



## **NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD DECISION NOTICE**

### **DATE OF DECISION**

28 October 2022

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 5: FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2022 AND RELEVANT AUDIT

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### **DECISION**

#### **Approve:**

- 'ISA260' report by Audit Wales in respect of NWEAB
  - NWEAB's final Statement of Accounts for 2021-22 (post-audit)
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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The final version (post-audit) of the Statement of Accounts for 2021/22 was presented. The main amendments since the pre-audit version were outlined in section 16 of the report and Appendix 3 of the Audit Wales 'ISA260'.

The Chair of the Board, together with the Head of Finance, were asked to certify the Letter of Representation, electronically (Appendix 1 to Audit Wales' report) after the NWEAB approved the above.

After receiving the Letter of Representation duly certified by the Chairman and the Head of Finance, the Auditor General for Wales (Adrian Crompton) will issue the certificate on the accounts.

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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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ITEM 6: NORTH WALES GROWTH DEAL – QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE AND RISK REPORT

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**DECISION**

1. To note the Quarter 2 Performance Report and updated Portfolio Risk Register.
  2. To approve the submission of the Quarter 2 Performance Report to Welsh Government and UK Government as well as the local authority scrutiny committees.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Quarterly reporting on progress against the North Wales Growth Deal is one of the requirements of the Final Deal Agreement. Following the NWEAB'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**

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ITEM 8: PORTFOLIO BUSINESS CASE 2022

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**DECISION**

1. To approve the 2022 update of the Portfolio Business Case and its submission to Welsh Government and UK Government as part of the annual award of funding process.
  2. To note that while the Bodelwyddan Key Strategic Site has been withdrawn from the Growth Deal, the targets associated with this project are still captured within the business case and will remain until a decision is made on a replacement project(s).
  3. To note that the Llysfasi Net Zero Farm project has been withdrawn from the Growth Deal by Coleg Cambria and that the Business Case will be updated to reflect this before being submitted to Welsh and UK Governments. Also, that the (Egni) project remains under review and that the latest information for the project is included in the business case pending completion of the review and a decision by the Board.
  4. To request that the Portfolio Director submit all required documentation and change request form to Welsh and UK Government as part of the annual award of funding process and delegate to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair and the Vice Chair of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board, the Monitoring Officer and the S151 Officer, authority to negotiate with Welsh Government and UK Government on the timing of the award of funding and to make any minor amendments as requested by either government.
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5. To note the recommendations of the Portfolio Assurance Review (PAR) and request that the Portfolio Director develop an action plan to address the recommendations.
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## **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

It is a requirement of the Final Deal Agreement that the Portfolio Business Case is updated on an annual basis and submitted to Welsh Government and UK Government as part of the annual award of funding process.

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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**

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ITEM 9: PARC BRYN CEGIN

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**DECISION**

1. To agree to enter into a Joint Venture Agreement with Welsh Government for the delivery of advanced employment units on Plot C3 Parc Bryn Cegin as shown on the estate plan attached in Appendix A to the report circulated to Board members.
  2. To delegate authority to the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to finally agree the terms and complete the Joint Venture Agreement in accordance with the report.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

At its meeting on 15 July 2022 the Board requested a further report on the Joint Venture Agreement. The report offered an update on the discussions, requested confirmation of the proposal to delegate authority to finally agree the terms and complete the agreement in accordance with the report.

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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 Land and Property Programme Board has been informed of the Joint Venture proposals with Welsh Government as part of the regular project updates provided to the Programme Board.

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The Portfolio Board gave its support to the report on 7 October 2022.

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

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