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Wales Rural Development Programme 2014 – 2020

Policy Comments on Full Application

We are seeking policy input to the appraisal of applications submitted under the socio-economic measures of the Wales Rural Development Programme 2014-2020 in order to ensure fit with relevant strategies and policies and to minimise the potential for duplication.

All full applications submitted to Scheme Management Unit will be assessed against the following criteria adopted for all EU programmes in Wales delivered under the 2014-2020 Programme:

- Strategic Fit
- Financial & Compliance
- Delivery
- Project Management
- Value for Money
- Indicators & Outcomes
- Suitability of Intervention
- Cross Cutting Themes
- Long Term Sustainability

The Application Form – Project Plan template is structured in line with the above selection criteria.

We are only asking you to consider a part of the Strategic Fit Section relevant to your policy area and responses will be amalgamated by an appraisal officer to determine a final score.

The table below is a guide as to what constitutes a 'High', 'Medium', 'Low' and 'Minimal' rating. The rating awarded will be dependent on the quality of information and evidence provided in each section:

High
The applicant has provided robust and detailed responses against all of the evidence requirements and demonstrates minimal risk.
Medium
The applicant has provided satisfactory and detailed responses against most of the evidence requirements and demonstrates a low level of risk.
Low
The applicant has provided potentially incomplete or insufficient responses against one or more of the evidence requirements but demonstrates a potentially significant yet acceptable level of risk.
Minimal
The applicant has provided incomplete or insufficient responses against one or more of the evidence requirements thereby demonstrating an unacceptable level of risk.

Please provide comments and a rating in the comments form below.

Policy Comments Form

Name of Applicant:	The Pumpkin Patch Cookery and Gardening School
Project Title:	c81123
Scheme:	RCDF
Sub Measure:	7.7
Focus Area:	

Section 1 – Strategic Fit

Please consider the quality of evidence provided by the applicant against the following:

Explain how the proposed project will make a contribution to the strategic aims and objectives of the Fund and scheme or measure, for example:

- **Contributes to Welsh Government strategies for the sector**
- **Contributes to any other strategic objectives or makes a contribution to Action Plan targets**

Comments

Within the Strategic Fit section, the application recognises the role the project can play in support poverty. However, there is a significant lack of detail as to how this will be achieved. For example, how does the project look at target low income households. Further benefits could be realised if the project was to work locally with other initiatives. For example, whilst the project is concentrated on increasing skills in relation to cooking, links could be made to reducing household bills through fuel poverty initiatives. This is a shame as it could be a good project to tackle poverty if more details were provided.

Rating (High/Medium/Low/Minimal)	Low
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Name: (completed electronically only)	Welsh Government Official
Branch / Division / Department:	Tackling Poverty Team / Equality and Prosperity Division
Date:	09/01/2017

Please complete and return this form within 15 working days to: SMU@wales.gsi.gov.uk
Please note that if no response is received, this section of the application will be deemed to be acceptable for your policy area and awarded a rating of 'medium'.