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**REPORT TO THE NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD**  
**22 September 2023**

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**TITLE:** Annual Governance Statement  
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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1.1. To accept and approve the Governance Statement.

**2. DECISION SOUGHT**

2.1. The Economic Ambition Board is asked to accept and approve the Annual Governance Statement.

**3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

3.1. As outlined below.

**4. BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

4.1. The Accounts and Audit (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 sets fixed requirements on public bodies that operate partnership management arrangements through formal joint committees.

4.2. Section 5 requires the Joint Committee to review and approve annually a statement of internal control. To comply with this requirement the Annual Governance Statement has been prepared. The document has been produced to offer a framework to the Economic Ambition Board's operation.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

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**APPENDICES:**

Appendix 1 Annual Governance Statement

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**STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:**

**i. Monitoring Officer – Host Authority:**

“I am content that the Annual Governance Statement constitutes an appropriate reflection of the position of the Ambition Board as a Joint-Committee.”

**ii. Statutory Finance Officer (the Host Authority’s Section 151 Officer):**

“I am satisfied that the Governance Statement is a fair reflection of the governance arrangements at Ambition North Wales in 2022/23, and that arrangements for accountability are appropriate. The statement meets the requirement to describe Ambition North Wales’s governance framework, and to assess how effective it is operating.”