

Report to	Governance and Audit Committee
Date of meeting	24 November 2021
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Title	Progress Review of the North Wales Growth Deal – North Wales Economic Ambition Board

1. What is the report about?

1.1. Audit Wales's Progress Review of the North Wales Growth Deal – North Wales Economic Ambition Board.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

2.1. To present a copy of the ' Progress Review of the North Wales Growth Deal - North Wales Economic Ambition Board' recently published by Audit Wales together with the 'Management Response' which are included as Appendices 1 and 2.

3. What are the Recommendations?

3.1. That Corporate Governance notes the report and management responses.

4. Report details

4.1. The Governance and Audit Committee has a role to review and assess the risk management, internal control, performance management and corporate governance arrangements of the Council and as part of this role there is an expectation to consider the reports of external review bodies such as Audit Wales.

4.2. Audit Wales representatives will be available at the committee to respond to any queries.

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

5.1. Audit Wales work will cover some of the Corporate Priorities (e.g. Environment) and, more generally, the effectiveness of financial and performance controls at Denbighshire County Council.

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

6.1. There are no direct financial implications of this report.

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

7.1. This is a report on a work plan by an external organisation, therefore a well-being impact assessment is not required.

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

8.1. This report has been, or will be, shared with the relevant committees within each North Wales Local Authority as members of the NWEAB .

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

9.1 There are no direct financial implications of this report.

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

10.1. There are no risks associated with this plan.

11. Power to make the decision

11.1. No decision required. This report is for information purposes.