



**DECISION NOTICE**  
**15 11 19**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 5: GROWTH DEAL UPDATE

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**DECISION**

To accept the report which provided an update on the North Wales Growth Deal and to agree to add the following risks to the risk register:

- A slippage in the timeframe to reach a Final Agreement would affect the drawing down of Growth Deal funds from the Government, which would subsequently affect the ability to deliver projects successfully within the timeframe.
  - Welsh Government's Economic Plan does not align with the EAB's Growth Vision
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**REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

The report was submitted in order to provide an update on the development of the North Wales Growth Deal and attention was drawn to the signing of the Heads of Terms, appointments to the programme office together with reporting on the work of reviewing and updating the Work Programme and the risk register.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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**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: ESF FUNDING APPLICATION

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**DECISION**

Resolved to:

- Delegate authority for Gwynedd Council acting as Host Authority to prepare and submit the Business Plan to WEFO on the basis set out in the report
  - Delegate the authority to the Chief Executive of the Host Authority in consultation with the NWEAB Lead Director and the Host Authority Section 151 Officer to accept a WEFO grant offer based on 50% of the total project cost (£5.6 million) for the period July 2018 up until June 2023.
  - Confirm that the NWEAB accepts that it will contribute match funding at 50% primarily by a combination of capitalisation of project costs and core budget (from partner contributions).
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**REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

It was noted that the Executive Officers Group had been working on a European Social Fund (ESF) application to design and build the necessary capacity for delivering the North Wales Growth Deal. It was added that the ESF grant would provide funding to the region to progress the development and delivery of the Growth Vision, through the establishment of a Programme Office. It was noted that the first stage of the application had been completed and WEFO had confirmed that the NWEAB may proceed to the Business Planning stage.

It was added that the Executive Officers Group had developed the details for the Business Plan and the Plan would be presented to WEFO following the NWEAB's approval.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

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Item 7: REGIONAL SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT PLAN

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**DECISION**

To endorse the regional Skills and Employment Plan and agree to the three priorities as set out in the plan.

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**REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

It was noted that the North Wales Skills and Employment Plan 2019-2022 had been developed to inform Welsh Government's strategic approach to the delivery of skills and employment provision in the region.

It was noted that this was a report to the Board on the regional Skills and Employment plan which had been produced by the North Wales Regional Skills Partnership following consultations with regional stakeholders and providers and the industry between April and July 2019.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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**ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION**

Consultation has taken place with the Executive Officers Group, the North Wales Regional Skills Partnership and employers and providers over the summer of 2019

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

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**SUBJECT**

Item 8: NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT FRAMEWORK

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**DECISION**

To amend the response to the consultation on the National Development Framework as set out in Appendix 2, to include any matters arising during this meeting of the NWEAB and submit them to WG by 18 November

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**REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

It was noted that the National Development Framework determined where developments will happen within the region. It was added that it was essential that the National Development Framework accurately reflected the aims of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board, the adopted Regional Economic Ambition Strategy and the emerging Growth Deal.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

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**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.