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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Authority is committed to sustainable development and ensuring that the Rail Services deliver on the objectives that the Welsh Government has set itself in this area.
- 1.2 These include applying the five sustainable development principles of working set out in the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 to ensure that this investment in the Rail Services will help achieve the seven National Well-being Goals.
- 1.3 The Authority requires that the ODP fully complies with and actively works with it to deliver the objectives of the Well-being of Future Generations Act.
- 1.4 The requirements for sustainability are set out in Schedule 13.3 and elsewhere in the ODP Grant Agreement.
- 1.5 Responses to Questions in this Volume must directly address any specific requirements set out in the ODP Grant Agreement and, where appropriate, specify timescales, resources and limitations.

2. Initial Sustainable Development Plan/Strategy and completion of other items required for Bidder population in Schedule 13.3 of the ODP Grant Agreement

- 2.1 The Sustainable Development Strategy is your opportunity to demonstrate how you will deliver through the ODP Services a sustainable future for Wales.
 - 2.2 For this question, your Response may reference other Responses where a matter is more fully detailed subject to:
 - a) The reference being precise to a section or paragraph numbering within the Response;
 - b) The referenced content being specifically relevant to the matter of the Response;
 - c) No more than ten such references being included in the Response.
- R10.1** Submit an Initial Sustainable Development Plan and a Sustainable Development Strategy. The Response should include:
- a. An Initial Sustainable Development Plan;
 - b. A Sustainable Development Strategy; and
 - c. Completion of all items for bidder population in Schedule 13.3 of the ODP Grant Agreement including the sustainability targets.

- 2.3 The Response should:
- a) Conform to document format as set out in Annexes A and B Part I to Schedule 13.3 of the ODP Grant Agreement (excluding the Innovation Strategy which is covered in a separate requirement)
 - b) Respond to all Sustainability requirements and matters for Bidder population set out in Schedule 13.3 of the ODP Grant Agreement;
 - c) Conform to the objectives of the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015;
 - d) Include positive and dynamic proposals to enhance and develop the well-being of citizens in Wales;
 - e) Define how and when the proposals in the documents are to be delivered; and
 - f) Evidence the deliverability of the proposals.

3. Community Rail Partnership (“CRP”) plans and Station Adoptions

- 3.1 The Authority recognises the value of CRPs and Station Adoptions to the Rail Services, to the communities they serve and to increasing passenger use.
- 3.2 The Authority encourages the development of CRPs and Station Adoptions across the network and invites proposals for improving their reach and impact. The Authority’s objectives for CRPs and Station Adoptions is provided in Schedule 13.1 of the ODP Grant Agreement.
- 3.3 The schemes you describe should deliver benefits to the Rail Services, increase patronage and contribute to the Communities they serve.
- 3.4 The schemes you describe should deliver the objectives set out in paragraph 3 of Schedule 13.1 of the ODP Grant Agreement.

R10.2 Describe your proposals for continuing, enhancing and establishing CRPs and Station Adoptions on the network. These should include:

- a. Specifically for CRPs (for both WCB and CVL):
 - i. A description and analysis of your proposals for the development and improvement of each existing CRP;
 - ii. Any proposed additional CRPs for inclusion in Annex B of Schedule 13.1 of the ODP Grant Agreement, including details of your plans for such additional CRPs and implementation dates and any proposed Community Rail Service Level Commitments; and
 - iii. The CRP Amount for inclusion in paragraph 3.8 of Schedule 3.1 of the ODP Grant Agreement which should be at or in excess of the minimum value specified of [redacted] annually and which should be

sufficient to deliver your plans for CRPs, and any proposed Community Rail Service Level Commitments.

- b. Specifically for Station Adoption Schemes (both WCB and CVL):
 - i. An analysis of existing Station Adoption schemes on the network;
 - ii. Any proposed new station adoptions, including a target number of total adoptions by each year of the ODP Grant Agreement and implementation dates where appropriate; and
 - iii. Free travel proposals for station adoptions as required in paragraph 4.3 of Schedule 13.1 of the ODP Grant Agreement.

4. Initial Innovation Strategy

4.1 You should submit an Initial Innovation Strategy. Further details are provided in paragraphs 1.3 and 1.4 of Schedule 13.2 of the ODP Grant Agreement.

4.2 The Strategy should set out:

- a) How you will identify potential innovations, the benefits they may offer;
- b) How any such innovations will be introduced to the ODP Services; and
- c) An initial review of potential innovations and a roadmap for their review.

R10.3 Submit an Initial Innovation Strategy covering all the requirements in Schedule 13.2 of the ODP Grant Agreement. This should include:

- a. A response to all of the requirements set out by the Authority in Schedule 13.2 of the ODP Grant Agreement;
- b. A dynamic and responsive approach to innovation and its introduction to the ODP Services through the ODP Grant Agreement Term; and
- c. A description of initial innovations you expect to progress.

5. Electrification

5.1 Each Bidder has indicated within its CVL Concept Design the extent of electrification expected in the Core Valley Lines by December 2025. The Authority is seeking to maximise the amount of electrification through the CVL Transformation Phase and reduce carbon as a result in accordance with sections 5 and 7 of Schedule 13.3 of the ODP Grant Agreement.

R10.4 Provide the CVL passenger capacity miles on zero carbon power as defined in Section 16 of Volume 1, and summary background figures to demonstrate how you have arrived at this figure.