



**Bwrdd Uchelgais Economaidd  
Gogledd Cymru**

**North Wales  
Economic Ambition Board**

**DECISION NOTICE**

**Date of Meeting:**

15 07 22

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## **SUBJECT**

Item 5: NORTH WALES GROWTH DEAL - QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE REPORT

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## **DECISION**

To note and accept the Quarter 1 Performance Report and updated Portfolio Risk Register.

To note the work to reprofile the delivery plan as part of the Portfolio Business Case update and that this information will be available for the Quarter 2 report.

To approve the submission of the Quarter 1 Performance Report to Welsh Government and UK Government as well as the local authority scrutiny committees.

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

Quarterly and annual reporting on progress against the North Wales Growth Deal is one of the requirements of the Final Deal Agreement. Following the North Wales Economic Ambition Board's consideration, the reports would be shared with Welsh Government, UK Government as well as the local authority scrutiny committees.

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

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**SUBJECT**

Item 6: NWEAB'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2021-22

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**DECISION**

To accept and note the NWEAB's Draft Statement of Accounts (subject to audit) for 2021/22.

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**REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

There is no statutory requirement for the Board to approve the draft Statement of Accounts of the Joint Committee, but we consider that the submission of the draft statement for information is good practice to follow.

It was noted that the Board will need to approve the final version in October following receipt of the Audit report, and it was explained that the submission of the draft now is an opportunity for Board members to consider the content and to equip themselves with relevant information.

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## **SUBJECT**

Item 7: AUDIT PLAN 2022 - NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD JOINT COMMITTEE

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## **DECISION**

To accept the Audit Wales report which highlighted the NWEAB's Audit Plan for 2022.

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

Whilst the North Wales Economic Ambition Board Joint Committee (the Joint Committee) has previously prepared a minor Joint Committees Annual Return, this will be the first year that the Joint Committee will be producing full financial statements. We will audit the financial statements to make sure that public money is being properly accounted for.

This document sets out the work Audit Wales plan to undertake during 2022 to discharge their statutory responsibilities as the external auditor and to fulfil their obligations under the Code of Audit Practice.

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## **SUBJECT**

Item 9: LAST FEW % PROJECT - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

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## **DECISION**

To approve the Outline Business Case for the Connecting the Last Few % project subject to Welsh and UK Governments' approval of the assurance process undertaken, and the Portfolio Management Office addressing the matters set out in the report, as set out in Section 7 request that a Full Business Case is prepared for the Board to consider following the confirmation of the outcome of the Open Market Review (OMR) Public Review and the completion of the procurement process.

To note that the current number of white premises to be targeted within the OBC are provisional pending the outcome of the Public Review and that the final procurement approach will be confirmed following the outcome of the Public Review and the Market Engagement.

To delegate to the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair final approval of the procurement approach incorporating the findings of the Public Review and the Market Engagement and the final approval of the procurement specification and social value criteria prior to commencing procurement.

To note that the final funding arrangements for the project will be agreed at the Full Business Case stage and authorise the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Host Authority Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to agree draft terms for approval by the Board.

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

To seek the Boards approval of the Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Connecting the Last Few % project in order to progress with the project.

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## **SUBJECT**

Item 10: PROPOSED JOINT VENTURE AGREEMENT FOR THE DELIVERY OF EMPLOYMENT PREMISES IN GWYNEDD

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## **DECISION**

To support the principle of a Joint Venture Agreement with Welsh Government for the delivery of advance employment Units on Plot C3 Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor as shown on the attached Estate plan (Appendix A).

To delegate the work of negotiating a Joint Venture Agreement in accordance with this report to the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and to ask for the final version to come back to the Board for approval.

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

In order to enable the project to proceed to the next phase, there is a need to secure a Joint Venture Agreement is to clarify the roles of both parties. It was explained that a draft agreement has been developed subject to review and final agreement by both parties.

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