



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

**NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD DECISION NOTICE**

**DATE OF DECISION**

9 December 2022

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**SUBJECT**

Item 5: PORTFOLIO DELIVERY FUND

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**DECISION**

**To agree to establish a Portfolio Delivery Fund for 2023-24 and allocate up to £7m of the unallocated £20m Growth Deal funding released by the withdrawal of the Bodelwyddan Key Strategic Site and the Llysfasi Net Zero Farm projects to this fund.**

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The North Wales Growth Deal has a change management process in place to ensure potential changes to the scope of the Growth Deal and the projects are captured, assessed and where relevant considered by the Board.

The Final Deal agreement sets out the board position in relation to potential replacement projects:

*"Any new or replacement projects to be brought forward for consideration must demonstrate delivery against the relevant programme business case and the objectives of the portfolio business case. Where those projects are within the existing agreed financial envelope for the partnership, those projects would be a matter for the Economic Ambition Board to decide."*

In September 2022, the Board agreed a set of principles for identifying replacement projects including that the Board will initially consider on a case-by-case basis requests from existing projects for additional funding from projects that meet a set criteria.

Building on the principle adopted by the Board in September, the Board was asked to consider that a proportion of the funding released from the Bodelwyddan and Llysfasi projects is allocated to a Portfolio Delivery Fund to support mature projects within the portfolio dealing with cost inflation or viability issues to move into delivery during 2023-24 (subject to separate Board decisions).

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

Dafydd Evans and Maria Hinfelaar declared a personal interest as the report referred to allocating specific resources to Grŵp Llandrillo Menai and Glyndŵr University projects, and due

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to the direct funding nature of the item.

The representatives were of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and they withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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#### **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 6: PROJECT REPLACEMENT PROCESS

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**DECISION**

- 1. To agree the scope and minimum requirements as set out in the report to the Board, subject to amending the wording '*Proposals must deliver for rural communities*' (Appendix A - Minimum Requirements - Strategic Fit - Agri-Food and Tourism Programme) to read '*Proposals should emphasise delivery for rural communities*'.**
  - 2. To agree to the timetable set out in this report including a formal launch in January 2023.**
  - 3. To delegate authority to the Portfolio Director to implement the Project Replacement Process as set out in the report and to undertake all necessary steps required to finalise the documentation required to commence the process.**
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In September 2022, the Board agreed a set of principles for identifying replacement projects and a three-stage process, namely Stage 1: Horizon Scanning, Stage 2: Longlisting and Shortlisting and Stage 3: Approval and Business Case Development.

The Board was asked to agree the scope and minimum requirements for the horizon scanning stage.

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No declarations of personal interest were received.

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