



**Bwrdd Uchelgais Economaidd  
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**North Wales  
Economic Ambition Board**

Meeting

**NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD**

Date and Time

**2.30 pm, FRIDAY, 30TH SEPTEMBER, 2022**

Location

**Virtual Meeting - Zoom**

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# **NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD**

## **MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

### **Voting Members**

#### **Councillors**

Jason McLellan	Denbighshire County Council
Llinos Medi Huws	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Mark Pritchard	Wrexham County Borough Council
Ian B. Roberts	Flintshire County Council
Charlie McCoubrey	Conwy County Borough Council
Dyfrig Siencyn	Gwynedd Council

### **Advisers - Non-voting**

Dafydd Evans	Grwp Llandrillo Menai
Maria Hinfelaar	Glyndwr University
Yana Williams	Coleg Cambria
Askar Sheibani	Business Delivery Board
Professor Iwan Davies	Bangor University

### **Chief Officers - Non-voting**

Dylan Williams	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Iwan Davies	Conwy County Borough Council
Neal Cockerton	Flintshire County Council
Dafydd Gibbard	Gwynedd Council
Ian Bancroft	Wrexham County Borough Council
Graham Boase	Denbighshire County Council

### **Officers in Attendance**

Dewi Morgan	Section 151 Officer
Iwan G. Evans	Monitoring Officer
Alwen Williams	Portfolio Director
Hedd Vaughan Evans	Operations Manager

# AGENDA

## 1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

## 2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declarations of Personal Interest

## 3. URGENT BUSINESS

To note any items that are a matter of urgency in the view of the Chair for consideration.

## 4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 5 - 11

The Chair shall propose that the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2022 be signed as a true record.

## 5. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 12 - 31

Hedd Vaughan-Evans, Head of Operations to present a report to accept and approve the Annual Governance Statement.

## 6. 2022/23 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW - AUGUST 2022 32 - 42

Dewi A Morgan, Host Authority Statutory Finance Officer and Sian Pugh, Host Authority Group Accountant to provide the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB) with details of the actual revenue expenditure and income up to the end of August 2022, as well as projected full year out-turn against its annual budget.

## 7. NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE (CJC)- PART-TIME SECONDMENT OF THE EAB PORTFOLIO DIRECTOR AS INTERIM CJC CHIEF EXECUTIVE 43 - 52

Dylan J Williams, North Wales Councils' Lead Chief Executive for the Economic Ambition Board presents a request by the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC), to the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (EAB), to release part of their Portfolio Director's time to fulfil the CJC Chief Executive's role, initially on a temporary basis until 31 March 2023

## 8. REGIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY - ACTION PLAN 53 - 92

Henry Aron, Energy Programme Manager, Ambition North Wales and Rhys Horan, Strategic Lead, Welsh Government Energy Service to seek the Board's approval of the draft Action Plan to the North Wales Energy Strategy and their recommendations regarding local authority endorsement.

**9. NORTH WALES GROWTH DEAL - HORIZON SCANNING** 93 - 95

Alwen Williams, Portfolio Director and Hedd Vaughan-Evans, Head of Operations to present a report that set out the proposed principles and process for identifying a preferred way forward when projects are withdrawn from the North Wales Growth Deal.

**10. CHANGE CONTROL: BODELWYDDAN KEY STRATEGIC SITE PROJECT** 96 - 99

Alwen Williams, Portfolio Director and David Mathews, Land and Property Programme Manager to present a report to recommend the withdraw of the Bodelwyddan Key Strategic Site project from the North Wales Growth Deal.

**11. CHANGE CONTROL: MORLAIS** 100 - 104

Henry Aron (Energy Programme Manager, Ambition North Wales) to seek the Board's endorsement of the PMO's recommendations regarding the Morlais Change Request

**12. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Chairman shall propose that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussions on the following items for the reasons noted in Paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government act 1972 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

There is an acknowledged public interest in openness in relation to the use of public resources and related financial issues. It is also acknowledged that there are occasions, in order to protect the financial and commercial interests that matters related to such information need to be discussed without being publicised. The report deals specifically with financial and business matter and related discussions. Publication of such commercially sensitive information could adversely affect the interests of the bodies and the Councils and undermine the confidence of other Growth Deal participants in sharing sensitive information for consideration. This would be contrary to the wider public interest of securing the best overall outcome. For those reasons I am satisfied that the matter should be exempt in the public interest.

**13. TRANSPORT & DECARBONISATION (HYDROGEN) PROJECT - NEXT STEPS**

Graham Williams, Project Manager and Hedd Vaughan-Evans, Head of Operations to present the report.