



Bwrdd Uchelgais Economaidd Gogledd Cymru

North Wales Economic Ambition Board

DECISION NOTICE
15 12 23

Date of Meeting:

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SUBJECT

Item 6: DEESIDE ANAEROBIC DIGESTION PLANT - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

DECISION

1. That the Board approve the Outline Business Case for the Deeside Anaerobic Digestion Plant project subject to The Circular Economy Development Ltd addressing the matters set out in the report, as described in Section 7, and recommend to the Economic Ambition Board that a Full Business Case is prepared for the Board to consider following the completion of the procurement process and the consenting processes.
2. That the Board notes that the primary procurement for the project has already been completed on approval of the Outline Business Case it is intended that the Full Business Case would be presented to the Board in February 2024 for approval.
3. That the Board, noting that the proposed funding model for the project is 50% grant and 50% loan subject to confirmation of the subsidy control position at Full Business Case, approve the principle that the interest from the loan once the cost of borrowing charges for the loan element have been covered is allocated to a reserve to be used to fund the Portfolio Management Office in future years.
4. That the Board authorise the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Host Authority Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to agree draft funding terms in accordance with this report as a basis for approval by the Economic Ambition Board as a basis for the final funding arrangements for the project to be agreed by the Board at the Full Business Case stage.
5. That the Board designate the decision as an urgent matters which can be implemented immediately in accordance with paragraph 29 of the Scrutiny Protocol in Governance Agreement 2.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

To seek the Portfolio Board's approval of the Outline Business Case for the Deeside Anaerobic Digestion Plant project.

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 7: Egni - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

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1. That the Board approve the Outline Business Case for the Egni project subject to Bangor University addressing the matters set out in the report, as described in Section 7, and recommend to the Economic Ambition Board that a Full Business Case is prepared for the Board to consider following the completion of the procurement process and the consenting processes.
 2. That the Board delegate final approval of the procurement strategy and the procurement specifications and social value criteria to be included by Bangor University in their procurement to the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair.
 3. That the Board authorise the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Host Authority Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to agree draft terms in accordance with this report as a basis for the final funding arrangements for the project which will form the basis of funding to be agreed by the Board at the Full Business Case stage.
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REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

To seek the Portfolio Board's approval of the Outline Business Case for the Egni project.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Bryn Jones declared a personal interest as Bangor University was the Egni Project sponsor. He was of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and withdrew from the meeting during the entire item.

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 9: GATEWAY REVIEW (PAR) ACTIONS PLAN

DECISION

1. That the Board support the action plan developed by the Portfolio Director and timescales for Implementation in response to the 2023 Gateway Review (PAR) recommendations.
 2. That the Board note that there may be a requirement to amend the action plan following the follow up Assurance of Action Plan (AAP) review in December and that in such an instance the Portfolio Director would consult the Chair and Vice-Chair on those amendments.
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REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

The North Wales Growth Deal is required to respond to the recommendations set out in the Gateway Review report.

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 10: INVESTMENT PRINCIPLES

DECISION

1. That the Board support the founding principles which will underpin the strategy to achieve the investment objectives for the North Wales Growth Deal.
2. That the Board note that the detailed investment strategy, comprising the principles and plan, will be presented to the Board in February 2024.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

To underpin the development of the detailed strategy that will build on assurance that our collective ambition to deliver the £1bn Growth Deal for North Wales can be achieved.

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 were reported orally at the meeting.
