Cyd-Bwyllgor Corfforedig
Gogledd Cymru
North Wales
Corporate Joint Committee

REPORT TO THE ECONOMIC WELL-BEING SUB-COMMITTEE

16th May, 2025

TITLE: Co-option onto the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1. To consider the co-option of a member representative from Eryri National Park Authority to be appointed onto the sub-committee.

2. DECISION SOUGHT

2.1. To recommend to the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee co-option of an Eryri National Park Authority Member (non-voting) onto the Sub-Committee to support its functions and responsibilities.

2.2. That the following Eryri National Park Authority Member be co-opted onto the Economic Well-Being Sub-Committee in relation to matters involving strategic planning functions only:

- Cllr. Edgar W. Owen, Eryri NPA Chair

3. REASON FOR THE DECISION

3.1. On 21 March the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee agreed the membership of the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee shall consist of the six Council Members of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee, together with a representative from each of those bodies that were represented on the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (NWEAB) to be appointed as a non-voting co-optees.

4. BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

4.1. The Membership of the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee is a direct lift and shift from the North Wales Economic Ambition Board. This is reflected in its current composition with the leaders of each constituent Council (voting Members), and co-opted membership from the educational parties and a representative from Eryri National Park Authority (planning matters), Chair of the North Wales Skills Partnership, and the Chair representative from the Business Advisory Board. This represents the position as required in the Corporate Joint Committee's Standing Orders – "The membership of the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee shall consist of the six Council Members of the Corporate Joint Committee, together a representative from each of the following bodies appointed as a non-voting co-optee".

4.2. The representatives of each partner body have undertaken a role as Advisor to the North Wales Economic Ambition Board to date. The completion of a co-option agreement is a statutory precursor to undertaking membership of the Corporate Joint Committee on the terms as set out in the co-option agreement. The co-opted Members are appointed for a two-year period or until they stand down from their employed role or resign, whichever is the lesser.

4.3. Statutory Guidance actively encourages involving others to support carrying out functions and responsibilities effectively. The Guidance outlines the importance of creating an inclusive and collaborative culture to ensure a wider perspective of its work. The strategic nature of the work of the Sub-Committee provides an opportunity for it to identify key partners and stakeholders that they consider would benefit their work. However, who is co-opted and how is a matter for the Corporate Joint Committee to decide.

4.4. By co-opting Members onto any Sub-Committee, the Corporate Joint Committee is co-opting an individual as a Member of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee on such terms as it determines. This means that the co-opted person is appointed as a Member to support the function of the Corporate Joint Committee, as opposed to representing any organisation or employer. The terms of the co-option will be set out in the co-option agreement and will relate only to those economic well-being functions which are delegated to the Sub-Committee.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

6. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1. The legal and governance implications are addressed in the body of the report.

STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:

i. Monitoring Officer:

Report author.

ii. Statutory Finance Officer:

"No comments from the perspective of financial propriety."