

ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date of Meeting	Tuesday 11 th October 2022
Report Subject	An Introduction to the North Wales Economic Ambition Board and Annual report
Cabinet Member	Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Economy
Report Author	Chief Officer (Planning, Environment and Economy)
Type of Report	Operational

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the report is to present the Annual Report for 2021-22 and introduce the Committee to the Leadership Team of Ambition North Wales, the work which they undertake and the governance structure which supports their work.

Quarterly and annual reporting on progress against the North Wales Growth Deal is a requirement of the Final Deal Agreement. Following consideration by the North Wales Economic Ambition Board, the reports will be shared with Welsh Government, UK Government and the local authority scrutiny committees.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1	That the Committee consider and note the Annual Report for 2021-22.
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REPORT DETAILS

1.00	EXPLAINING THE ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2021-22.
1.01	The Annual Report looks back on the progress made over the last year by Ambition North Wales. It covers the Growth Deal and other supported activities.
1.02	<p>The report provides an overview of the Growth Deal and the progress made in delivering the projects as well as other key milestones achieved during the year, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Three Outline Business Cases being approved and the approval of the first Full Business Case for the Digital Signal Processing Centre with Bangor University.▪ Securing over £1m in additional grants to support projects in North Wales aligned to the Growth Deal.▪ Securing the second tranche of Growth Deal funding of £20.45m in March 2022.▪ Launching the Energy Strategy for North Wales with Welsh Government.▪ Completion of the Local Full Fibre Network project which saw broadband services upgraded at 300 sites across the region.▪ Launching the new website and brand for Ambition North Wales.

2.00	RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS
2.01	There are no financial implications arising directly from approving the decision sought in this report.

3.00	IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND RISK MANAGEMENT
3.01	None.

4.00	CONSULTATIONS REQUIRED/CARRIED OUT
4.01	None.

5.00	APPENDICES
5.1	Appendix 1 North Wales Growth Deal – Annual Performance Report Appendix 2 Portfolio Risk Register – March 2022

6.00	LIST OF ACCESSIBLE BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS
6.01	None.

7.00	CONTACT OFFICER DETAILS
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8.00	GLOSSARY OF TERMS
8.01	None.