



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

NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD DECISION NOTICE

DATE OF DECISION

14 June 2024

SUBJECT

Item 1: CHAIR

DECISION

To appoint Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn as Chair for 2024/25.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is a requirement to appoint a Chair annually.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

None.



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Item 2: VICE-CHAIR

DECISION

To appoint Councillor Mark Pritchard as Vice-chair for 2024/25.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is a requirement to appoint a Vice-chair annually.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

None.



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Item 7: ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

DECISION

1. To note the Annual Report for 2023/24.
 2. To approve the submission of the Annual Report 2023/24 to the Welsh Government and UK Government as well as the local authorities' scrutiny committees.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Quarterly and annual reporting on progress against the North Wales Growth Deal is one of the requirements of the Final Deal Agreement. Following the North Wales Economic Ambition Board's consideration, the reports would be shared with the Welsh Government, UK Government as well as the local authorities' scrutiny committees.

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 8: UPDATE: FUNCTIONS OF THE NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD -
TRANSFER TO THE CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

DECISION

- 1. To note the progress update on work to establish the North Wales CJC and to respond to the tasks required by its statutory functions.**
 - 2. To note the updated plan and revised timetable for the transfer of the North Wales Growth Deal to the North Wales CJC.**
 - 3. To approve the extension of the temporary arrangement to release the Portfolio Director's time for two days per week to undertake the Interim Chief Executive role until 31 October 2024.**
 - 4. To agree that a further report would be submitted to the Board should there be a slippage in the timetable, in order to seek the approval of the Members for an alternative timetable to transfer the North Wales Growth Deal to the North Wales CJC.**
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In December 2021/January 2022, the Cabinet and Executives in each of the six Local Authorities agreed, in principle, that the functions of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board should be transferred by way of a delegation agreement to the CJC. The statutory framework and the establishment of the CJC means that the proposed transfer needed to be progressed. Approval from partner organisations and governments is required before a transfer can take place.

The 1st July had been identified as the provisional target date to transfer functions from the Economic Ambition Board to the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee. However, this date was provisional on the grounds that it could be affected by several factors, including the need for a partner and government agreement to transfer the Growth Deal; Decision and timetable requirements; Internal capacity limitations and TUPE considerations. There are key decisions that need to be made to complete the transfer which could lead to some transfer areas being

carried out during the autumn 2024 period. It will be considered whether the proposed transfer date of 1st July 2024 is achievable. This report and the decisions required set out the revised plan and timetables.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

A declaration of personal interest was received from Alwen Williams (Portfolio Director) due to her appointment as interim Chief Executive of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee. It was noted that it was a prejudicial interest and she withdrew from the meeting for the 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.
