

**Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at y Cyfarfod Llawn
Information Further to Plenary**

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Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0630(FM) a gyhoeddwyd gan Carwyn Jones, y Prif Weinidog, ar 16 Gorffennaf 2012

Information further to OAQ(4)0630(FM) issued by Carwyn Jones, the First Minister, on 16 July 2012

At/To Russell George:

I am writing to you following your question in the Chamber on 10 July regarding the Severn Valley Regeneration Programme and the boundary designations that exclude Carno.

The EU funded Severn Valley Regeneration Programme was put in place following a study commissioned in 2007 by the Welsh Government and Powys County Council to look at the economic needs of the towns of Llanidloes, Newtown and Welshpool located in the Severn Valley in north Powys. The study involved stakeholders and, DTZ which undertook the study, invited 60 local organisations to take part in consultation sessions held in the three towns.

The Severn Valley Regeneration Area was defined by the Welsh Government and Powys County Council in agreement with WEFO as being that area of the Severn Valley comprising the three main towns of Llanidloes, Newtown and Welshpool together with their immediate hinterlands. It broadly follows the area of the Severn Valley defined by the Wales Spatial Plan 2008 update. The area was further defined by Town & Community Council boundaries to bring certainty for grant applicants and administrators.

I have investigated the concerns regarding Carno being excluded from the boundary designations of the Severn Valley Regeneration Programme and have found that the defined area is set out in documentation agreed with WEFO and unfortunately is not open to interpretation or variation.

Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at OAQ(4)0626(FM) a gyhoeddwyd gan Carwyn Jones, y Prif Weinidog, ar 17 Gorffennaf 2012

Information further to OAQ(4)0626(FM) issued by Carwyn Jones, the First Minister, on 17 July 2012

At/To Andrew R.T. Davies:

I am writing to you following your question in chamber on 10 July regarding allocation of the SME Fund in South Wales Central.

Since its formation at the end of March the SME Investment Fund has received considerable interest. Finance Wales are dealing with a healthy pipeline of proposals and have confirmed they will make the first investments from the fund in the near future. Awareness sessions promoting the SME Investment Fund have been held throughout Wales with an attendance in excess of 200 interested parties.