

Report to	Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting	20th May 2021
Lead Member / Officer	Councillor Hugh Evans, Leader/Graham Boase, Corporate Director: Economy and Public Realm
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Title	North Wales Economic Ambition Board Annual Report 2020/21

1. What is the report about?

1.1. The report is about the work of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board, (the Board) during the financial year 2020/21

2. What is the reason for making this report?

2.1. To consider the Board's Quarter4/Annual Report on its work and progress during 2020-21

3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1. That Members consider the contents of the Q4/Annual report and provide comment and feedback

4. Report details

4.1. On 8th December 2020 the Council approved the Final Growth Deal with the UK and Welsh Governments and agreed to enter into a governance agreement (GA2) as the basis upon which the work of the Board in delivering the Growth Vision and Growth Deal would be governed. As part of GA2 it was agreed that the Portfolio Management Office would prepare a quarterly report on the work of

the Board and circulate it to each of the partner organisations in order that it could be submitted to Scrutiny.

4.2. It was further agreed that an officer of the Portfolio Management Office would be able to attend on up to two occasions each year at a relevant scrutiny meeting in order to answer questions. It has been agreed that the Portfolio Management Office will send a representative to Scrutiny to consider the Q2 and Q4 reports and that the reports in respect of Q1 and Q3 will be submitted for information.

4.3. The Q4/Annual Report of the Board will follow this report and will be available for members in advance of the meeting of the Committee on 20th May. An officer of the Portfolio Management Office along with relevant officers of the Council will be available to answer questions at the meeting.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

5.1. The Growth Deal is based on themes which are in line with the Council's corporate priorities.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

6.1. There are no costs arising directly out of the scrutiny of this report.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

7.1. A well-being impact assessment is not required.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

8.1. There have been no consultations with others.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1. As noted in the cover report this is an update report, for members' information, and there are no direct financial implications. Regular reporting on the progress of the North Wales Growth Deal is critical to ensure compliance with the award of funding letter requirements and GA2. As noted under 'Finance' in part 2 of the quarterly

report Gwynedd CC have confirmed that discussions are continuing with Welsh Government with regard to the grant profile and related conditions, after the UK Government accelerating their funding arrangements. Whatever the result of these discussions there is sufficient budget in place to cover DCC contributions to help with the cash flow position as agreed as part of the Budget agreed by Council in January.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

10.1. There are no risks directly associated with the scrutiny of this report.

11. Power to make the decision

11.1. s21 Local Government Act 2000

11.2. Section 7 Council Constitution