

<b>Title of paper:</b>	Valleys Taskforce Engagement Plan
<b>Purpose of paper:</b>	To highlight the programme of planned engagement.
<b>Action required:</b>	<p>The Taskforce is asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Note the upcoming programme of engagement.</li><li>▪ Consider how these events should be shaped and how you would like to be involved. In particular the Local Business Surgery and Transport for Wales events, which are pilots. If successful we hope to run more of these events through the autumn in other locations across the valleys. We would welcome your input and involvement.</li></ul> <p>Further details will be outlined during the taskforce meeting, followed by discussion.</p>
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Date	Time	Activity	Taskforce Workstream	Ministerial involvement	Location
<b>June '19</b>					
4 <sup>th</sup>	All Day	<p>Foundational Economy Challenge Fund Surgeries</p> <p>One to one meetings with people who have expressed an interest in applying for the Foundational Economy Challenge fund. The meetings will allow potential applicants to discuss their ideas, and the process for applying, with officials.</p>	Grounded Firms and Foundational Economy	No	Welsh Government Office - Rhydycar Business Park, Merthyr Tydfil
13 <sup>th</sup>	13:30 – 16:30	<p>PSBs and the Foundational Economy</p> <p>Public services can have a vital role in developing the foundation economy, particularly through their approach to public procurement. We are conscious that many Public Services Boards (PSBs) will have an interest in the aspects of the foundational economy, such as work on place-based well-being, and may be pursuing objectives or taking steps which could benefit from the forthcoming Welsh Government, Foundational Economy Challenge Fund.</p> <p>This event is aimed at those PSBs who have identified aspects of the foundational economy, in preparing and delivering their assessments and local well-being plans, and to those PSB members with an active interest in the foundational economy. It forms part of a series of thematic basis designed to enable PSBs to</p>	Grounded Firms and Foundational Economy	Yes	Angel Hotel, Cardiff

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		work together on similar or common priorities - to learn from each other (and others) and help identify effective interventions and avoid possible duplication.			
17 <sup>th</sup>	11:00-15:00	<p>Local Business Surgery, hosted by Hefin David AM</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will provide local entrepreneurs/small business owners to drop in and meet their local AM to discuss ideas, opportunities and barriers.</li> <li>- The day will be shaped by a series of talks and Q&amp;A sessions from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport</li> <li>o Hefin David AM</li> <li>o Victoria Mann</li> <li>o Welsh ICE</li> </ul> </li> <li>- The event will be Marketplace style. Stalls will include Business Wales, VTF, Superfast Business Wales, Welsh Ice, Be the Spark amongst others.</li> <li>- Local businesses will be invited to provide coffee/refreshments for the day</li> </ul>	Grounded Firms and Foundational Economy	Yes	Think, Create, Motivate – 8 Hanbury Road Bargoed CF81 8QS
<b>July '19</b>					
3 <sup>rd</sup>	16:00 – 19:30	<p>Valleys Taskforce and Transport for Wales – Joint public event</p> <p>During our first round of engagements the number one issue that was consistently raised was Transport.</p> <p>This is the first in a series of events that will offer the</p>	All	Yes	Redhouse Merthyr

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		<p>opportunity for local people to discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The impact of the Metro</li> <li>○ How communities can use their stations once ownership of all of the infrastructure for Valley lines transfers to TfW on September 20<sup>th</sup></li> <li>○ VTF bus pilots and how they could work in other areas</li> <li>○ Integrated transport hubs and the placemaking work currently being funded through VTF</li> <li>○ Stations as community hubs and the opportunities for co-working space at stations</li> </ul> <p>Further events will be scheduled to take place during September and October across each valleys local authority area.</p>			