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## **NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**19 September, 2025**

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**TITLE:** ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

**AUTHORS:** Alwen Williams, Chief Executive

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### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1. To accept and approve the Governance Statement.

### **2. DECISION SOUGHT**

- 2.1. The Corporate Joint Committee is asked to accept and approve the Annual Governance Statement for Ambition North Wales.

### **3. REASON FOR THE DECISION**

- 3.1. As outlined below.

### **4. BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS**

- 4.1. The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) sets fixed requirements on public bodies that operate partnership management arrangements through formal joint committees.
- 4.2. Regulation 5 requires the Joint Committee to review and approve annually a statement of internal control. To comply with this requirement the Annual Governance Statement has been prepared. The document has been produced to offer a framework for the operation of Ambition North Wales.

### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

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**APPENDICES:**

**Appendix 1:**      Annual Governance Statement

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**STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:**

**i.      Monitoring Officer:**

“I am satisfied that the Governance Statement provides a fair and accurate reflection of the governance arrangements for the former North Wales Ambition Board Joint Committee. With the dissolution of the Joint Committee on transfer of its functions to the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee as successor body it is the appropriate decision-making forum to endorse the statement.”

**ii.     Statutory Finance Officer:**

“I am satisfied that the Governance Statement is a fair reflection of the governance arrangements at Ambition North Wales in 2024/25, and that arrangements for accountability are appropriate. The statement meets the requirement to describe Ambition North Wales’s governance framework, and to assess how effective it is operating.

The Statement addresses appropriately a significant post-balance sheet event, namely the transfer of the Ambition Board's functions to the Corporate Joint Committee on 1 April 2025.”