticeships Co-creation of Engineering Management MSc programme and incentives to support and stimulate Masters programme demand	1370	
		PhDs and Mres focused programmes (linked to business support)	740	
	Funding for new and improvements to existing training hubs, business support offers, 'incubators' and 'accelerators' for local enterprise which can support entrepreneurs and start-ups through the early stages of development and growth by offering a combination of services, including account management, advice, resources, training, and access to workspace	e.g. KTP, Vouchers, Mini- Full Projects 130/140 vouchers per year	6,679	
Business Support	Support or extend Made Smarter Adoption programme, providing tailored expert advice, intensive support, matched grants, and leadership training to enable SME manufacturers to adopt industrial digital technology solutions. Sector specific tailoring of support to aid all manufacturing sub-sectors	Grants for manufacturing growth		9,500
	Funding to develop concierge system to help sector related businesses in navigating the challenges of access to finance and other forms of support	Coordination of existing business support arrangements and micro-grant support	1,000	
	Additional revenue funding added to the Bus Service Improvement Programme Plus (BSIP+) funding model from June 2024 - that would award funding to LTAs based on a connectivity scoring so they could undertake activities that would boost economic growth	Bus transformation programme, supported as revenue	22,500	
Infrastructure	Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level	e.g. EEOC Project - Academic Support	1,850	

	Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level Funding for new, or improvements to highways access linked to the emerging sectors including those that increase communities' abilities to benefit from and support cluster growth	e.g. EEOC R&D Output	1,000	
		Grant support to unlock key employment sites, focused on IZ Tax Sites		10,000
	Enhanced capital funding for bus infrastructure to speed up journeys, for example, traffic signalling improvements or bus lanes. This provides better, more reliable public transport access for passengers to employment sites	Capital investment to support the bus transformation programme		4,500
	Improving transport connections between modes	e.g. Padeswood Sidings		2,000
	Funding for new, or improvements to active travel	e.g. Active travel interventions Wrexham Gateway		5,000
	Specific capital interventions to enable better join up of potential development sites with utilities and access to the grid	Upgrades to support utility costs of delivering tax sites (may include 'strategic' investment projects aligned to major investments)		20,000
	Funding for the development and support of appropriate innovation infrastructure at the local level	e.g. WU - equipment at EOC		500
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		Industry Transformation Centre (proposed)		5,000
Research and Innovation	Grant funding to support R&D activities subject to implementation considerations	R&D with data focus	1,191	
	Grant funding to support purchase of capital equipment to support improved R&D activity undertaken by businesses.	R&D Grants to Business		9,500
Allocation for Occupier Benefits	Wrexham	£75,000 per acre		5,625
	Flintshire	£75,000 per acre		4,575
Total			64,000	96,000
			160,000	