



# **Cyd-Bwyllgor Corfforedig Gogledd Cymru North Wales Corporate Joint Committee**

## **NORTH WALES CJC ECONOMIC WELL-BEING SUB-COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE**

### **DATE OF DECISION**

11 July, 2025

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 1: **ELECTION OF CHAIR**

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### **DECISION**

**To elect Councillor Mark Pritchard as Chair for 2025/26.**

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

It is a requirement to appoint a Chair annually.

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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

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### SUBJECT

Item 2: **ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

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### DECISION

To elect Councillor Charlie McCoubrey as Vice-Chair for 2025/26.

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### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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

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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

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**SUBJECT**

Item 7: **TRANSPORT PROJECTS IN THE GROWTH DEAL**

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**DECISION**

1. To agree the recommendation and preferred way forward - Revised Land and Property Programme (Option 2) stating that it will be a matter for the Sub-Committee to determine the projects to be prioritised and the approval of funding from the Growth Deal.
  2. To request that the Portfolio Director begins the transition process to formally include these elements in the Land and Property Programme.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In March 2025, North Wales Ambition launched an 'Expression of Interest' process to select projects for the new Reserve List that would be able to bring forward business cases for future funding. One of the criteria was that projects were required to be within the scope of the existing five Growth Deal programmes – Digital Connectivity, Low Carbon Energy, Land and Property, Innovation in High Value Manufacturing and Agri-food and Tourism.

Of the 27 Expressions of Interest submitted, four were considered to be outside the scope of the Growth Deal. One of these was a revenue-based project and the other three were primarily transport projects; two had been submitted by the Welsh Government and the other one by Cyngor Gwynedd. Only one of the projects, 'Padeswood', met the scoring threshold to be considered for inclusion on the reserve list; however, the report to the sub-committee made clear that this would be subject to a separate decision on the inclusion of transport projects within the Growth Deal.

At the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee in May, it was agreed that:

- a) the Sub-Committee agrees to initiate a process to assess and review the scope and case for extending the current Growth Deal to include transport projects.
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- b) the Sub-Committee commissions the Portfolio Director to prepare a detailed options report in consultation with Welsh and UK Governments and officials of the Constituent Councils and Education Partners.
  - c) the options report be submitted to the Sub-committee with the intention of determining whether the formal change process should be commenced to ensure agreement for the extended Growth Deal to include Transport projects.
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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.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 8: **NON-EXECUTIVE ADVISORS**

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**DECISION**

To agree the process for the recruitment and appointment of Non-Executive Advisors in accordance with the requirements of the Procurement Act 2023 and related regulations.

- a) In addition to the adopted Job and Personal specifications adopted, a procurement package will be prepared with relevant award criteria.
  - b) Advertisement – The Non-Executive Advisor roles will be advertised on the Ambition North Wales website and social media channels (July 2025) and as required by the Act
  - c) Applications – Interested candidates will be asked to submit their CV and covering letter setting out why they want the role (July 2025)
  - d) Assessment and Shortlisting – Covering letters and CVs will be assessed against the role descriptions by the SRO and Chief Executive and a representative from the Portfolio Management Office and a short-list will be agreed to be invited to interview (date in August TBC)
  - e) Interviews – Short-listed candidates will then be interviewed by a panel consisting of the Chair, Vice-Chair, SRO, Chief Executive and Monitoring Officer along with a third Elected member of the Sub-Committee (to be confirmed) who will make recommendations for appointment to the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee (on a date to be confirmed in September) based on the final scores following the interview.
  - f) Appointments – final appointments made by the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee (3 October 2025)
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In March 2025, the Corporate Joint Committee approved the Terms of Reference and

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the appointment process for a new Business Advisory Board following the transfer of the Growth Deal as well as approving the role descriptions for two new Non-Executive Advisors.

The Corporate Joint Committee authorised the interim Chief Executive to take all necessary steps to procure candidates to be recommended for appointment to the CJC's Economic Well-being Sub-Committee.

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#### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 9: **ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25**

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**DECISION**

1. To consider and note the Annual Report for 2024/25.
  2. To approve the submission of the Annual Report for 2024/25 to the Welsh Government and the UK Government, and also to 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 Growth Deal Agreement. Following consideration by the North Wales CJC's Economic Well-being Sub-Committee, the reports will be shared with the Welsh Government, UK Government and the local authority scrutiny committees.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 11: **GLYNLLIFON RURAL ECONOMY HUB - WELSH SHEEP MILK BUSINESS  
JUSTIFICATION CASE**

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**DECISION**

1. To approve the draft Business Justification Case for the Welsh Sheep Milk component of the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub project and authorise the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair, Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer to agree the final version after procurement and enter into a funding agreement with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai for the delivery of the project, subject to Grŵp Llandrillo Menai addressing the outstanding issues and securing all necessary internal approvals for the project.
  2. To note that there will be two further Business Case approvals to deliver the remaining elements of the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub project which will be submitted to the Sub-Committee for future consideration.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To seek the Sub-Committee's approval of the Business Justification Case for the Welsh Sheep Milk component of the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub project.

The draft Business Justification Case will be submitted to the Sub-Committee in July to enable a timely decision that would avoid delaying the delivery of the project. Procurement for the project is currently live and a decision is expected on 06/08/2025. The next meeting of the Sub-Committee is not until October 2025 and would result in a delay in delivering the project if the draft Business Justification Case and delegated authority are not approved.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

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Declarations of personal interest were received from Councillor Carwyn Elias Jones and Gwenllian Roberts as they are employed by Grŵp Llandrillo Menai. It was noted that it was a prejudicial interest and they withdrew from the meeting for the discussion.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 12: **ADVANCED WIRELESS (CONNECTED CAMPUSES) FULL BUSINESS  
CASE**

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**DECISION**

1. To approve the Full Business Case for the Advanced Wireless (Connected Campus) project stating that the initial phase of grant scheme design following approval of the Full Business Case will require a final subsidy management assessment of the proposed Subsidy Scheme.
  2. To delegate the right to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer to agree the final design of the grant scheme.
  3. To delegate delivery of the project to the Portfolio Director including subsequent individual grant awards in line with the final grant scheme of up to £500,000, with individual grant awards between £500,000 and £1million being made in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair, Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To seek the Sub-committee's approval of the Full Business Case for the Advanced Wireless (Connected Campuses) Project.

The Economic Ambition Board approved the Outline Business Case for the project on 20 September 2024. The project subsequently received approval of the assurance process from the Welsh Government. This enabled the Portfolio Management Office to move forward with the development of the Full Business Case.

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North Wales Ambition have now completed market engagement prior to project approval and have submitted a Full Business Case to the Board for a final investment decision.

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#### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 13: **ENTERPRISE, ENGINEERING & OPTICS CENTRE CHANGE REQUEST**

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**DECISION**

1. To approve the request for change for the Enterprise, Engineering and Optics Centre project, making the following changes:
  2. That approval be given for an additional Growth Deal investment of £446,041 to enable the project to progress to the delivery phase, subject to the funding being fully spent within the 2025-26 financial year. This investment will generate a number of additional benefits, including confirmed match funding of £250,898 from Wrexham University and the creation of six full-time equivalent jobs for the region.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To seek the Sub-committee's approval to the request for change for the Enterprise, Engineering and Optics Center for additional Growth Deal investment.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 14: **RESPONSIBLE ADVENTURES REQUEST FOR CHANGE**

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**DECISION**

1. To agree the request for change for the Responsible Adventures project, making the following changes:
  - a) To approve the removal of the eBus element from the project scope
  - b) To approve the process of developing and delivering a business case
  - c) To confirm that the two remaining conditions imposed during approval of the Outline Business Case have been adequately met and that the project can proceed to submit business cases for funding approval in accordance with the step-by-step delivery proposal in the change request.
  - d) To request further detailed information on the proposed change request to replace the eBus element of the project with the development of a Forest Masterplan at Betws y Coed and that this will be submitted to the next Sub-Committee in October for consideration.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Requests for changes to projects by Project Funders are matters for the Sub-Committee to decide.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

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