

Report to	Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting	6th July 2023
Lead Member / Officer	Councillor Jason McLellan, Leader and Lead Member for Economic Growth and Tackling Deprivation / Tony Ward, Corporate Director: Environment and Economy
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Title	North Wales Economic Ambition Board Annual Report 2022/23

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 2022/23.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1. To consider the Board's Quarter 4 (Appendix 1) and Annual Report (Appendix 2) on its work and progress during 2022-23.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1. That Members consider the contents of the Quarter 4 (Q4) and Annual Report and provide comment and feedback, as required.

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 one occasion each year at a relevant scrutiny meeting to answer questions. It has been agreed by Scrutiny that the Portfolio Management Office will send a representative to Scrutiny when considering the Q4/Annual reports and that the reports in respect of Q1, Q2 and Q3 will be submitted for information only.

4.3. The Q4 (Appendix 1) and Annual Report (Appendix 2) of the Board are attached to this report. Officers of the Portfolio Management Office along with relevant officers of the Council will attend the meeting to answer members' questions.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?

5.1. The Growth Deal is based on themes which are in line with the Council's corporate themes and 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 for this report.

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

8.1. There have been no consultations with others prior to this meeting.

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 of the Council's Council Constitution