



REPORT TO THE NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD
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TITLE: *North Wales Growth Deal Update Report*

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the development of the North Wales Growth Deal. The report is structured according to the key activities.

2. DECISION SOUGHT

2.1. Members are asked to accept this update report on the development of the North Wales Growth Deal.

3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

3.1. As set out in the report.

4. HEADS OF TERMS

4.1. Representatives from the NWEAB joined the Welsh and UK Governments to sign the Heads of Terms on 04/11/2019. The Heads of Terms confirm the overall investment of £240m in the seven strategic programmes for the North Wales Growth Deal.

4.2. The NWEAB released a joint press release with UK and Welsh Government, additionally an internal statement and F&Qs document was shared with all NWEAB partners.

5. PROGRAMME OFFICE

5.1. 5 appointments have been made to the Programme Office. The Digital Programme Manager will start in post on the 18th of November, the Energy Programme Manager on the 9th December, and the remaining 3 posts (Programme Director, Operations Manager and Land and Property Programme Manager) will start their posts on 1st January 2020.

5.2. The Programme Office will evolve over time, and capacity for this will be included within the application for ESF Funding.

6. GOVERNANCE AGREEMENT 2

6.1. Officers attended a Workshop led by Pinsent Masons on Governance Agreement 2 on 23rd of October 2019. During the workshop Officers worked through key high level partnership and governance elements. Pinsent Masons will now work on the draft Governance Agreement 2.

7. **5 CASE BUSINESS MODELS**

- 7.1. The Programme Office will lead on the development of the 5 Case Business Models for the Growth Deal Projects, the budget includes funding to appoint Consultants to support with developing the Business Cases. This work will commence once the Programme Office staff are in post.

8. **WORK PROGRAMME AND RISK REGISTER**

- 8.1. Following the discussion at the previous meeting, Officers are working on reviewing and updating the Work Programme, a revised version will be presented to the NWEAB during December.
- 8.2. The Executive Officers Group are managing the active risks within the Risk Register, the Executive Group will task the Programme Office to review the Risk Register during the New Year.

9. **FUTURE MEETING DATES**

- 9.1. Below is a list of the proposed meeting dates for 2020:

January 24th 2020
March 20th 2020
June 12th 2020
31st July 2020
2nd October 2020
11th December 2020

10. **CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN**

- 10.1. The Work Programme and Risk Register was discussed by the Executive Officers Group on 25th October, 2019.

STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:

i. **Monitoring Officer – Accountable Body:**

“No observations to add from a propriety perspective”

ii. **Statutory Finance Officer (the Accountable Body’s Section 151 Officer):**

“I confirm that I have agreed the report’s content with the author. Further comments, as necessary, will be presented orally at the Board meeting.”