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**REPORT TO THE NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD**  
**24 June 2022**

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**TITLE:** Lead Member Roles  
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**1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to confirm the Lead Member roles for Ambition North Wales and the Growth Deal.

**2. DECISION SOUGHT**

- 2.1. That the Board confirm the Lead Member roles as set out in section 4.4.

**3. REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

- 3.1. As stated in the report.

**4. BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1. In June 2020, the Board adopted a portfolio, programme and project management governance structure for the delivery of the North Wales Growth Deal, including the establishment of five Programme Boards to oversee operational delivery.
- 4.2. The governance structure included the appointment of a Lead Member to each of the five Programme Boards in addition to the existing Lead Member role for Transport.
- 4.3. Following the local elections in May 2022 there is a need to re-confirm these roles.

Proposed Lead Member Roles

- 4.4. The table below sets out the proposed Lead Member roles by the Portfolio Management Office, supported by the Portfolio Board. This is based on the principle of ensuring continuity for the programmes at this crucial stage of delivery.

<b>Programme</b>	<b>Proposed Lead Member</b>
Digital	Councillor Mark Pritchard
Energy	Councillor Llinos Medi
Land and Property	Councillor Jason McLellan
Innovation in High Value Manufacturing	Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn
Agrifood and Tourism	Councillor Charlie McCoubrey
Transport	Councillor Ian Roberts

4.5. The only change proposed is that Councillor Jason McLellan the new Leader of Denbighshire County Council take on the role of Lead Member for the Land and Property Programme. This position was previously held by Councillor Hugh Evans, the former Leader of Denbighshire.

**5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1. There are no financial implications arising directly from approving the decision sought in this report.

**6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1. There are no direct legal implications arising from the report. The proposal is part of an existing operational governance arrangement.

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**APPENDICES:**

**None**

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**STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:**

- i. **Monitoring Officer – Host Authority:**  
No observation to add in relation to propriety.
- ii. **Statutory Finance Officer (the Host Authority’s Section 151 Officer):**  
Nothing to add from the perspective of financial propriety.