

NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD FRIDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2019

Present:

Voting Members - Councillors:- Hugh Evans (Denbighshire Council), Llinos Medi Huws (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Gareth Jones (Conwy County Borough Council), Mark Pritchard (Wrexham Council), Aaron Shotton (Flintshire Council), Dyfrig L. Siencyn (Gwynedd Council).

Advisors – Dafydd Evans (Grŵp Llandrillo Menai), Maria Hinfelaar (Glyndwr University), Prof. Jo Rycroft-Malone (Bangor University), Ashley Rogers (North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council).

Chief Officers - Marc Jones (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Iwan Davies (Conwy County Borough Council), Colin Everett (Flintshire Council), Judith Greenhalgh (Denbighshire Council), Ian Bancroft (Wrexham Council), Dilwyn Williams (Gwynedd Council).

Officers in attendance – Dafydd L. Edwards (Section 151 Officer), Iwan Trefor Jones (The Board's Lead Director), Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer) and Eirian Roberts (Member Support Officer).

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2019/20

Councillor Aaron Shotton (Flintshire Council) was elected Chair of the Joint-Committee for 2019/20.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2019/20

Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn (Gwynedd Council) was elected Vice-chair of the Joint-Committee for 2019/20.

3. APOLOGIES

David Jones (Coleg Cambria).

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

5. URGENT MATTER - RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

The Chief Executive of the Host Authority submitted a request for the Joint-committee to discuss commencing the process for recruiting a Programme Director due to increased risks to the Growth Deal in delaying moving forward.

The Chair was willing for this matter to be considered as an urgent matter due to the impact and risks of a delay in appointing a Programme Director for the Growth Deal.

RESOLVED

1. To delegate the right to the Chief Executive of the Host Authority, in

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consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair of the Joint-Committee to;

- (a) prepare a job description and person specification for the post of Programme Director,
 - (b) undertake a job evaluation process on the post in accordance with Gwynedd Council arrangements in order to set the salary,
 - (c) proceed to advertise the post.
2. That a report recommending the appointment procedure thereafter is submitted to the next meeting of the Joint-Committee.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

If the usual procedure were to be followed, the details of the recruitment process would be submitted to the Joint-Committee in March and would, therefore, extend the schedule against the work programme.

DISCUSSION

In response to an enquiry, the Monitoring Officer confirmed that there were already some resources in the budget and that there was no problem with moving ahead with the recruitment process in the meantime.

6. INITIAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE AMBITION BOARD AND ARRANGEMENTS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The report was submitted by the Board's Lead Director.

RESOLVED

- (a) To agree on the high-level work programme for the Economic Ambition Board over the next 6-9 months.
- (b) To agree on a schedule of meetings for the Economic Ambition Board until the end of the calendar year.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was essential that the Economic Ambition Board, in its new guise, had a clear work programme to lead key activities over the next 6-9 months. This would allow the Board to commission the Executive Support Group with a purposeful work plan in order to co-ordinate the work of delivering the Growth Vision. This would ensure an agreed direction for the Executive Support Group's activities, with clear milestones and timetables, which would help in managing expectations.

The meeting commenced at 3.00 pm and concluded at 3.20 pm

CHAIRMAN