



## Wales Construction Federation Alliance [WCFA]

### Immediate post-Covid19 recovery tasks (Restart phase) – 12-point plan

1. Public sector clients to set out a clear short term (6-12 month) investment programme to build confidence and stimulate immediate public sector infrastructure/construction projects.
2. Public sector clients to expedite design & planning phases of projects in their pipeline to ensure continuity of work to suppliers.
3. Public sector clients to support contractors to restart and to apply the supplier relief measures set out in PPN02/20.
4. Public sector clients commit to following Welsh Government endorsed guidance on responsible contractual behaviour and consider adoption of the Conflict Avoidance Pledge.
5. Industry to share information about material and product supply and demand across construction firms, materials producers, product producers and merchants.
6. Industry and CITB to develop sector specific guidance on safe operating procedures based on good practices.
7. Industry and CITB to provide training on implementing coronavirus guidance in the workplace.
8. CITB to produce distance learning resources for apprentices.
9. Welsh Government to encourage all Local Planning Authorities and statutory consultees to adopt a flexible and business focused approach to all planning matters to help facilitate development.
10. Public sector clients to support contractors through prompt/early payment processes as set out in supplier relief measures in PPN02/20.
11. Public sector clients to release retention monies to increase cashflow across the industry as supported by PPN02/20.
12. Welsh Government to provide a statement to businesses that future investment in housing assets and infrastructure will be dependent on meeting decarbonisation targets.

Many of these short-term actions could be encouraged by a specific ministerial statement of support to the construction sector and an instruction and/or encouragement to wider public sector partners to adhere to existing regulations and guidance on good practices. Such a statement would also provide confidence to those SMEs and micro businesses in the domestic and repairs sector to recommence operations safely.