



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

Meeting

NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD

Date and Time

9.30 am, FRIDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2024

Location

Virtual Meeting

(For public access to the meeting, please contact us)

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NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

Voting Members

Councillors

Jason McLellan	Denbighshire County Council
Llinos Medi Huws	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Mark Pritchard	Wrexham County Borough Council
Ian B. Roberts	Flintshire County Council
Charlie McCoubrey	Conwy County Borough Council
Dyfrig Siencyn	Cyngor Gwynedd

Advisers - Non-voting

Dafydd Evans	Grwp Llandrillo Menai
Maria Hinfelaar	Wrexham University
Yana Williams	Coleg Cambria
Askar Sheibani	Business Delivery Board
Professor Edmund Burke	Bangor University

Chief Officers - Non-voting

Dylan Williams	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Rhun ap Gareth	Conwy County Borough Council
Neal Cockerton	Flintshire County Council
Dafydd Gibbard	Cyngor Gwynedd
Ian Bancroft	Wrexham County Borough Council
Graham Boase	Denbighshire County Council

Officers in Attendance

Dewi Morgan	Section 151 Officer
Iwan G. Evans	Monitoring Officer
Alwen Williams	Portfolio Director
Hedd Vaughan Evans	Head of Operations
Nia Medi Williams	Senior Operations Officer

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declarations of Personal Interest.

3. URGENT BUSINESS

To note any items that are a matter of urgency in the view of the Chair for consideration.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 5 - 10

The Chair shall propose that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February, 2024 be signed as a true record.

5. 2024/25 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 11 - 22

Dewi Morgan (Host Authority Head of Finance and Statutory Finance Officer) and Sian Pugh (Host Authority Assistant Head of Finance) to present the report.

6. INVESTMENT STRATEGY 23 - 43

Alwen Williams (Portfolio Director) to present the report.

7. FUNCTIONS OF THE NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD - TRANSFER TO THE CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE 44 - 48

Alwen Williams (Portfolio Director and CJC Interim Chief Executive) to present the report.

8. NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE (CJC) - EXTENDING THE PART-TIME SECONDMENT OF THE EAB PORTFOLIO DIRECTOR AS INTERIM CJC CHIEF EXECUTIVE 49 - 51

Dylan J Williams (North Wales Councils' Lead Chief Executive for the Economic Ambition Board) to present the report.

9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair shall propose that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussions on the following items for the reasons noted:

- **Items 10 and 11:** Paragraph 14 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (Information relating to the financial or

business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that Information)). There is an acknowledged public interest in openness in relation to the use of public resources and related financial issues. It is also acknowledged that there are occasions, in order to protect the financial and commercial interests that matters related to such information need to be discussed without being publicised. The reports deal specifically with financial and business matters and related discussions. Publication of such commercially sensitive information could adversely affect the interests of the bodies and the Councils and undermine the confidence of other Growth Deal participants in sharing sensitive information for consideration. This would be contrary to the wider public interest of securing the best overall outcome.

- **Item 12:** Paragraph 14 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and Paragraph 16 (Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings) of the Local Government Act 1972. There is an acknowledged public interest in openness in relation to the use of public resources and related financial issues. It is also acknowledged that there are occasions, in order to protect the financial and commercial interests that matters related to such information need to be discussed without being publicised. The report deals specifically with financial and business matter and related discussions. It also includes legal advice for the Board which is needs to be protected in order to have a full and frank discussion. Publication of such commercially sensitive information could adversely affect the interests of the bodies and the Councils and undermine the confidence of other Growth Deal participants in sharing sensitive information for consideration. This would be contrary to the wider public interest of securing the best overall outcome.

10. 4G+ (CONNECTED KEY SITED AND CORRIDORS) - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

Stuart Whitfield (Digital Programme Manager) to present the report.

11. HYDROGEN SPONSOR CHALLENGE - FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS

Alwen Williams (Portfolio Director) and Hedd Vaughan-Evans (Head of Operation) to present the report.

12. DEESIDE ANAEROBIC DIGESTION PLANT - OPTIONS PAPER

Alwen Williams (Portfolio Director) and Hedd Vaughan-Evans (Head of Operation) to present the report.