National Assembly for Wales Academic Fellowship scheme
2020 Directed Call: Project outline

Transport Orientated Development
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1 Description of the Project

Transport orientated development is an issue that comes up regularly in Economy, Infrastructure and Skills (EIS) Committee work and is also a feature of the Welsh Government’s draft National Development Framework (NDF), which is being scrutinised by the Climate Change, Environment and Rural Affairs (CCERA) Committee. It is key to the Welsh Government’s decarbonisation agenda in general.

The Fellow would be expected to set out the issues and barriers to achieving this in Wales, critique the Welsh Government’s and other’s (e.g. Transport for Wales) approach, identify good practice in the integration of transport and land use planning, and, drawing on their own expertise and knowledge of examples in other countries, present recommendations for how to improve the approach in Wales.

2 Skills/expertise required

- Expertise in transport orientated development, from an integrated land use planning and transport planning perspective.
- The prospective Fellow does not need not be familiar with the Welsh context but would be expected to become familiar with it if they are successful in being accepted for the Fellowship. There are benefits to having an outside perspective.
- Experience and knowledge of UK and overseas examples of successful transport orientated development that are relevant to Wales.
- Excellent written and oral presentation skills. Comfortable giving oral evidence to committee/s and meeting with key players.
- Able to work with and take direction from Senedd Research subject specialists.
3 Expected Outputs

Research briefing to be published by Senedd Research.

Depending on timing, the fellow may present to Assembly Committee/s as part of NDF scrutiny, or more generally. This may require an interim report (in the case of NDF scrutiny).

4 Expected timescale

The Assembly’s Scrutiny of NDF is likely to be in April-June 2020 and so it would be ideal if the Fellow could present to the Committee during this time period. A final paper would be expected later in the year.

If the NDF timeframe does not work with the Fellowship timetable, the Fellowship outputs will be used to inform wider work.

5 Working arrangements

There is no requirement for the Fellow to work from the Assembly’s offices in Cardiff, though periodic meetings will be needed.

The time commitment is to be determined and agreed with the successful Fellow but it is unlikely to be more than 1-2 days a week for 3-4 months.