

<b>Report to</b>	<b>Partnerships Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date of meeting</b>	<b>16<sup>th</sup> December 2021</b>
<b>Lead Member / Officer</b>	<b>Councillor Hugh Evans, Leader/Graham Boase, Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Report author</b>	<b>Graham Boase, Chief Executive Officer</b>
<b>Title</b>	<b>North Wales Economic Ambition Board Quarter 2 Update Report</b>

## **1. What is the report about?**

- 1.1. The report is about the work of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board, (the Board) during quarter 2 of 2021/22

## **2. What is the reason for making this report?**

- 2.1. To consider the Board's Quarter 2 update report on its work and progress during that quarter.

## **3. What are the Recommendations?**

That Members:

- 3.1. consider the contents of the Q2 report and provide comment and feedback; and
- 3.2. agree that in future Q2 reports are circulated for information purposes (as per paragraph 4.2 below).

## **4. Report details**

- 4.1. On 8<sup>th</sup> 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 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 Q4 report and that the reports in respect of Q1 and Q3 will be submitted for information. As this is the first Q2 report to Scrutiny DCC senior officers will attend to present the report. However, it is suggested that the Q2 report in future is circulated for information, in line with the practice adopted at other local authorities, with the Q4/Annual Report being formally presented to the Committee for discussion and debate.

4.3. This report includes Appendix 1 which is the North Wales Growth Deal Quarter 2 Performance Report.

## **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.

## **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