



**Bwrdd Uchelgais Economaidd
Gogledd Cymru
North Wales
Economic Ambition Board**

NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD DECISION NOTICE

DATE OF DECISION

29 April 2022

SUBJECT

ITEM 5: NWEAB'S REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUT-TURN POSITION FOR 2021-22

DECISION

1. To note and accept the NWEAB's revenue out-turn report for 2021/22 (Appendix 1 to the report) and the Capital End of Year Review as at March 2022 (Appendix 3).
 2. To approve the opening of two new reserves as well as the transfers to reserves as detailed in Appendix 2.
 3. To delegate the authority to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair of the Board, or in his/her absence, the Vice-chair, and the Statutory Finance Officer, to approve expenditure from the Projects reserve in 2022/23.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To inform the NWEAB of its financial position for both revenue and capital in 2021/22.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Appendix 1, Appendix 2 and Appendix 3, together with a summary of the content of the report, to the Portfolio Board on 8 April.

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





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ITEM 6: NORTH WALES GROWTH DEAL - QUARTER 4 PERFORMANCE REPORT

DECISION

1. To note the Quarter 4 Performance Report and updated Portfolio Risk Register.
2. To approve the submission of the Quarter 4 Performance Report to Welsh Government and UK Government as well as the local authority scrutiny committees, whilst also noting that the Board is concerned about the increasing costs and risks facing the delivery of the Growth Deal and that, as a result of these concerns, it will have further discussions at its next meeting and, in the meantime, will consider mitigating steps, which will include discussions at a national level.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Quarterly reporting on progress against the North Wales Growth Deal is one of the requirements of the Final Deal Agreement.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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ITEM 7: TRANSPORT DECARBONISATION (HYDROGEN) PROJECT UPDATE

DECISION

- 1. To approve the preferred way forward for the project.**
 - 2. To authorise the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Programme Board, to prepare and issue a Prior Information Notice in accordance with the report.**
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Project Board and Programme Board have agreed a preferred way forward which has been endorsed by the Portfolio Board for consideration by the NWEAB. The report seeks the support of the Board for the preferred way forward and to progress with the first stage of delivery.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

- 27 January – Energy Programme Board briefed on preferred way forward
 - 4 February – Portfolio Board briefed on preferred way forward
 - 1 March – Programme Board endorsed preferred way forward
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- 4 March – Portfolio Board endorsed preferred way forward
 - 10 March – NWEAB Strategic Group and Transport Sub-committee consulted on the preferred way forward

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ITEM 9: ENTERPRISE ENGINEERING & OPTICS CENTRE - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

DECISION

1. To approve the Outline Business Case for the *Enterprise Engineering & Optics Centre* project and, subject to Welsh and UK Government approval of the assurance process undertaken, Wrexham Glyndŵr University (WGU) addressing the matters set out in the report, as set out in Section 7 request that a Full Business Case is prepared for the Board to consider following the completion of the procurement process and the consenting process.
2. To note that approval of the OBC will act as approval of the change request in relation to match funding from Wrexham Glyndwr University. As a result of approving recommendation 1, to note that there is a requirement to notify Welsh and UK Government of the change agreed.
3. To accept the recommendation of the Portfolio Management Office and the Portfolio Board that any future approval of the Full Business Case be conditional upon Wrexham Glyndŵr University still delivering the original scope of the project and directly investing the same total amount in North Wales as was originally agreed even though it cannot be accounted for as part of this Growth Deal project.
4. To delegate to the Portfolio Director final approval of the procurement specification and social value criteria prior to the project sponsor commencing procurement.
5. To note that the final funding arrangements for the project which will form the basis of the Grant Offer Letter will be agreed at the Full Business Case stage and authorise the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Host Authority Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer, to agree draft terms for approval by the Board.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek the Boards approval of the Outline Business Case (OBC) for the *Enterprise Engineering & Optics Centre* project.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

- Graham Boase, Chief Executive of Denbighshire Council, as he was, since 4 March 2022, a Director of Glyndŵr Innovations Limited (GIL), which is a Glyndŵr University-owned company to manage the Enterprise Engineering & Optics Centre.
- Maria Hinfelaar as she was Chief Executive Officer of Glyndŵr University, which is the sponsor organisation for the Enterprise Engineering and Optic Centre Project.
- Askar Sheibani, Business Delivery Board, as he was a Non-executive Board Member / Governor of Glyndŵr University.

They were of the opinion that they were prejudicial interests, and they withdrew from the meeting following the introduction to the item.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Portfolio Management Office, Programme Board, Portfolio Board and Business Delivery Board were consulted.

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