



north wales economic ambition board
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DECISION NOTICE
28 06 19

Date of Decision:

Friday, 28 June
2019

SUBJECT

Item 3: URGENT BUSINESS - APPOINTMENT OF PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

DECISION

To re-advertise the post with a salary set at between £86,000 and a maximum of £106,000 subject to a report on the proposed salary to the Full Council of the Accountable Body which will host the post

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Members of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board noted, following the failure to appoint a Programme Director, that there was a need to re-advertise in order to make the key appointment of the Programme Director as soon as possible, ensuring that the recruitment process and arrangements are effective and robust.

In order to address the statutory guidance "Pay Accountability within Local Government in Wales - Guidance under Section 40 of the Localism Act 2011"

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

A declaration of interest was received from Iwan Trefor Jones, the Board's Lead Director, due to the nature of the post in question it was a prejudicial interest and he withdrew from the meeting for this item.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Monitoring Officer and Finance Officer provided guidance to the Joint-Committee at the meeting



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Item 4: UPDATE OF THE WORK PROGRAMME

DECISION

Review, update and approve the RAG status of all actions within the Work Programme.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

There is a need to update the progress of tasks on the Work Programme.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Executive Group were consulted.

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



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Item 5: PROGRAMME OFFICE STRUCTURE

DECISION

To approve the core structure of the Programme Office as set out in the report and move to recruit on condition that it does not add to the core financial contributions of the Councils and Partners.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

In order to progress the development and delivery of the Growth Vision and Growth Deal, a Programme Office will need to be established. The Programme Office will be responsible for supporting the activities of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board and will also be responsible for progressing key elements of the Growth Deal.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Executive Group were consulted.

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Item 6: DELEGATION AND STAFFING

DECISION

It was confirmed that the staffing structure of the Programme Office during the continuation of Governance Agreement 1 ("GA1") shall be determined by the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.

It was agreed to delegate the responsibility of appointing posts on the approved staffing structure below

Programme Director level to the Programme Director and in the interim period, to the Chief Executive of the Accountable Body in accordance with the report.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Under GA1 the North Wales Economic Ambition Board has power to delegate its functions to Sub-Committees and/or Officers. One of the key elements of the project is the establishment and management of the Programme Office. Although the staff are legally employees of the Accountable Body they constitute a regional resource for the NWEAB and are established and resourced through the Joint Committee budget. The NWEAB therefore needs to set out clear principles in relation to these arrangements.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Executive Group were consulted.

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



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Item 7: TRANSPORT UPDATE AND PROGRESS WITH ESTABLISHING A TRANSPORT SUB-GROUP

DECISION

1. To note the report and the progress made to establish the Transport Delivery Sub-Board
 2. To ratify the acceptance of the funding support offered by WG and authorise the signing of the grant offer letter by the Host Authority.
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REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

The NWEAB has decided to establish a Transport Delivery Sub-board and a report was provided on the progress on implementing the decision together with the work of the existing Transport Group as it transfers to the formal structure. The most urgent matters in relation to the regional bus network and the follow up to the consultation on the White Paper on Improving Public Transport were reported upon.

In order to respond to an offer of a grant received from Welsh Government for research regarding developing the proposals of the White Paper on Improving Public Transport.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Executive Group were consulted.

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



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Item 8: SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT PROGRAMME, NORTH WALES GROWTH VISION

DECISION

To defer the decision of funding one FTE post (£50,000 for 12 months) to continue work on Information & Advice Gateway and Employability Pathway projects in order to take the opportunity to consider the projects in light of the Skills Strategy which will be submitted to the Board shortly, investigate and have discussions with Welsh and UK Government about the field.

To defer confirmation of the approach to coordinate the skills and employability programme and seek further information and clarity in relation to the Skills and Employment programme.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

The Joint-committee requested further information and clarity in relation to the Skills and Employment programme prior to making a decision on the matter.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Executive Group were consulted.

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



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Item 9: ESTABLISHMENT OF ENERGY SUB-GROUP AND UPDATE ON REGIONAL ENERGY PLANNING

DECISION

1. To establish an Energy Sub-Group with the Role and Terms of Reference set out in Appendix 1 of the report.
 2. Appoint Cllr Llinos Medi, Leader of Anglesey Council as a member of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board to act as a link member for the Energy Sub-group.
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REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

To improve the co-ordination of energy-related projects within the region and to deliver the Low Carbon Energy target as identified in the Growth Vision.

That the status of the Sub-group be developed as part of the review of the governance arrangements to be established in Governance Agreement 2.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Executive Group were consulted.

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