



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

Meeting

NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD

Date and Time

9.30 am, FRIDAY, 19TH JULY, 2024

Location

Cyfarfod Rhithiol / 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

Aled Jones Griffith	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

A G E N D A

1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declarations of Personal Interest

3. URGENT BUSINESS

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

5 - 11

The Chair shall propose that the minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2024 be signed as a true record.

5. NORTH WALES GROWTH DEAL - QUARTER 1 PERFORMANCE AND RISK REPORT

12 - 39

Hedd Vaughan-Evans (Head of Operations) to present the report.

6. NWEAB'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2023/24

40 - 81

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

7. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

82 - 103

Hedd Vaughan Jones (Head of Operations) to present the report.

8. LPWAN (LOW-POWER, WIDE-AREA NETWORK) - BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION CASE

104 - 161

Stuart Whitfield (Digital Programme Manager) 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 due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in 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.

10. CYDNERTH OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

11. CENTRE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL BIOTECHNOLOGY BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION CASE