Date of Meeting: 05 02 21

#### SUBJECT

Item 5: 2020/21 BUDGET: 3RD QUARTER REVIEW

## **DECISION**

To receive and note the NWEAB Joint-Committee's Third Quarter Review for 2020/21.

To receive the Joint-Committee's approval to transfer any underspend in 2020/21 to the earmarked reserve that will be available for future years.

## REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

It was anticipated that there would be £156,255 of underspend in 2020/21. It was noted that any underspend at the end of the financial year could be transferred to the earmarked reserve fund.

In order to work effectively, the Joint-committee (NWEAB) must be aware of its expenditure situation to date and this year's spending projections against its annual budget.

# **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

## ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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#### **SUBJECT**

Item 6: FINAL DEAL AGREEMENT

## **DECISION**

To note that the Final Deal Agreement had been completed.

#### REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

In November 2019 the NWEAB and the Welsh and UK Governments agreed the Heads of Terms, with a Final Deal Agreement to be completed in 2020. It was highlighted that the Final Deal Agreement was a declaration of contract between the Partners, UK Government and Welsh Government for the delivery of the North Wales Growth Deal.

In October 2020, the NWEAB recommended the draft Final Deal Agreement and the Final Deal Agreement was presented through the partners' democratic and decision-making processes. The final document was developed jointly by agreement with both Governments. A Final Deal Agreement signing ceremony took place during December 2020. It was outlined to the Board that the Final Deal Agreement had been completed. The agreement was submitted to the Board to report on completing this process.

# **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

## ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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## **SUBJECT**

Item 7: PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHT REPORT

## **DECISION**

To note the Portfolio Highlight Report for February 2021 and the progress made since the completion of the Final Deal Agreement in December 2020.

To delegate the power to the Operations Manager in consultation with the Chair to update the report as noted orally during the Board meeting prior to submitting the Portfolio Highlight Report for February 2021 to Welsh Government and UK Government.

## REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

In December 2020, the NWEAB and the Welsh and UK Governments agreed the Final Deal Agreement for the North Wales Growth Deal.

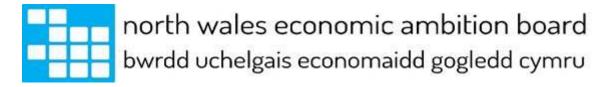
It was highlighted that the report provided an update on progress since signing the deal, an overview of the current position of each programme and project within the deal and an updated timetable for delivery. It was stressed that the report focused in particular on the timetable for the consideration of Outline Business Cases by the NWEAB.

#### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

Askar Sheibani declared a personal interest, as he was a member of the DSP project consortium (the Digital Signalling Processing Centre).

He was not of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and he did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

## ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION



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#### **SUBJECT**

Item 8: FUNDING AND BUSINESS CASE PROCESS

## **DECISION**

To note the contents of the report.

#### REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

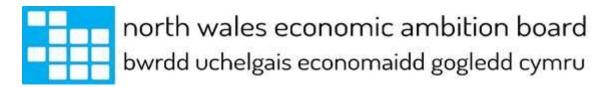
In December, the NWEAB and the Welsh and UK Governments agreed the Final Deal Agreement for the North Wales Growth Deal.

The report provided an overview of the processes agreed by both Governments for the annual funding approval and the approval of individual business cases.

## **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

## ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION



Date of Meeting: 05 02 21

## **SUBJECT**

Item 9: PRIVATE SECTOR ENGAGEMENT

## **DECISION**

To endorse the amended Terms of Reference for the Business Delivery Board.

To delegate the right to the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Chair to complete the Terms of Reference and to agree on a public name for the Board.

To endorse that current Business Delivery Board members, in collaboration with the NWEAB Chair and the Portfolio Director, and to work together to appoint a permanent Chair for the group.

#### REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

It had been agreed by members of the Business Delivery Group and the Portfolio Management Office, at their meeting held 12 January 2021, that it was timely and appropriate to look at the remit of the Business Delivery Group.

The Business Delivery Group had been established as a Sub-group of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board. Approving the Board's draft Terms of Reference together with the Board's membership were Joint-Committee matters.

## **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

## ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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

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#### **SUBJECT**

Item 11: PROJECT BASELINE REVIEW

## **DECISION**

To note the baseline report for every programme.

## **REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

It was noted that the NWEAB needed to be updated on the position of each programme and project within the North Wales Growth Deal.

## **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

## ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION