



**Bwrdd Uchelgais Economaidd
Gogledd Cymru**

**North Wales
Economic Ambition Board**

**DECISION NOTICE
30 09 22**

Date of Meeting:

30 09 22

SUBJECT

Item 5: ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

DECISION

To accept and approve the Annual Governance Statement.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

The Accounts and Audit (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2018 set fixed requirements on public bodies that operate partnership management arrangements through formal joint committees.

Section 5 requires the Joint Committee to review and approve a statement of internal control. The Annual Governance Statement has been prepared to comply with this requirement. The document has been produced to offer a framework to the NWEAB's operation.

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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Item 6: 2022/23 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET REVIEW - AUGUST 2022

DECISION

To note and accept the NWEAB's revenue end of August 2022 review which includes claiming a reduced amount from the North Wales Growth Deal grant in order to leave a neutral position for the year.

To note and accept the NWEAB's reserves update.

To agree the NWEAB's revised capital expenditure profile and project delivery plan

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

It was noted that an underspend of £189,048 was forecast against the revenue budget in 2022/23. Any underspend at the end of the financial year may be transferred to reduce the amount claimed from the North Wales Growth Deal Grant.

A slippage on the capital programme across the whole portfolio was noted, with a lower number of business cases approved than was originally anticipated at this point.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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Item 7: NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE (CJC)- PART-TIME
SECONDMENT OF THE EAB PORTFOLIO DIRECTOR AS INTERIM CJC CHIEF
EXECUTIVE

DECISION

That the EAB

- supports the CJC's request to release the Portfolio Director's time for two days per week until 31 March 2023 on a part time secondment basis to undertake the Interim Chief Executive role.
- That all associated employment and associated costs are covered by the North Wales CJC
- To delegate authority to the Portfolio Director in consultation with Chair and Vice-Chair of the EAB to agree on the re-allocation of responsibilities within the Portfolio Management Office (PMO) in order to ensure that the proposed interim arrangements support the PMO priorities and responsibility to all the EAB partner organisations.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

A request was made by the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC), to the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (EAB), to release part of their Portfolio Director's time to fulfil the CJC Chief Executive role, initially on a temporary basis until 31 March 2023.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

A declaration of personal interest was received from Alwen Williams it was a prejudicial interest and she left the meeting during the item.

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Item 8: REGIONAL ENERGY STRATEGY - ACTION PLAN

DECISION

To approve the draft Action Plan.

To approve the proposed governance arrangements for overseeing delivery of the Regional Energy Strategy and Action Plan.

To approve the Action Plan to be considered by each Local Authority.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

The North Wales Energy Strategy was endorsed by the North Wales Economic Ambition Board and Welsh Government's Minister for Climate Change in March 2021. It was stated that the development of the Action Plan was the next stage of the regional energy planning process and was directed at translating priorities into strategic actions and interventions.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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Item 9: NORTH WALES GROWTH DEAL - HORIZON SCANNING

DECISION

To agree with the principles and proposed process as noted in the report as a basis to the process for identifying the preferred way forward when projects are withdrawn from the North Wales Growth Deal.

To agree that the Board, following the withdrawal of any project from the Growth Deal, receives a further report to recommend the parameters and scoring criteria for any horizon scanning exercise on a case by case basis.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

It was noted that the North Wales Growth Deal had a change management process in place to ensure potential changes to the scope of the Growth Deal and the projects were captured, assessed and where relevant considered by the Board. The report outlined the principles as well as the proposed process to identify the preferred way forward when projects were withdrawn from the North Wales Growth Deal.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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Item 10: CHANGE CONTROL : BODELWYDDAN KEY STRATEGIC SITE PROJECT

DECISION

To agree to formally withdraw the Bodelwyddan Key Strategic Site project from the North Wales Growth Deal and notify Welsh Government and UK Government of the decision.

To agree that the Board note that funding provisionally allocated to the project is retained with the North Wales Growth Deal and that the decision on a replacement project or projects is a matter for the Economic Ambition Board to determine.

To request that the Portfolio Management Office bring forward a paper to a future Board meeting setting out the process for selecting a replacement project for the Board to consider.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

The project Outline Planning Consent as originally scoped of 1,700 plus residential units, 26 ha of employment land, local centre, school, medical centre, hotel, extra care home, recreation and leisure uses lapsed in March 2021.

The two private sector developers had withdrawn from the project prior to the consent expiring.

It was explained that the project was one of six within the Land and Property programme and was estimated to deliver 26 ha of employment land, 1,715 new homes, primary school, local centre, recreation and leisure facilities, 576 FTE posts, £20m pa GVA and circa £185m capital investment.

Consequently, the Board was asked to remove the project from the North Wales Growth Deal.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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Item 11: CHANGE CONTROL : MORLAIS

DECISION

The request to change was approved.

As it was a request to change, it was noted that Menter Môn would need to develop and submit a new outline business case for the Board to consider.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

In May 2021, the Ambition Board approved an outline business case (OBC) for £9m funding towards the Morlais B development. Due to a combination of funding constraints, the OBC was withdrawn by Menter Môn in Autumn 2021. Following the withdrawal of the OBC, Menter Môn had prepared a change request seeking support from the Board to retain the £9m earmarked from the Growth Deal Low Carbon Energy Programme. This would enable Menter Môn to develop and submit a revised outline business case for a revised project called the Cydnerth Project. As per the North Wales Growth Deal's change control process, this proposal required approval from the Board

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

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Item 13: TRANSPORT & DECARBONISATION (HYDROGEN) PROJECT - NEXT STEPS

DECISION

To approve the next steps for the project and the draft procurement principles.

To delegate to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, the authority to finalise the procurement specification and then to undertake the procurement activity on behalf of the Board.

To note that following the completion of the procurement process, a recommendation will be made to the Board for approval.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

The project is currently running in line with the preferred way forward that was endorsed by the Economic Ambition Board in April 2022. The next step was to seek Economic Ambition Board approval to move onto the next phase and procure a project sponsor.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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