



DECISION NOTICE
15 03 19

Date of Meeting:

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SUBJECT

Item 5: NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD GOVERNANCE

DECISION

Resolved to:

1. Accept the report
 2. Accept that the North Wales Economic Ambition Board as far as reasonably practicable will meet at a single appropriate North Wales venue in accordance with the report.
 3. Pending the establishment of a formal Business Leaders Group, appoint the Chairman of North Wales Business Group as an Adviser to the Economic Ambition Board and to confirm the Advisers structure.
 4. That a further report on proposed Sub-Boards be presented to the next meeting of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.
 5. To accept the Operating Protocol for the North Wales Economic Ambition Board subject to confirming rights for the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer to report directly to the North Wales Economic Ambition Board as and when required.
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REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

On 18 December 2018, the Partners signed up to Governance Agreement One ("GA1") provided in order to establish a Joint-committee under the Local Government Acts of 1972 and 2000 which has formal decision-making powers. In order to establish the Economic Ambition Board as a Joint-committee with decision-making rights, some decisions are needed from the Board on matters in relation to governance arrangements.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Executive Group were consulted.

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.



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Item 6: A GROWTH DEAL FOR NORTH WALES - DRAFT IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

DECISION

To approve the Implementation Plan as a basis for further negotiations with the UK and Welsh Governments on a potential Heads of Terms agreement for a North Wales Growth Deal subject to incorporating the following adaptations in the Plan:

1. Flexibility in terms of time-frame, expenditure portfolio and project priorities in Section 7 of the Implementation Plan based on their maturity and affordability.
 2. Flexibility on the financing package from both Governments in order to implement the projects in the Implementation Plan.
 3. Add a timetable for establishing July 2019 as the date for agreeing Heads of Terms for both Governments.
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REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

The purpose of the Draft Implementation Plan is to determine the arrangements for implementing the North Wales Growth Deal - in accordance with the requirements of UK Government and Welsh Government before agreeing on Heads of Terms. UK Government and Welsh Government requested an Implementation Plan towards the end of November. It has been prepared in the context of the North Wales Growth Vision document which received the support and approval of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board partners in October 2018.

The Implementation Plan contains high-level activities which will support the work of delivering the Growth Deal together with details about the nature of every project funded through the Growth Deal, their outcomes and benefits and the indicative timetable and the projects' interdependencies.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.

The Executive Officers Group and the North Wales Business Delivery Group were consulted.



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Item 7: 2019-20 BUDGET

DECISION

- I. To accept and adopt the Economic Ambition Board's Budget for 2019/20, which is split to show the Programme Management Office, Accountable Body Support Services and Joint-Committee costs.
 - II. To approve the arrangements and finance for Gwynedd Council to deliver the Accountable Body functions as set out in the report.
 - III. To delegate the authority to the Programme Director and Gwynedd Council's Section 151 Officer to implement the budget approved.
 - IV. To approve transferring the underspend from the former shadow arrangements to the Economic Ambition Board Joint Committee.
 - V. To approve transferring the underspend at the end of the 2018/19 financial year to an earmarked reserve that will be available to fund one-off costs in future years.
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REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

In order to operate effectively, the newly-formed Economic Ambition Board needs a full year budget for 2019/20.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.

The Executive Group was consulted.



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Item 8: UPDATE ON THE ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD WORK PROGRAMME

DECISION

To approve the RAG status (Red, Amber, Green) on all actions within the Work Programme, noting that two actions under the Heads of Terms heading noted below will change from amber to red.

- Challenge sessions with Ministers from UK Government and Welsh Government
- Formal approval to Heads of Terms for the Growth Deal.

Modify the timetable and the responsibility for some tasks in the Work Programme, in accordance with the explanation in section 4.3 and 4.4 of the report.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

The Economic Ambition Board's Work Programme is reviewed over 3 quarters, and it outlines 10 key categories, with specific tasks against the categories. The timeframe, responsibility and RAG status are set out against each task.

The Work Programme was approved by the North Wales Economic Ambition Board on 1 February 2019, and an update is needed on the progress of Work Programme tasks.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.

The Work Programme was developed by the Lead Director in consultation with the Executive Officers Group.



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Item 9: NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

DECISION

It was decided that:

- I. A scheduled meeting of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board will agree on a short list of candidates to be invited for further consideration.
- II. All short-listed candidates will be invited to attend a Professional Assessment Centre. The Assessment Centre will be led by an external assessor used by the Accountable Body for appointments to senior posts. The assessor will provide a written report of each candidate's performance.
- III. Formal interview of short-listed candidates at an additional meeting of the Board to be arranged with feedback from the Assessment Centre to be provided at the meeting prior to the appointment.
- IV. Following a job evaluation, it was agreed that the post would be advertised with a salary of £86,000 to £96,000 with the flexibility of a market addition should an exceptional candidate apply.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Members of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board noted that not only were they keen to make the key appointment of a Programme Director as soon as possible, but also to ensure that the recruitment process and arrangements are effective and robust.

During the previous meeting of the Board on 1 February, it was noted that the Chief Executive of the Accountable Body, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair, should take action to accelerate the process and commence the recruitment process. Confirming the appointments procedure is a matter for the Board.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Declarations of personal interest was received from Iwan Trefor Jones, the Boards Lead Director, and Nia Medi Williams due to the nature of the job being discussed. It was a

prejudicial interest and they left the meeting.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.
