

# GWYNEDD COUNCIL

## REPORT TO THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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### 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the Growth Deal for North Wales, together with information about the proposed governance arrangements.

### 2. SUMMARY OF THE LATEST SITUATION

- 2.1. Several workshops have been held with Council Members in order to share information about the Growth Deal. The background to the process of developing the Growth Deal bid was provided, together with the expectations from UK and Welsh Governments. In addition, Members were given a flavour of the types of projects which would likely be part of the North Wales Growth Deal, and the financial asks. In particular, the importance of the private sector in the process of identifying ideas and possible projects was highlighted, in order to benefit from Growth Deal funding. Reference was also made to the fact that the North Wales Economic Ambition Board has been set up to co-ordinate the development of the Growth Deal.
- 2.2. It is intended to give an oral presentation to the Committee on the latest situation in terms of negotiations with UK and Welsh Governments.

### 3. THE PROPOSITION DOCUMENT

- 3.1. The Ambition Board has prepared the "proposition document" which brings together the justification for investment in the North, our vision and the objectives of our Strategic Programmes and the portfolio of Projects, and the economic and financial cases for investment.
- 3.2. This document also notes our requirements in relation to new powers and responsibilities for the North, and notes the governance arrangements which will be in place to deliver the Growth Vision.
- 3.3. A copy of the Document's Executive Summary and key messages is included as **Appendix 1**.

- 3.4. You will also see a narrative of each project included in the Growth Deal in **Appendix 2**. This gives you as Members a good idea of the purpose and key outcomes of each project.
- 3.5. Tables are presented also summarising the financial case and the economic case for investment in **Appendix 3**. This will be the basis for discussions with both Governments, with the intention of reaching agreement regarding the Heads of Terms Agreement by October/November 2018.
- 3.6. Information about the governance arrangements and the Governance Agreements is presented in **Appendix 4**. It is intended to submit the proposed Governance Agreement to the Cabinet on 3 July and to the Full Council on 12 July.
- 3.7. The Committee's observations and views about the Governance Agreement are invited.

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#### **Appendices:**

<b>Appendix 1</b>	Executive Summary and Key Messages
<b>Appendix 2</b>	Projects
<b>Appendix 3</b>	Financial Case and Economic Case Tables
<b>Appendix 4</b>	Governance Arrangements

#### **Background Documents:**

None.