

Report to	Partnerships Scrutiny Committee
Date of meeting	7th November 2024
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	Ambition North Wales Board Annual Report 2023/24

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1. The report is about the work of the Ambition North Wales Board (the Board) during the financial year 2023/24.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1. To consider the Quarter 4 (Q4) Report for 2023/24 (Appendix 1) and the Board's Annual Report on its work and progress during 2023/24 (Appendix 2).

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1. That Members consider the contents of the Q4 2023/24 Report and the Annual Report for 2023/24 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 2023/24 Report (Appendix 1) and the Annual Report for 2023/24 (Appendix 2) are attached to this report. Officers of the Portfolio Management Office 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, and the work of Ambition North Wales, supports several of the Council's corporate plan themes, but particularly the themes: A Prosperous Denbighshire; and A Greener Denbighshire.

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