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Anawyl Janet,

Further to your question to the First Minister on 7 October 2008 regarding the funding for the "Wrexham 14-19 Skills Centre" project proposal, I am pleased to provide the following information.

In February 2008 Yale College and Wrexham County Borough Council submitted an Outline Business Case to the Department for capital funding to build the Skills Centre. The total cost was estimated to be £5.04m and the required Assembly Government contribution was £4.757m (94.3%). The pre-construction cost element is estimated to be around £320,000.

In order to progress the project, in September 2008 my Department granted £50,000 to the Wrexham 14-19 Network to be used towards the pre-construction costs. It was also established at that time that Wrexham County Borough Council was able to cover the balance of these costs. We have since been informed that the project partners are working with a local firm of consultants to secure planning permission.

The next stage in the funding process requires the Department to invite all applicants that were successful at the Outline Business Case stage to submit their Full Business Case proposal. Details and timescales will be issued shortly.

A final decision regarding which projects to fund as part of the Assembly Government capital funding allocation will be taken when all Full Business Case proposals have been considered.

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