



north wales economic ambition board
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REPORT TO TRANSPORT DELIVERY SUB-GROUP

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Title: *North Wales Metro Update*
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1. Purpose of the Report

For Members to receive a presentation and update on progress from Transport for Wales on work being undertaken on projects within the North Wales Metro.

2. Decision Sought

Members are invited to note the update and proposed further work planned.

3. Reasons supporting the need for a decision.

The report is largely for information, to advise members of progress with the North Wales Metro, the development of the strategy, projects planned for delivery in 2021-2 and longer term work that is being developed.

No formal decision is required as a result of this report.

4 Background and Relevant Considerations

Members have received reports on progress with the Metro in previous meetings. Transport for Wales have been commissioned by Welsh Government to accelerate delivery of the programme and projects identified within the overall Metro concept.

There has been a significant increase in activity over the past year with additional resources being allocated and good progress with project delivery. Transport projects are rarely easy or quick to deliver and it is useful for Members to understand the progress that has been made and the likely timescales for implementation.

The Metro is bringing together a range of projects on the regions rail network, bus network and active travel schemes, such that integration between transport modes is improved. Interchange points on the network and integrated ticketing, branding, and marketing are all under development.

5. Considerations

Improving connectivity is an essential programme to support economic growth in North Wales. The increased congestion on key road networks and the fragmented nature of much of the passenger transport infrastructure and services means that there is little choice for travel other than by private car or road. The Metro is intended to be a long term project that provides better alternatives and to support improved connectivity within the region and to adjoining markets and destinations.

Delivery of the Metro proposals will be a joint programme, the role of local authorities working in partnership with Welsh Government and Transport for Wales will need to evolve as the programme progresses.

5. Financial Implications

There are no specific financial implications from this report, it is mainly information on work that has been completed to consider proposals to improve integrated transport and accessibility in North Wales.

6. Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications from this report.

7. Staffing Implications

There are no specific staffing implications at this stage – the report provides updates on work currently underway.

8. Impact on Equalities

There are no specific equalities implications at this stage – the report provides updates in work currently underway. Detailed consultation on any reports where impacts are possible will be carried out at the appropriate consultation process.

9. Consultations undertaken

There are no specific consultations required at this stage – the report provides updates in work currently underway. Detailed consultation on any reports where impacts are possible will be carried out at the appropriate consultation process.

STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:

i. Monitoring Officer – responsible body:

No observations to add in relation to propriety

ii. Head of Finance – responsible body:

I understand that this progress report is submitted for information, hence I have nothing to add from a financial propriety perspective.