



Cyd-Bwyllgor Corfforedig Gogledd Cymru North Wales Corporate Joint Committee

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

DATE OF DECISION

05 December 2025

SUBJECT

Item 5: PORTFOLIO BUSINESS CASE UPDATE 2025 AND OVERARCHING BUSINESS PLAN

DECISION

The Portfolio Business Case Update 2025 was approved and submitted to the Welsh Government and UK Government as part of the annual award of funding process.

The Portfolio Director was requested to submit all required documentation and the change request form to the Welsh and UK Governments as part of the annual award of funding process and delegate authority to the Portfolio Director, in accordance with the Chair, the Vice-chair, the Monitoring Officer and the 151 Officer to negotiate with the Welsh Government and UK Government on the timing of the award of funding and to make any minor amendments as requested by either government.

The updated Overarching Business Plan 2026-2030 was approved, setting out the arrangements for delivering the North Wales Growth Deal.

A verbal update was given on the Portfolio Assurance Review 2025 and the Portfolio Director was requested to develop an action plan to address the recommendations.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is a requirement of the Final Deal Agreement that the Portfolio Business Case is updated on an annual basis and submitted to Welsh Government and UK Government as part of the annual award of funding process.

It is a requirement, as noted in the Delivery and Funding Agreement (previously Governance Agreement 2), for the North Wales Growth Deal partners to update the Overarching Business Plan every five years.

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 6: EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

DECISION

A vote was taken on the proposal to exclude the press and public and Councillor Nia Jeffreys abstained her vote on this item.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Chair will propose to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following items due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972: Information about the financial or business transactions of any specific person (including the authority that retains that information).

There is an acknowledged public interest in being open about the use of public resources and related financial issues. However, it is acknowledged that there are occasions, in order to protect financial and commercial interests, that matters related to such information need to be discussed without being publicised. The report is specifically regarding financial and business matters together with associated discussions. The publication of such commercially sensitive information could adversely affect the interests of the bodies and the CJC 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.

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 7: PORT OF MOSTYN UPGRADE PROGRAMME, BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION CASE+

DECISION

The Business Justification Case (BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION CASE+) was approved for the Port of Mostyn Upgrade Programme, subject to the Welsh Government and UK Government's approval of the assurance process undertaken.

The Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, the Vice-chair, the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, was delegated to confirm the final post-procurement benefits and costs, in accordance with the approved business case and enter into a funding agreement with Port of Mostyn Ltd for the delivery of the project, subject to the Port addressing the outstanding issues in section 7 of the report and securing all necessary internal approvals for the project.

To confirm that the approval from the Sub-committee is valid for a period of six months and should the project not proceed to a signed funding agreement during this time, it will be required to return and re-submit the business case to the Sub-committee for approval.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was noted that there was a need for the Sub-committee's approval of the BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION CASE+ for the Port of Mostyn Upgrade project.

It was explained that the BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION CASE+ was being submitted to the Sub-committee on 5 December before completing procurement due to a commercial requirement to appoint contractors to move in January 2026 and commence Stages 1 and 2 of the work in February.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Monitoring Officer was consulted on the decision sought.



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Item 8: ALBERT GUBAY BUSINESS SCHOOL, BANGOR UNIVERSITY, OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

DECISION

The Outline Business Case (OBC) was approved for the Albert Gubay Business School, subject to the Welsh Government and UK Government's approval of the assurance process undertaken, and Bangor University addresses the matters set out in the report, as described in Section 7, and request that a Full Business Case is prepared for the Sub-committee's consideration.

To authorise the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Chair, the Vice-chair, the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer to agree on draft terms in accordance with this report as a basis for the final funding arrangements for the project to be committed subject to Full Business Case approval.

To confirm that the Sub-committee's approval is valid for a period of six months, and should the project not proceed to an approved Full Business Case during this time, it will be required to return and represent the business case to the Sub-committee for approval.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek the Sub-committee's approval of the Outline Business Case for the Albert Gubay Business School.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

A declaration of personal interest was received from Paul Spencer from Bangor University and Aled Jones-Griffiths from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, they were prejudicial interests, and they withdrew from the meeting.

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 9: PADESWOOD RAIL ENHANCEMENT PROJECT - OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

DECISION

To approve the Outline Business Case for Padeswood subject to the Welsh Government and UK Government's approval of the assurance process undertaken, and the Transport for Wales Council addressing the matters noted during the discussion, and request that a Full Business Case is prepared for the Sub-committee to consider.

To authorise the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Chair, the Vice-chair, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to agree on draft terms in accordance with this report as a basis for the final funding arrangements for the project subject to Full Business Case approval.

To confirm that the approval from the Sub-committee is valid for a period of six months and should the project not secure planning permission and proceed to an approved Full Business Case during this period, it will be required to return and re-submit the business case to the Sub-committee for approval.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek the Sub-Committee's approval of the OBC for the Padeswood Rail Enhancement Project.

It was noted that the Outline Business Case was being submitted to the Sub-committee on 5 December so that Transport for Wales can ensure funding for the Project.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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Item 10: RESPONSIBLE ADVENTURE REQUEST FOR CHANGE

DECISION

The request for change was agreed for the Responsible Adventure project, including the proposed element in Betws-y-coed instead of the eBus.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Requests for changes to projects from Project Sponsors are matters for the Sub-committee to decide.

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.
