# NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD DECISION NOTICE 26 08 21

Date of Meeting: 26 08 21

### **SUBJECT**

Item 5: GLYNLLIFON RURAL ECONOMY HUB OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

### **DECISION**

To approve the Outline Business Case for the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub project and, subject to Welsh and UK Government approval of the assurance process undertaken, and Grŵp Llandrillo Menai addressing the matters set out in the report, request that a Full Business Case is prepared for the Board to consider following the completion of the procurement process and the consenting process.

To delegate final approval of the procurement specification and social value criteria to the Portfolio Director prior to the project sponsor starting procurement.

To agree the final funding plans for the project which will form the basis of the Grant Offer Letter at the Full Business Case stage and authorise the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer of the Host Authority, to agree draft terms for approval by the Board.

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

As per the Final Deal agreement, business cases will be developed for each project within the Growth Deal, in line with the 'Better Business Case' guidance developed by Welsh Government and HM Treasury.

Securing the approval of the NWEAB to the Outline Business Case provides the necessary approval which will allow the project to move forward to the next stage which, subject to Welsh and UK Government approval of the assurance process, will mean that a Full Business Case is developed for a final investment decision by the NWEAB.

## **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

# 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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#### **SUBJECT**

Item 6: DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSING CENTRE OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

### **DECISION**

To approve the Outline Business Case for the Digital Signal Processing Centre project and, subject to Welsh and UK Government approval of the assurance process undertaken, and Bangor University addressing the matters set out in the report, request that a Full Business Case is prepared for the Board to consider following the completion of the procurement process.

To delegate final approval of the procurement specification and social value criteria to the Portfolio Director prior to the project sponsor starting procurement.

To agree the final funding plans for the project which will form the basis of the Grant Offer Letter at the Full Business Case stage and authorise the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer of the Host Authority, to agree draft terms for approval by the Board.

# **REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

As per the Final Deal agreement, business cases will be developed for each project within the Growth Deal, in line with the 'Better Business Case' guidance developed by Welsh Government and HM Treasury.

Securing the approval of the NWEAB to the Outline Business Case provides the necessary approval which will allow the project to move forward to the next stage which, subject to Welsh and UK Government approval of the assurance process, will mean that a Full Business Case is developed for a final investment decision by the NWEAB.

## **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

A declaration of Personal Interest was received from Professor Iwan Davies as it was an application involving Bangor University, and therefore he withdrew from the meeting for the discussion on the business case.

A declaration of Personal Interest was received from Askar Sheibani in item 9 as he was part of the application and therefore he withdrew from the meeting for the discussion on the business case.

## 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.

