



REPORT TO THE NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD

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TITLE: Appointment of a Transportation Sub-Board

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1. To recommend the appointment of a Transportation Sub-Board.

2. DECISION SOUGHT

2.1. To appoint a Transport Delivery Sub-board with the Role and Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1.

2.2. Appoint a Member of the Economic Ambition Board to act as a link member for the Transport Delivery Sub-Board

3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

3.1. Following the commencement of the First Governance Agreement (“GA1”) and the establishment of the Economic Ambition Board (“EAB”) as a decision making Joint Committee the appointment of a Sub-Committee requires a formal resolution of the EAB.

4. BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

4.1. The Partners formally entered into GA1 on the 18th of December 2018 . This provided for the establishment of a Joint Committee under the provisions of the Local Government Acts 1972 and 2000. The framework as put forward in GA1 and the Proposition Document also foresaw a series of Sub-Boards around key themes in the Growth Bid and Growth Vision. These areas are as follows:

- Digital Delivery
- Skills and Employment Delivery
- Transport Delivery
- Enterprise and Innovation Delivery
- Property, Sites and Premises Delivery

4.2. Although it was not envisaged that all Sub-Boards would come into being immediately, two in particular were highlighted for implementation as soon as reasonably practicable by the Joint Committee namely in areas of Transport and Digital. At its meeting on the 15th of March the EAB determined to receive a report on the establishment of a Transport Delivery Sub-Group as an initial step. It was recognised that there is a need to prioritise the establishment of a formal local authority body to work regionally on Transportation issues.

- 4.3. In legal terms the status of a Sub-Committee in relation to membership and arrangements for meetings and publication vary little from the Joint Committee. As such meetings of Sub-Committees would need to be supported through Committee Services and will need legal governance support particularly if they are exercising delegated decision making powers. These will need to be resourced.
- 4.4. Within GA1 the proposed Sub-Boards would as a minimum undertake the functions listed in the agreement within their remit and in accordance with standard Terms of Reference. They would also be able to assume powers delegated to them by the EAB although it can be envisaged that in relation to the Growth Bid these are likely to be in relation to management and supervision of specific projects.
- 4.5. The proposed Transport Sub-Board Role and Terms of Reference are set out in Appendix 1. They reflect the model set out in GA1 with proposed additions which are underlined. These form the basis of the recommendation. It is envisaged that the Sub-Board would meet quarterly.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. The Financial implications of setting up a Transport Sub-Committee have been addressed in the EAB budget on the basis that the Sub-Committee would meet quarterly. I note for future reference, the budget does not include provision for organising and servicing the digital sub-committee.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. The report sets out the legal requirements in relation to the governance structures and procedures of the Economic Ambition Board.

7. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. None identified

8. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES

- 8.1. None identified

9. CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN

- 9.1. n/a

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 Transport Sub-Committee Terms of Reference

STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:

i. Monitoring Officer – Accountable Body:

The report has been prepared by the Monitoring Officer.

ii. Head of Finance – Accountable Body:

“I confirm the accuracy of part 5 of the report, namely that there is provision within the NWEAB Budget for the cost of organising and servicing the transport Sub-Committee, and I support the Resource Management section of the Terms of Reference in the Appendix.”