



north wales economic ambition board

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Meeting:	Transport Cabinet Members Advisory Group	Date:	20.05.2019
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Present:
Cllr David A Bithell, WCBC; Cllr Carolyn Thomas, FCC; Cllr Donald Milne, CCBC; Cyng. Gareth Griffith, CG Cllr Brian Jones, DCC, Cllr Bob Parry CSYM
In attendance: Darren Williams, Stephen O Jones, Tony Ward, Dafydd Wyn Williams, Geraint Edwards, Huw Percy, Iwan Prys Jones Iwan Evans, Vera Jones (cyng Gwynedd) part
Held at: Canolfan Fusnes Conwy @ 1400

Apologies:
Lawrence Isted, WCBC

Item No.	1 and 2
Title:	Welcome and Apologies, Declarations of Interest
Comments:	Cllr DB opened the meeting and welcomed attendees. Apologies were noted as above. There were no new declarations of interest.
Decision:	

Item No.	3
Title:	Minutes of Meeting held on 04 February 2019
Comments:	The notes of the meeting held on 04 February 2019 were reviewed There were no matters arising that were not covered on the meeting agenda
Decision:	The minutes were accepted

Item No.	4
Title:	Constitutional Matters – Transport Delivery Sub-Board
Comments:	<p>Iwan Evans and Vera Jones from Cyngor Gwynedd joined the meeting to explain the governance processes of the NWEAB, the role of Gwynedd as host authority and the implications of moving to a formal sub-committee of the NWEAB.</p> <p>In February 2019. The NWEAB agreed to the proposal to establish the informal transport Cabinet Members group as a formal sub-committee of the NWEAB. This formalisation of its role gave the group a status that would be helpful as the discussions about creating Joint Transport Authorities were underway.</p> <p>The purpose of the agenda item was to discuss the agreed Terms of Reference and the practicalities of how the formal sub-committee would work under the new structure.</p> <p>A detailed discussion was held on the agreed documents including the Terms of Reference. The following points were noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The current level of delegation to the NWEAB is limited, but it supports the delivery of the Vision for the Economy of North Wales as well as preparation work for the North Wales Growth Deal.• In time the sub-committee will have a key role to programme manage the delivery of funding allocated through the Growth Deal

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The group will have the ability to make recommendations to the NWEAB about future powers or delegations needed to deliver strategic transport projects in the region Ian Roberts has been nominated by the NWEAB to act as liaison between the group and the NWEAB. The process to resolve any voting deadlock in the group is as detailed in the ToR. The protocols set out in the governance agreement for the NWEAB was noted. In particular the requirement that papers for the meeting go to an officers group in time to ensure that any issues are resolved, are defined. This could either be by circulation for comment or if required an officers meeting could be arranged. A schedule of meetings with a forward work programme will be developed. There was support for ad-hoc briefing meetings for members being held, however the group were advised to be cautious about establishing informal meetings. There was support for continuing the meetings at the current location. The NWEAB budget contains adequate resources for the provision of secretariat, legal advice and other support. On the basis of the discussions Gwynedd as host authority will consider a re-draft of the current protocols to reflect the role of the group. These will include (1) process to agree agenda including any required pre-briefing (2) publication of papers and minutes by the host authority, with links for other authorities (3) the formal issue of a notification of decisions immediately following the meeting.
Decision:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> The report was noted by Members Any changes to the Terms of Reference and protocols will be referred back to the group for information A meeting schedule and forward work programme to be presented at the next meeting.

Item No.	5
Title:	Public Transport
Comments:	<p>Members gave an update on recent changes made to bus timetables. Some concerns about significant changes and cancellations of services by operators was noted. This was resulting in significant disruption for bus users, additional costs for authorities and limited interest in tendering for new contracts.</p> <p>The emerging proposals for improved controls were noted, but as the legislation is 18-24 months away, there are concerns that significant damage could happen before their implementation.</p> <p>Each authority area highlighted issues impacting on services. It was clear that the impacts were being felt disproportionately. At the current time, Flintshire services are suffering the most disruption, but other areas are also being impacted. The situation was described as being at crisis point in some areas.</p> <p>The various pilot projects underway were discussed along with potential solutions.</p> <p>The funding offered by WG to support regional delivery was noted. Whilst this is insufficient to properly resource the extent of work needed, it offers an opportunity to commence work on a regional bus network.</p> <p>During the discussion it was agreed that proposals should be developed for establishing a properly resourced regional structure, which would establish a strategic network in north Wales and a programme to roll out quality partnerships along the network. The proposals should also take account of potential infrastructure improvements required.</p>
Decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members agreed that an additional meeting be held to discuss potential future delivery options for establishing a strategic bus network in the region and that a report on proposals be presented.

Item No.	6
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Title:	Future Work Programme
Comments:	<p>Members discussed issue for the future work programme for the group. The following items were raised as potential items for future discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Strategic Bus Network and associated projects• Improving Transport White Paper and proposals to establish Joint Transport Authorities• Transport decarbonisation and the merging pilot projects• Rail developments and opportunities for modal integration• Wales Transport Strategy / National Transport Plan and the need to review the Regional Local Transport Plan• 20mph zones implementation• Unadopted roads strategy• Active Travel• Air quality and impact on transport networks. <p>Cllr David Bithell also agreed to circulate a paper on progress with Active Travel</p>
Decision:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Members noted the update and requested a forward work programme at the next meeting

Item No.	7
Title	Any Other Business
Comments	No further matters were raised.

Next Meeting:	0930 on 23 September 2019 at Conwy Business Centre, Llandudno Junction With additional meeting June / July tbc
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