



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

## **NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD DECISION NOTICE**

**DATE OF DECISION**

20 September, 2024

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**SUBJECT**

Item 5: REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET 2024/25 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW 2024

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**DECISION**

1. To note and accept the NWEAB's end of August 2024 revenue review.
  2. To note and accept the NWEAB's reserves update.
  3. To agree the NWEAB's revised capital expenditure profile.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

- To note a forecast underspend of £5,966 against the revenue budget in 2024/25.
  - To note a further slippage on the capital programme, with an estimate of £14.28m expenditure in 2024/25 compared with the approved budget of £24.67m for the year.
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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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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.

The report's appendices were presented to the Portfolio Board on 6 September, 2024.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 6: NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD JOINT-COMMITTEE -  
DETAILED AUDIT PLAN 2024

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**DECISION**

**To accept the Audit Wales report which highlighted the NWEAB's Audit Plan for 2024.**

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To examine the financial statements of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board Joint-committee to ensure that public funds are properly accounted for.

The Joint-committee must put in place arrangements to get value for money for the resources it uses, and the Auditor General must be satisfied that it has done this.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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**ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION**

None to note.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 7: ADVANCED WIRELESS - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

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**DECISION**

1. To approve the Outline Business Case for the Advanced Wireless project subject to Welsh Government and UK Government approval of the assurance process undertaken, subject to the Portfolio Management Office addressing the outstanding issues set out in Section 7 of the report, and request that a Full Business Case is prepared for the Board to consider.
  2. To delegate to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair, final approval of the procurement specification and social value criteria prior to project funders commencing procurement.
  3. To 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 for approval by the NWEAB as a basis for the final funding arrangements for the project which will form the basis of the Grant Offer Letter which will be agreed by the Board at the Full Business Case stage.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To seek the Board's approval for the Advanced Wireless Project Outline Business Case.

As a project delivered by Ambition North Wales, approval was required by the Board to establish the frameworks that will deliver the project.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 9: TOURISM TALENT NETWORK PROJECT - FULL BUSINESS CASE

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**DECISION**

1. To approve the Full Business Case for the Tourism Talent Network project.
  2. To authorise the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to agree and enter into a funding agreement with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai for the delivery of the project, on the basis that Grŵp Llandrillo Menai satisfactorily addresses the 'outstanding issues' set out in section 7.1 of the report.
  3. To delegate final approval of the remaining procurement in Phase 1 to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer where expenditures and benefits are within the parameters of the Full Business Case presented.
  4. To delegate authority to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Vice Chair, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to approve the subsequent Business Justification Case for Phase 2 of the project, the fourth spoke, where expenditure and benefits are within the parameters of the Full Business Case presented.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To seek Board approval of the Full Business Case for the Tourism Talent Network Project.

The Board approved the Outline Business Case for the project on 27 October 2023. The project subsequently received the approval of the assurance process from Welsh Government. This enabled Grŵp Llandrillo Menai and its partners to progress with the procurement phase for the spokes in phase 1 and develop the Full Business Case.

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The project has now completed procurement in two spokes (Zip World and Portmeirion) of the project (procurement is outstanding for the Final Spoke (Phase 2) of the project for the kitchen installation for Snowdonia Hospitality and Leisure Ltd). Grŵp Llandrillo Menai is now presenting to the Board a Full Business Case for a final Investment decision. Phase 2 of the project will be the subject of a separate Business Justification Case.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

A declaration of personal interest was received from Aled Jones-Griffith (Grŵp Llandrillo Menai). It was noted that it was a prejudicial interest and he withdrew from the meeting for the item.

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