



REPORT TO THE NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD
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TITLE: *Update on the EAB Work Programme*

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1. The purpose on the document (included in Appendix 1) is to provide an update on the progress of the actions within the EAB Work Programme. All actions within the Work Programme have been given a RAG (Red, Amber, Green) Status to update on the progress.
- 1.2. The Work Programme was approved by the North Wales Economic Ambition Board on the 1st February 2019.

2. DECISION SOUGHT

- 2.1. Approve the RAG status on all actions within the Work Programme.
- 2.2. Review and update the finance section within the Work Programme.

3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- 3.1. To update on the progress of the actions within the Work Programme.

4. BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1. The Work Programme sets out initial key actions for the Economic Ambition Board over 3 quarters. The Work Programme outlines 10 key categories, supported by key actions required. Each action has a timeframe and has been assigned responsibility, and a RAG Status.
- 4.2. All tasks have been reviewed and given a RAG Status, in accordance with the guidelines below:

RAG Status	Action Status	Action Required
GREEN	On track for completion within the desired timescale	No action required
AMBER	Action may be at risk to meet the deadline	Action required to address issues
RED	Action is at risk to miss the completion date	Immediate action required to address issues

- 4.3. All tasks scheduled for completion during Q1 2019 are on track for completion and have a GREEN RAG status, with the exception of the following in amber:
- Challenge Sessions with UKG and WG - these will be arranged during Q2 2019.

- Identify, review and agree a 3 year budget and contributions from all partners – A budget has been prepared for the transitional year 2019/20. As a lot of additional information is required to identify operational figures for 2020-21 and beyond, the Accountable Body will aim to produce a 3 year budget by Q1 2020.

4.4. The Accountable Body's Section 151 Officer suggests the following amendments to the Work Programme:

- Agree position on NNDR and capitalisation – suggest that the timeframe for completion is changed to Q3 2019 due to the dependency upon information that project managers will crystallise during preparation of business cases during Q2 2019.
- Identify and agree LA borrowing requirements – The responsibility against this action should be changed from “Section 151 Officers and Monitoring Officers / Accountable Body / Joint Committee” to “Partners’ and the Accountable Body’s finance officers”.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. None at this stage.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1. None at this stage.

7. STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

7.1. None at this stage.

8. IMPACT ON EQUALITIES

8.1. None at this stage.

9. CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN

9.1. The Work Programme has been developed by the Programme Director in consultation with the Executive Officers’ Group.

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 EAB Initial Work Programme

STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:

i. Monitoring Officer – Accountable Body:

“The monitoring of progress on the Growth Project represents one of the core functions of the Economic Ambition Board. No observations to add in relation to propriety.”

ii. Head of Finance – Accountable Body:

“I have collaborated with the author to prepare this report and I confirm the financial aspects of the content.”