



**Bwrdd Uchelgais Economaidd  
Gogledd Cymru**

**North Wales  
Economic Ambition Board**

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Date of Meeting:**

10 12 21

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**SUBJECT**

Item 5: NORTH WALES REGIONAL ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK - DRAFT

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**DECISION**

To recommend the draft 'Regional Economic Framework for North Wales' for adoption by each local authority.

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**REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

The Welsh Government's Economic Action Plan (EAP) established the basis for regional working, including a commitment to deliver a stronger regional voice through a regionally-focused model of economic development. This includes the establishment of regional teams and the development of Regional Economic Frameworks (REFs).

REFs are intended as a vehicle to help promote collaborative regional planning and delivery amongst public, private and third sector partners. Delivery will be focussed around a single shared vision for each region and supported by a suite of shared regional priorities and principles.

The development of REFs will be key in informing and influencing the delivery of Welsh Government funding priorities.

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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 Support 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: INVESTMENT STRATEGY

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**DECISION**

To note the update on the development of an investment strategy.

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**REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

Each year the North Wales Growth Deal enters into an independent Gateway Review as part of its governance and assurance process. The Portfolio's Gateway Review, held in August 2021 delivered a delivery confidence rating of Amber/Green, which recognises that successful delivery appears probable. However, constant attention will be needed to ensure risks do not materialise into major issues threatening delivery.

One of the review panel's recommendation was that that a portfolio level strategy for attracting and securing private, and other, sector investment should be developed and adopted.

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#### **SUBJECT**

Item 8: CHANGE CONTROL - UPDATE

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#### **DECISION**

To note the update on the change requests.

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#### **REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

On December 2020, agreement was reached on the Final Deal Agreement for the North Wales Growth Deal. It was noted that the North Wales Growth Deal has a change management process in place to ensure potential changes to the scope of the Growth Deal and the projects are captured, assessed and where relevant considered by the Board.

Change requests are assessed by the Portfolio Management Office and considered by the Portfolio Board prior to any recommendation being made to the Board.

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#### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

Declaration of personal interest was received by Maria Hinfelaar, Glyndwr University and Askar Sheibani as a member of the Glyndwr University Board of Governors, and Prof. Iwan Davies, Bangor University, as projects in relation to Bangor and Glyndwr University was discussed it was a prejudicial interest and they left the meeting

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

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## **SUBJECT**

Item 9: DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING PROJECT - FULL BUSINESS CASE

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## **DECISION**

To approve the Full Business Case for the Digital Processing Centre project and authorise the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Vice-chair, Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer to agree and enter into a funding agreement with Bangor University for the delivery of the project, subject to Bangor University addressing the outstanding issues set out in section 7 of the report and securing all necessary internal approvals for the project

To note that phase 2 and 3 of the project will be subject to Bangor University producing a Business Justification Case for each expenditure phase.

To delegate to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer authority to approve the subsequent Business Justification Cases for phase 2 and 3 of the project where expenditure and benefits are in line with the Full Business Case presented.

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## **REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

The Board approved the Outline Business Case for the project on the 26 August 2021 with the project subsequently receiving the approval of the assurance process from Welsh Government. This enabled Bangor University to progress with the procurement phase and development of the Full Business Case.

Bangor University have now completed the procurement for phase 1 of the project and are now presenting to the Board, a Full Business Case for a final investment decision.

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## **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

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Declaration of personal interest was received by Prof. Iwan Davies as a Bangor University representative, it was a prejudicial interest and left the meeting.

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

The Executive Support Group were consulted.

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