

## Club Information Sheet

12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Clubs with specific queries relating to any topic included in the information sheet should contact the WRU Helpdesk [clubdevelopment@wru.wales](mailto:clubdevelopment@wru.wales) for further guidance.

### **Club Catch Up**

This week Chris Munro (National Club Development Manager) spoke to Peter Weavers (Deputy Chair, Honorary Secretary & Director) at Gwernyfed RFC Ltd. The discussion included the club's approach to membership, some of the difficulties faced whilst accessing the financial support packages, contingency measures such as securing a bounce back loan and how the players, coaches and volunteers have rallied around the club in these uncertain times. The call can be accessed by following the link below:-

[Gwernyfed RFC](#)

### **Club Impact Survey Findings**

We would like to thank all of the clubs who have submitted Impact Surveys prior to the final deadline on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2020. The key headline findings of the Survey have been provided in the infographic below and are also attached to the covering e-mail.

[Impact Survey Infographic](#)

### **Economic Resilience Fund**

The Welsh Government Economic Resilience Fund is preparing to reopen for new applicants. We will continue to update clubs as to when the portal will open for submitting applications, but we would also recommend clubs keep a look out for Welsh Government announcements. The criteria for the fund has slightly changed since phase one and for convenience, we have provided the main points below. Please note however, if a club has been in receipt of any of the Welsh Government grant aid, such as the Business Rate Grant (also extended to CASC clubs), phase one of the Economic Resilience Fund, then you will be ineligible to apply for more financial support.

### **Unincorporated Club**

To be eligible for the Economic Resilience Fund the club would need to meet the following criteria listed below:-:

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- Confirmation is provided that funding from any other Welsh Government non-repayable grant funding source is not being pursued;
- In excess of a 40% reduction in turnover since 1 March 2020 has been experienced
- VAT registered or sector exempt from VAT with turnover greater than £85k
- Employing people using PAYE
- Not eligible for business rate relief; and
- Operating address is in Wales and has employees in Wales.
- A sustainable plan exists to trade beyond the COVID-19 pandemic

### Incorporated Club

To be eligible for the Economic Resilience Fund the club would need to meet the following criteria listed below:

- Confirmation is provided that funding from any other Welsh Government non-repayable grant funding source is not being pursued;
- In excess of a 40% reduction in turnover since 1 March 2020
- Companies House registered
- **Meet two of the three points below:**
  - (1) Are VAT registered or exempt
  - (2) Employing people using PAYE
  - (3) Must have a turnover of at least £50,000
- Not eligible for business rate relief
- Operating address is in Wales and has employees in Wales.
- A sustainable plan exists to trade beyond the COVID-19 pandemic

Link to the fund checker - [Economic Resilience Fund](#)

### Club Development Virtual Drop In Sessions

We have now hosted 3 drop in sessions with clubs from the Scarlets, Blues and Dragons regions which have been well received by the participants. Members of the Club Development Team and a representative from the Investment Team at Sport Wales will be available to answer any questions regarding the information provided in these weekly updates.

The dates and times of the remaining drop in sessions are provided below.

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Region	Date	Time
North Wales	Wednesday 17th June	9am-10.30am 3pm-4.30pm (Sport Wales 3pm – 4pm)
Ospreys	Thursday 18th June	9am-10.30am 3pm-4.30pm (Sport Wales 3pm – 4pm)

Invites and instructions on how to join the drop in sessions will be sent to Club Secretaries two days prior to the proposed date.