



**Bwrdd Uchelgais Economaidd
Gogledd Cymru**

**North Wales
Economic Ambition Board**

**DECISION NOTICE
27 10 23**

Date of Meeting:

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SUBJECT

Item 5: NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD JOINT-COMMITTEE -
DETAILED AUDIT PLAN 2023

DECISION

To accept the Audit Wales report which highlighted the NWEAB's Audit Plan for 2023.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

In order to fulfil their responsibilities as external auditor and to fulfil their obligations under the Code of Audit Practice, Audit Wales complete work each year to meet the following duties:-

- Audit the North Wales Economic Ambition Board Joint Committee's (the Joint Committee's) financial statements to make sure that public money is being properly accounted for;
- The Joint Committee has to put in place arrangements to get value for money for the resources it uses, and the Auditor General has to be satisfied that it has done this.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Audit Wales consulted with the Section 151 Officer on the Audit Plan and the plan was shared with the Portfolio Management Office also.



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Item 6: NORTH WALES GROWTH DEAL - QUARTER 2 PERFORMANCE AND RISKS
REPORT 2023/24

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.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Quarterly reporting on progress against the North Wales Growth Deal is one of the requirements of the Final Growth Deal Agreement. Following consideration by the NWEAB, the reports would be shared with the Welsh Government, UK Government and the local authority scrutiny committees.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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 7: NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE (CJC) - EXTENDING THE PART-TIME SECONDMENT OF THE EAB PORTFOLIO DIRECTOR AS INTERIM CJC CHIEF EXECUTIVE

DECISION

1. That the Board supports the extension of the arrangement to release the Portfolio Director's time for two days per week until 31 March, 2024 on a part time secondment basis to undertake the Interim Chief Executive role.
2. That all employment and associated costs are covered by the North Wales CJC.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Taking into consideration the Councils' decision, in principle, to the transfer of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board's functions in assisting the region to establish a Corporate Joint Committee and to ensure that the Ambition Board's interests are safeguarded as the CJC moves forward.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Alwen Williams, Portfolio Director, declared a personal interest as the report involved her secondment as Interim Corporate Joint-Committee Chief Executive. She was of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and withdrew from the discussion on the item.

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 9: TOURISM TALENT NETWORK - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

DECISION

- 1. That the Board approve the Outline Business Case for the Tourism Talent Network project subject to Grŵp Llandrillo Menai (GLLM) addressing the matters set out in the report, as described in Section 7, and recommend to the Economic Ambition Board that a Full Business Case is prepared for the Board to consider following the completion of the procurement process and the consenting processes.**
 - 2. That the Board delegate final approval of the procurement specifications and social value criteria to be included by GLIM in their procurement to the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair.**
 - 3. That the Board authorise the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Host Authority Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to agree draft terms in accordance with this report for approval by the Economic Ambition Board as a basis for the final funding arrangements for the project which will form the basis of the Grant Offer Letter will be agreed by the Board at the Full Business Case stage.**
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REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

To seek the Portfolio Board's approval of the Outline Business Case for the Tourism Talent Network project.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Dafydd Evans declared a personal interest as Grŵp Llandrillo Menai was the project

sponsor. He was of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and withdrew from the discussion on the item.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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Item 10: PORTFOLIO BUSINESS CASE UPDATE 2023

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- 1. That the Board approve the 2023 update of the Portfolio Business Case including the associated change request and its submission to Welsh Government and UK Government as part of the annual award of funding process.**
 - 2. That the Board 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.**
 - 3. That the Board notes the need for the Gateway Review report to be submitted to the Welsh Government and the UK Government as part of the Portfolio Business Case and requests that the Portfolio Director develops an action plan for the Board's consideration to address the recommendations once the final report has been received.**
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REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

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.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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