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<b>RHYBUDD O GYFARFOD</b>	<b>NOTICE OF MEETING</b>
<b>PWYLLGOR SGRIWTINI PARTNERIAETH AC ADFYWIO</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DYDD IAU, 18 IONAWR, 2024 am 10.00 o'r gloch yb</b>	<b>THURSDAY, 18 JANUARY, 2024 at 10.00 am</b>
<b>CYFARFOD HYBRID – YN YSTAFELL BWYLLOR 1, SWYDDFEYDD Y CYNGOR, LLANGFNI AC YN RHITHIOL DRWY ZOOM</b>	<b>HYBRID MEETING – COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNCIL OFFICES, LLANGFNI AND VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM</b>
<b>Swyddog Pwyllgor</b>	<b>Mrs. Mairwen Hughes 01248 752518 Committee Officer</b>

## AELODAU / MEMBERS

Cynghorwyr / Councillors:-

### Y Grwp Annibynnol/ The Independent Group

Gwilym O Jones (**Is-gadeirydd/Vice-Chair**)

### Plaid Cymru / The Party of Wales

Non Dafydd, Eurn Morris, John I Jones, Dylan Rees (**Cadeirydd/Chair**), Margaret M Roberts, Ken Taylor, Sonia Williams

### Annibynnwyr Môn/Anglesey Independents

Paul Ellis, Jeff Evans, Derek Owen

### Llafur Cymru/Welsh Labour

Pip O'Neill

**Aelodau Ychwanegol/Additional Members (gyda hawl pleidleisio ar faterion addysg/with voting rights in respect of educational matters) Sedd Wag/Vacant Seat (Yr Eglwys yng Nghymru/The Church in Wales), Mrs Gillian Thompson (Rhiant Llywodraethwr – Sector Ysgolion Cynradd/Parent Governor – Primary Schools Sector), Sedd Wag/Vacant Seat -(Rhiant Llywodraethwyr – Sector Ysgolion Uwchradd ac ADY/Parent Governor – Secondary Schools Sector and ALN) Mr John Tierney (Yr Eglwys Babyddol Rufeinig/The Roman Catholic Church)**

### **Aelod Cyfetholedig/Co-opted Member (Dim Hawl Pleidleisio/No Voting Rights)**

Mr. Dafydd Gruffydd ( Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr/Managing Director - Menter Môn)

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## **A G E N D A**

**1**     **APOLOGIES**

**2**     **DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

To receive any declaration of interest by any Member or Officer in respect of any item of business.

**3**     **MINUTES** (Pages 1 - 16)

To submit, for confirmation, the minutes of the following meetings:-

- Minutes of the special meeting held on 13 November, 2023;
- Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November, 2023.

**4**     **MODERNISING DAY OPPORTUNITIES : LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES (HOLYHEAD AREA)** (Pages 17 - 42)

To submit a report by the Head of Adults' Services.

**5**     **NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD Q2 : 2023/2024 - PROGRESS REPORT** (Pages 43 - 78)

To submit a report by the Chief Executive.

**6**     **COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME - 2023/2024** (Pages 79 - 86)

To submit a report by the Scrutiny Manager.

**PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the special hybrid meeting held on 13 November 2023**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Dylan Rees (Chair)  
Councillor Gwilym O Jones (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors Non Dafydd, Pip O'Neill, Derek Owen,  
Margaret Murley Roberts, Ken Taylor and Sonia Williams
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Director of Social Services,  
Head of Adults' Services,  
Head of Democracy,  
Scrutiny Manager (AD),  
Scrutiny Officer (EA),  
Committee Officer (MEH)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors John I Jones and Euryrn Morris  
Councillor Nicola Roberts (Portfolio Member for Planning &  
Climate Change)
- Deputy Chief Executive
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Llinos Medi – Leader of the Council & Portfolio Member  
for Economic Development.
- Councillor Neville Evans – Portfolio Member for Leisure, Tourism &  
Maritime;  
Councillor Carwyn Jones – Portfolio Member for Corporate &  
Customer Experience;  
Councillor Gary Pritchard – Deputy Leader & Portfolio Member for  
Children, Youth and Housing Services;  
Councillor Alun Roberts – Portfolio Member for Adults' Services &  
Community Safety;  
Councillor Dafydd Roberts – Portfolio Member for Education &  
Welsh Language;  
Councillor Dafydd R Thomas – Portfolio Member for Highways,  
Property & Waste;  
Councillor Robin Williams – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Member  
for Finance.
- Mr Dyfed Edwards – Chair of the Betsi Cadwaladr University  
Health Board;  
Mrs Ffion Johnson – Area Director (West) – Betsi Cadwaladr  
University Health Board.

The Chair welcomed Mr Dyfed Edwards, Chair of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Mrs Ffion Johnson, Area Director (West) – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to the meeting.

**1 APOLOGIES**

As noted above.

**2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None received.

**3 BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD**

The report of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board was submitted to the Committee for consideration.

The Chief Executive said that the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board is the largest partner organisation that works with this Authority to help vulnerable people and afford the best services and care for the residents of the Island. He noted that it is recognized that the Health Board has faced a challenging period over the last six months due to special measures been placed by Welsh Government on the Health Board. However, it is recognised that improvements have been achieved within the Health Board and it is hoped that progress will continue. He further said that the Council is fortunate in having two individuals on the Besti Cadwaladr University Health Board with Councillor Dyfed W Jones as an Independent Member on the Board and Mr Fôn Roberts, Director of Social Services as an Associate Member.

Mr Dyfed Edwards, Chair of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board said that it is unusual that the whole of the Health Board was placed in special measures by Welsh Government in February 2023 due to a number of concerns relating to delivery, organisational performance and governance. He referred to the Board's membership and structure and it is hoped to appoint further representatives on the Board in due course. Mr Edwards further said that the history of the Health Board has been challenging over the last decade with a number of Chief Executive's appointed and leaving their posts. He said the experiences of people receiving the services of the Health Service have been monitored which has resulted in comments praising the health service once they have been seen and have received treatment but there are still challenges experienced in receiving appointments and services in the first instance.

Mr Edwards said that his aim as the Chair of the Health Board and the Chief Executive is to improve the services afforded and to give the best health and well-being support to the people the Health Boards serves. He expressed that the Health Board needs to further engage with local communities and to be able to afford services within these communities and several consultation meetings are to

be held to gauge the opinions of people as regards to the Health Board. He further said that it is paramount to engage and share information with the local authorities to afford the best possible services to the people the Health Board serves.

Mr Edwards further said that the Health Board is a major employer which employs nearly 20,000 employees across the region and the socio-economic effect the Board has is far reaching.

Mrs Ffion Johnson, Area Director (West) – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board said that continued good working relationship consists with this Authority and the Health Board.

In considering the report, the Committee discussed the following main matters:-

- Reference was made that the Health Board's improvement journey which includes 5 key outcomes as noted within the report. Questions were raised as to what challenges or risks impact on the ability of the Health Board to realise its improvement journey? Mr Dyfed Edwards responded that there are 5 key outcomes within the report, and he referred specifically to the culture aspect of the Health Board in its ability to afford the best services and health care to the patients. However, he said the culture of the Health Board is very fragile as staff feel under pressure due to long working hours and continued changes within the leadership of the Health Board; he considered that people need to be more considerate of one another and to be ready to listen to patient's needs. Mr Edwards further expressed that creating an organization that meets standards is paramount. Mrs Ffion Johnson referred to the challenges that has been faced with recruitment of medical staff and she considered that the Medical School in Bangor University will afford local young people the opportunity to study and potentially be the future medical staff within the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board. She noted that the Health Care Assistant within the Health Board are also given the opportunity to attend courses in Bangor and Aberystwyth Universities to become registered nurses.
- Questions were raised as to whether the '90 day cycles of improvement' as regards to the 5 key outcomes within the report, will put added pressure on the Health Board? Mr Dyfed Edwards responded that the Health Board is currently within a 'stabilisation phase' and it has been emphasized to Welsh Government that flexibility is required as improvements in certain aspects of the Health Board will take a longer period of time. He gave an example that Welsh Government has commissioned reports on specific areas within the Health Board and as part of the special measures programme the Health Board needs to be seen to be acting within these specific areas.
- Questions were raised as to what degree does the Health Board share and learn from good practice examples in other areas to improve services in rural areas like the Isle of Anglesey? Mrs Ffion Johnson responded that examples of good practices are shared within rural areas and with areas within Ceredigion. The Hywel Dda Health Board is currently looking at urgent and emergency care model and it is hoped that good practices can be learnt from this model.
- Reference was made that as a statutory consultee the Health Board does not respond to planning applications. It was expressed that a development within local communities can have a negative effect on GP services within these communities. Mr Dyfed Edwards responded that there will be a need to

establish an arrangement in place for the Health Board to responded planning applications that has a negative effect on health care provisions within local communities. He noted that the Health Board should also be part of discussions during the creation of the Local Development Plan. The Chief Executive said that the Health Board will be a statutory partner in terms of the process within the creation of the Local Development Plan. He noted that the development of housing developments within a rural area can have an immense effect on services within the community and especially the health care provision.

- Questions were raised as to how it is intended to further develop joint working between the Health Board and the Isle of Anglesey County Council Social Services? Mrs Ffion Johnson responded that numerous joint projects have been established with the Social Services Department on Anglesey. She referred to examples of joint working with the three Community Resources Team, Multi-Disciplinary Teams, Care Packages, and the potential use of the Garreglwyd Residential Home in Holyhead. She noted that a Community Hub pilot scheme which has been established at Penrhos Stanley Hospital, Holyhead is focusing on reducing the hospital admissions for the high-risk patients. The Director of Social Services said that there is a good working relationship across the workforce of the Social Services Department and the Health Board and discussions are undertaken to ascertain as to how to improve services to the residents of Anglesey on a regular basis.
- Reference was made to the Age Friendly sector who convene meetings in numerous villages on Anglesey. Issues of concerns were raised at these meetings to the hospital transport facility and to the long period of time people are having to wait for transport home following hospital appointments and the requirement for additional primary care facilities within their local communities. Mrs Ffion Johnson responded to the issues raised and noted that the acute specialist care is currently within the main hospitals and consideration should be given to relocating the Specialist Nurses into the community. She noted that she would raise the issues raised with Dr Dyfrig ap Dafydd, who is the Cluster Lead on Anglesey.
- Reference was made that there are recruitment challenges as regards to Orthodontics in the West. Questions were raised as to how the Health Board is addressing the recruitment challenges of Orthodontics. Mrs Ffion Johnson responded that following the retirement of the Orthodontist in Bangor there has been a challenge in filling the post. She said that discussions are taking place across North Wales as regards to Orthodontics provision. She noted that discussion have been undertaken with the Dental Academy at Bangor and the Orthodontics in the central and eastern areas of North Wales have been contacted to ascertain whether they would be willing to attend the clinic in Bangor or whether patients are willing to travel to other areas. The Committee further referred to dental practices closing on the Island with only 7 remaining. Mrs Ffion Johnson responded that there is a lack of dental practices across North Wales. The Dental Academy at Bangor affords dental teaching programmes for students. She noted that discussions have been undertaken with the NHS Dentists on the Island to ascertain whether any adjustment can be made to the NHS contracts, but it is a matter for Welsh Government if any adjustments can be made to their contracts.

- Questions were raised as to what work streams are in place to strengthen the voice of local people and provide accountability to the citizens and communities of the Island and North Wales? Mr Dyfed Edwards responded that the Health Board has independent members on the Board that represent different organisations and community interests. A representative from 'Llais' the former Community Health Council is represented on the Board. Mr Edwards expressed that as Chair of the Board he is eager to attract local community representatives and elected members on the Health Board. He noted that a series of meetings are to be arranged across North Wales in local communities, where people can express their opinions on the services of the health service and an opportunity for local authorities and the third sector representatives to meet the Health Board to voice their concerns. Questions were further raised as to how the Health Board engages with residents. Mr Edwards responded that as Chair of the Health Board he would consider further as to how the Health Board engages with residents and it would be advantageous to gauge how this Council engages with residents.
- Questions were raised as to whether the cost-of-living crisis has affected the Health Board. Mr Edwards responded that a combination of issues has affected people's health and mental health due to the cost-of-living crisis, climate change and the post-covid, which is still ongoing. He noted that the quality of life of people affects people's health. There are examples, within local communities, of trying to get people together to socialise and having a hot meal. There are 'warm spaces' across North Wales afforded by the third sector and community groups. However, there is a risk in maintaining such a provision due to resources and people to volunteer.
- Reference was made that people contact their Elected Member with concerns as regards to health issues i.e. unable to get a GP appointment, lack of dentist, waiting for hospital appointments. Questions were raised as to how an Elected Member can have contact with the Health Board to raise such concerns. Mr Dyfed Edwards responded that as Chair of the Health Board he was willing to address any concerns in the first instance. He expressed that consideration would need to be given to have a specific contact within the Health Board for Elected Members to be able to express their electorates concerns.
- Reference was made within the report to medical records and key patient data. Questions were raised as to what arrangements are in hand to respond to recent comments by the Coroner in a case of medical referral records going missing? Mr Dyfed Edwards said that the response of the Health Board to similar cases has been unacceptable and as Chair of the Health Board he and the Interim Chief Executive have agreed that they need to address such matters and standards must be set and to try and restore the people's trust in the Health Board.

The Portfolio Member for Adult's Services wished to thank Mr Dyfed Edwards and Mrs Ffion Johnson for attending the meeting and noted that the partnership working with both the Health Board and the Social Services Department of the Council is paramount to support the health and care of residents of the Island.

**It was RESOLVED:-**

- **To note the report by Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board;**

- **To invite Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to submit a further update on progress to the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee in 12 months.**

**ACTIONS :-**

- **To improve the system as to how Elected Members can forward concerns of their electorate to the Health Board;**
- **That there is a need for a contact within the Health Board to respond to the statutory consultation process of planning applications when proposals for large housing developments affect the health provision in rural communities.**

**COUNCILLOR DYLAN REES  
CHAIR**



# **PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## **Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 22 November 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Dylan Rees (Chair)  
Councillor Gwilym O Jones (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Non Dafydd, Euryrn Morris, Pip O'Neill,  
Margaret Murley Roberts, Ken Taylor and Sonia Williams.

### **Portfolio Members**

Leader of the Council & Portfolio Member for Economic  
Development;  
Councillor Dafydd R Thomas – Portfolio Member for Highways,  
Property & Waste (for Item 4)

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Deputy Chief Executive,  
Head of Democracy (DS),  
Head of Regulation & Economic Development (item 6 only),  
Chief Waste Management Officer (ME) (item 4 only),  
Service Strategy & Business Manager (GP) (item 4 only),  
Community Safety Senior Operational Officer for Gwynedd and  
Anglesey (item 5 only),  
Chief Economic Development Officer (THJ) (item 6 only),  
Levelling Up Programme Manager (EM) (item 6 only),  
Scrutiny Manager (AD),  
Scrutiny Officer (EA),  
Committee Officer (MEH).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors John Ifan Jones and Derek Owen.

Councillor Neville Evans – Portfolio Member for Leisure, Tourism  
and Maritime;  
Councillor Gary Pritchard – Deputy Leader & Portfolio Member for  
Children, Youth and Housing Services.  
Councillor Alun Roberts – Portfolio Member for Adults' Services &  
Community Safety.

Head of Housing Services,  
Head of Highways, Property & Waste.

**ALSO PRESENT:** **Portfolio Members**

Councillor Nicola Roberts – Portfolio Member for Planning, Public  
Protection and Climate Change;  
Councillor Robin Williams – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Member  
for Finance

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## **1 APOLOGIES**

As noted above.

## **2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Euryrn Morris declared a personal interest in respect of Item 5 – Resources and Recycling Strategic Plan – 2023-2028.

## **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 October, 2023 were confirmed as correct, subject to the inclusion within the action points noted at item 4 – Regional Emergency Planning Service – Annual Report : 2022/2023, that the Chief Executive writes to Welsh Government to express that a specific plan needs to be put in place for the Island due to the resilience of the two bridges if a major incident was to occur.

## **4 RESOURCES AND RECYCLING STRATEGIC PLAN - 2023-2028**

The report of the Head of Highways, Waste and Property was submitted for consideration by the Committee.

The Portfolio Member for Highways, Waste and Property said that the Resources and Recycling Strategic Plan for 2023-2028 supports the Council's key ambitions in the Council Plan. The Council Plan states that by 2028 the Council needs to reach a recycling rate of 70% and to reach the target of net zero carbon emissions by 2030. He noted that all residents and tourists have a duty to reduce waste and to increase recycling. The Council has a good working relationship with partner organisations within the WLGA, Welsh Government and WRAP Cymru to assist in reaching these target rates of recycling of 70% and at present the current recycling rates on Anglesey is 64% (which can vary during different periods within the year). The Portfolio Member referred to the recent six weeks public consultation which took place between 11 September and 20 October, 2023. The consultation was designed to gather feedback on the key work streams to reduce, reuse and recycle more of household waste and nearly 200 responded to the consultation process (the response received was highlighted within the consultation document attached to the report). He further said that reference has been made that the recycling box to hold cardboard is insufficient and other avenues of affording cardboard collection needs to be considered i.e. affording sacks for additional cardboard. He further noted that there is a need to re-educate people as to importance of recycling and especially the younger generation .

The Chief Waste Management Officer reported that the main strategic priorities are to reduce waste, increase recycling, reduce fly-tipping, improve street cleaning together with improving recycling and waste within Council buildings. He also noted that to deliver services that are fit for the future there will be a need for

efficient fleet to ultra-low emission vehicles that will need to transfer from diesel vehicles to electric vehicles to collect waste and recycling and the machinery within the recycling site at Gwalchmai and Penhesgyn in the future. He further said that the consultation process was supportive of the need to increase recycling and to reduce the black bin waste.

In considering the report, the Committee discussed the following main matters:-

- Reference was made that the Resource and Recycling Strategic Plan's objectives are ambitious. Questions were raised as to what else can the Council do to achieve the 70% statutory recycling rate by 2020. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that the recycling rate of 70% in Wales is high and residents on the Island have already been able to achieve a 64% recycling level. He noted that other ways of recycling will need to be examined with raising awareness of the importance of recycling and to consider other ways to make sure that everything that can be recycled is recycled. An analysis has been undertaken of the contents of black bin waste and there are still recyclable materials within the black bins that can be recycled.
- Questions were raised as to how the Resource and Recycling Strategic Plan will help the Council to achieve its commitment to become carbon net zero by 2030. Further questions were raised as to whether the Welsh Governments' 2030 carbon net zero is ambitious due to the financial economy. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that the Wales Strategic Plan also refers that the reason for recycling is important so that carbon zero targets are reached and there will be a need to investigate as to how the recyclable material is collected with the need for electric and hydrogen vehicles. However, at present hydrogen vehicles are currently being developed as it is part of new technology. The Chief Executive said that the Council is committed in reaching the carbon net zero targets by 2030. However, it will be dependent on financial resources to reach the target. He referred to the 3 elements with the Strategic Plan i.e. decarbonisation of Council buildings is required if financial resources are available, but he considered that the Authority has several historical buildings that need to be considered for future use. The fleet plan needs to be investigated but it is also dependent on capital resources and an all-Wales tendering process would alleviate costs burden on local authorities. Procurement measures will also need to be investigated to make sure that partners organisations within the private sector are committed to carbon net zero.
- Reference was made to the response to the consultation process undertaken as part of the Resource and Recycling Strategic Plan. Questions were raised as to whether it was considered disappointing that only 22% responded to the consultation. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that the consultation process was undertaken through the Council's website and promoted through the social media channels. It was also shared amongst Anglesey's ageing well community forums. Further reference was made that a quarter of the responders considered that the service was poor/very poor. The Service Strategy & Business Manager responded that 75 responders commented that the 'recycling trolley boxes' are easily broken, not enough capacity within the boxes as regards to cardboard and plastics, rubbish on the streets following the collection of the recycling materials and people unsure

what they are able to recycle. He noted that work is currently undertaken with WRAP Cymru to review the currently provision provided.

- Reference was made during the consultation process as to the need to increase the facility for cardboard collection. Questions were raised that there has been no mention of the inadequate size of the brown food bin as food waste could be saved from having to be disposed into landfill which could contribute to increase carbon emissions. Further comments were made that the number of brown food bins put out for collection is low. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that an analysis was undertaken into food waste within black bins. Whilst it is acknowledged that food waste should be avoided, the Authority needs to focus on different avenues for the collection of food waste. The Chief Executive referred to Page 10 of the strategic priorities which focuses on the way forward as regards to recycling and disposal of waste. He noted that the Strategic Plan is a corporate resource across the services of the Council in respect of educating and communicating with the public as regards to the need to recycle and reduce waste. He suggested that the Committee should recommend to the Executive that further analysis needs to be undertaken as regards to this matter.
- Questions were raised as to how additional waste can be collected on street collection bins. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that over 600 street collection bins are located on the Island; there are 15 bins which has recycling facilities for separation of waste. He noted that the standard of the recycling within these bins are poor due to contamination which result in difficulties to recycle. Whilst the management of these facilities is a challenge, additional facilities need to be place in further areas within the Island over the next few years. The Chief Executive suggested that the Committee should recommend to the Executive that further recycling street collection bins should be erected, especially within town centres and coastal areas. He further said that there is a link also between the Destination Plan and the AONB Plan of the Authority.
- Questions were raised as to what risks have been identified that could impact the delivery of the Resource and Recycling Strategic Plan. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that the main risk to the Strategic Plan is capital resources with major changes ahead due to the need to changes to the fleet to electric/hydrogen vehicles, need to change the bins and services provided and to maintain the current services. He further said that there are risks to any changes that may occur to legislation and fines can be faced if targets are not reached. The materials that are currently recycled is sold to generate income to fund the service but the market for such materials can fluctuate. Further questions were raised as to the financial implications for the Council to implement the Strategic Plan. The Chief Waste Management Office responded there are immense capital financial implications as been noted previously and financial resources needs to be invested in the infrastructure and address any changes to Health & Safety Regulations in the future.
- Questions were raised as to whether there are costs implications if the recycling materials are not washed and whether it is worthless. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that the majority of residents do comply with the requirement to wash their recycling materials but if the standard of the recycling is poor then the value of the recycling does decrease. Further comments were made that there seems to be an increase in 'take-aways'

facilities in town centres. Questions were raised as to whether a planning condition can be imposed that they must afford a waste bin on any approval of a planning application for a 'take-away' facility. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that he would welcome such a condition on a 'take-away' facility, however, the packaging waste would also need to be separated into the correct recycling boxes.

- Reference was made within the Strategic Plan that there is a need to address fly-tipping. Questions were raised as how this can be tackled across the Island and how many have been prosecuted for fly-tipping last year. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that there was no prosecution for fly-tipping on the Island last year. He noted that prosecuting fly-tipping in any local authority through court proceeding is low as resources is needed to enforce enforcement and to secure evidence and prosecution of fly-tipping. However, enforcement is required to reduce fly-tipping as it has a negative effect on town and communities and there is a need to convey that fly-tipping is unacceptable. The Service Strategy & Business Manager said that consideration is currently been given to increase the financial penalty for fly-tipping which is currently £75 in comparison to other local authorities in North Wales who charge between £200 - £400. Further questions were raised as to whether a recycling facility could be located in Holyhead as it seems that fly-tipping is higher within this area. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that there are currently no additional sites planned on Anglesey. The Chief Executive said some people do not have the facilities to be able to take their recycling materials to the recycling centre. He noted that 'community skips' were popular over several years ago in the communities. The Council works with a partner organisation Keep Wales Tidy in coastal areas with volunteers helping to clear waste. He said that different aspect of recycling facilities could be discuss under the Shared Prosperity Scheme.
- **It was RESOLVED:-**
- **To note the Isle of Anglesey Resources and Recycling Strategic Plan 2023-2028;**
- **To recommend to the full Council that the Isle of Anglesey Resources and Recycling Strategic Plan 2023-2028 be adopted.**

#### **ACTIONS :**

- **That the Resources and Recycling Strategic Plan on specific actions includes the increase in food recycling rates;**
- **That consideration needs to be given when planning applications are submitted for fast food outlets that a waste disposal bin needs to be provided;**
- **To note that recycling and waste is a corporate responsibility across a number of Council Services and that Keep Anglesey Tidy campaigns should be afforded to educate children and young people the importance of recycling;**
- **Recycling bin waste in our coastal towns and communities is an aspect that needs further attention and is a matter linked to other strategic plans such as the Destination Management Plan, the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan.**

## 5 GWYNEDD AND YNYS MÔN COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP : ANNUAL REPORT : 2022/2023

The report of the Deputy Chief Executive was submitted for consideration by the Committee.

The Leader of the Council, in the absence of the Portfolio Member said that the Annual Report give an opportunity to view the statistics and the challenges as working in partnership is fundamental to community safety.

In considering the report, the Committee discussed the following main matters:-

- Questions were raised as to what extent does the Committee agree with the Partnership's priorities, which are based on a local needs assessment process, and are there other matters which need to be prioritised. Further questions were raised as the report refers to the changes in reporting and as to how it is possible to get a true picture of any improvement or deterioration in individual communities. The Community Safety Senior Operational Officer for Gwynedd and Anglesey responded that the Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Community Safety Partnership priorities within the Action Plan are based on a regional strategy by the Safer North Wales Board. The focus of the Board is to make sure that Gwynedd and Anglesey is a safe place to live, work and to visit . The Partnership's Strategy is also influenced by the Police Strategic Assessment and reports on the crime issues within the area. The Strategy places a framework of priorities for all the partner organisations within the Community Safety Partnership. She noted that the changes to the recording process was highlighted within the report and the Police will have an extended period to prioritise victims of crime without having to duplicate records. This will ensure a consistent method of recording across the UK which is more accurate than the previous system. She further noted that North Wales is in a positive place in terms of crime reduction.
- Questions were raised as to what ways does the statutory partnership add value and work in an effective and efficient manner in accordance with the expectations of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. The Community Safety Senior Operational Officer responded that under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 the Community Safety Partnership has a duty to work closely with its partner organisations to ensure greater collaboration and sharing information. She noted that there are different work areas that are undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership and the local authorities are in a better position to address any issues that may arise. The Deputy Chief Executive, as Chair of the Community Safety Partnership, said that work is undertaken on a strategic process to raise awareness on different issues of concerns that would otherwise not been aware of, and action can be undertaken purposely and improve how to tackle crime issues that may arise. Further reference was made by the Committee that it is noted within the report that the Home Office does not acknowledge anti-social behaviour as a crime, but the Police Authority does acknowledge that anti-social behaviour is a crime. The Community Safety Senior Operational Officer responded that she is given to understand that anti-social behaviour is not recorded by incident but is recorded by how many calls

that are received by the Police Control Room. The Deputy Chief Executive said that he intends to invite the Police Officer that attends the Community Safety Partnership to this meeting during discussion of the Annual Report at this Committee in due course.

- Reference was made to the reported increase in shoplifting within the media recently and retailers are complaining that the Police do not attend any shoplifting incidents. Questions were raised as to whether shoplifting is on the increase in Anglesey and across Wales as reported shoplifting is not recorded and whether a Taskforce is going to be established to reduce incidents of shoplifting. The Community Safety Operational Officer responded that she is aware that retail theft is a priority for North Wales Police and work has been undertaken with supermarket as regards to the layout of shops to make sure that high value items are not placed near the exit doors. She further said that North Wales Police have been targeting key offenders to understand the reasons for shoplifting and to change behavioural patterns. A Safer Business Action Week was undertaken by the Police recently with supermarkets and to encourage them to contact the Police for advice and support and to address organised and repeated crime. She noted that there is a tendency for increases in shoplifting incidents during the Christmas period and work has been done across the force to prepare for this.
- Questions were raised as to whether there is a decrease in reported crime due to victims not reporting the crime as they think that the Police will not attend. The Deputy Chief Executive said that he was willing to discuss the issue with the Police.
- Reference was made to incidents of telephone and on-line fraud. Questions were raised as to whether such incidents are increasing on Anglesey as fraudsters are using the Welsh language whilst phoning people. It was noted that the Trading Standards Department are arranging a campaign to raise awareness of telephone and on-line fraud. Facebook and social media platforms can also be a tool to share community alerts of fraudsters telephoning people. The Community Safety Operational Officer responded that incidents of telephone and on-line fraud has increased significantly in the UK and especially targeting elderly and vulnerable persons. She noted that telephone and on-line fraud is a priority by the Police and training was afforded to the Officers within the Community Safety Partnership last year who deal with incidents and to support victims. The Chief Executive highlighted that the Authority has an Age Friendly network and sharing information needs to be highlighted as regards to telephone and on-line fraud targeted on the elderly and vulnerable persons.

**It was RESOLVED to note the contents of the report and attached documents and to support the priorities and future direction of the work of the Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Community Safety Partnership.**

**ACTION : As noted above.**

## **6 LEVELLING UP PROGRAMME - UPDATE REPORT**

The report of the Head of Regulation and Economic Development was submitted for consideration by the Committee.

The Leader of the Council and Portfolio Member for Economic Development said that a decision was taken not to pursue and submit a bid in the first Levelling Up Programme (LUF) due to unrealistic timescales to develop a sufficient detailed bid. Instead, a decision was taken to focus on inviting expressions of interest (EOI's) from external partners on schemes that could be delivered in collaboration with the County Council in preparation for the second round of the LUF. During the assessment it came apparent that only a bid focussing upon addressing Holyhead socio-economic needs would likely meet the UK Government's specific requirements and have any opportunity of being successful. A total of 5 expressions of interest were submitted from Holyhead which included Môn Communities First & the Town Council; The Church in Wales; Ucheldre Centre; Maritime Museum and the Isle of Anglesey County Council – Heritage Regeneration. She noted that a progress report been produced which includes the governance arrangement for the programme with stringent management arrangement in place to ensure financial management, compliance, and risk management. The Leader wished to thank the staff involved in the project for the work in achieving this successful bid.

In considering the report, the Committee discussed the following main matters:-

- Questions were raised as to how the Levelling Up projects are measured in terms of direct and indirect outputs. The Levelling Up Programme Manager responded that robust governance arrangements were submitted at the start of the bidding process to UK Government which also included establishing a Programme Board in partnership with the partner organisations. He noted that the Board meets regularly every six weeks to ensure that monitoring and progress reports are discussed especially in areas such as procurement to ensure full compliance with regulations. With regard to direct benefits to the area of Holyhead, the culture of the town is considered i.e. St. Cybi Church; empty buildings redeveloped into use; upgrading the shops within the town centre; employment opportunities for local people in the area. He noted that the indirect benefits are the additional use of community benefits within the town centre; cruise ships visiting the town; increasing the general atmosphere of the town to attract visitors.
- Reference was made that within the report, that 5 main risks associated with the programme are discussed. Questions were raised as to what measures are in place to manage and mitigate these risks? The Levelling Up Programme Manager responded that comprehensive governance measure have been put in place within the scrutinizing process. A corporate risk register has been established which is monitored on a regular basis by the Programme Board. The Chief Executive said as Chair of the Programme Board, that the main risk is procurement, and the programme is monitored to ensure whether it is achievable in terms of costs and in line with the set timeframe of the LUF funding. The Chair of the Committee said that it is difficult to scrutinize the LUF programme at present as more details will be available in March to this Committee as the projects develops and any risk attached.
- Questions were raised as to whether different areas within Anglesey would benefit from the third round of the LUF funding (projects that came second within the second phase of the funding). The Chief Executive said that the projects in Holyhead were approved due to the viability of the projects being



able to proceed. UK Government has now revised the budget for LUF funding and are considering the projects within the second phase that were unsuccessful and no area has had more than one LUF funding.

- Reference was made that the Programme discusses the significant role of external partners in the successful completion of the Levelling Up Programme. Questions were raised as to how does the Council work together and support them to ensure full compliance and success. The Levelling Up Programme Manager responded that the key partner organization were key in fulfilling the applications which also benefits their applications. A meeting with the partner organisations is convened monthly which gives an opportunity to raise any concerns. He noted that as Officers they work within the town of Holyhead twice a week, which allows for any partner organisations to be able to ask for assistance in any matter. Officers from the Council meet UK Government Officers on a monthly basis to ensure that the processes that is followed conforms with the requirement of the LUF funding.
- Questions were raised as to what assurances can be given that all of the fund will be spent successfully, whilst ensuring compliance and value for money. The Levelling Up Programme Manager responded that the timescale to spend the LUF funding is limited (March 2025) with pressure on each of the partner organisations to be able to spend the funding within the timeframe.
- Questions were raised as to what arrangements are in place for the bidding process and what arrangements are in place to ensure transparency. Further questions were raised whether local construction firms would be allowed to bid for the projects. The Chief Economic Development Officer responded that the bidding process was undertaken in 2022 with an expressions of interest process thereafter to enable external partners to present potential projects for LUF funding. The projects were assessed against UK Government's criteria, and it was apparent that the Holyhead projects were the only projects that would be successful. Details of the processes undertaken is available which has conformed with UK Government's expectations. It was noted that all the contracts for the building projects are available through to 'Sell to Wales' website and a buyer's event was also held in June 2023 at the Trearddur Bay Hotel with an invitation to contractors to attend across North Wales.
- Reference was made within the report that 65 employment opportunities could materialise from these LUF projects. Questions were raised as to whether these posts are available for local persons and as to what type posts that it is anticipated that will be available. The Levelling Up Programme Manager responded that it is anticipated that the posts will be within hospitality and retail posts, but it is too early within the process to specifically refer to employment details at present. He noted that Holyhead Town Council has recently advertised for new businesses opportunities on Newry Beach and it is anticipated that these businesses will afford new employment opportunities within the town of Holyhead.

**It was RESOLVED:-**

- **To note the progress, the development and delivery of the LUF programme in Holyhead;**
- **To note the implementation of the LUF programme in accordance with UK Government's guidance;**

- **To recognise the role of the Council in supporting the programme delivery partners.**

**ACTION : As noted above.**

## **7 FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The report of the Scrutiny Manager setting out the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee's indicative Forward Work Programme for 2023/2024 was presented for consideration.

**It was RESOLVED:-**

- **To agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2023/2024;**
- **To note the progress thus far in implementing the forward work programme.**

The meeting concluded at 3.50 pm

**COUNCILLOR DYLAN REES  
CHAIR**

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>18/01/2024</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Modernising and Transforming Day Services in the Holyhead Area</b>
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	<b>Seek the comments of the Scrutiny Committee on the proposals to modernise and transform Day Activities (Holyhead Area).</b>
<b>Scrutiny Chair:</b>	<b>Councillor Dylan Rees</b>
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<b>1 - Recommendation/s</b>
<p><b>The Committee is requested to:</b></p> <p><b>R1.</b> Offer Comments on the proposals to modernise and transform Day Activities (Holyhead Area).</p> <p><b>R2.</b> Recommend to the Executive to support the recommendation:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Integrate service users within community and respond to the aspirations of people who attend activities to provide better outcomes. Continue to transform and modernise the way day services are provided with an emphasis on</p>

utilizing community buildings. As the use of Morswyn has reduced, bring the existing service to an end. Declare the property surplus to requirements and invite expressions of interest from other Departments. If no use is identified, dispose of the property, and transfer the receipts to the Adults Department.

## 2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

Direct connection with the following objectives in the Council's plan:

- Strengthen the provision of day opportunities for adults with learning disabilities by enhancing and encouraging access to community resources.
- Ensure community hubs provide services to enable independence, minimise loneliness and improve people's health and wellbeing.

The Adults Department's Vision is:

- That as many day activities as possible are provided from community settings, encouraging opportunities for people with Learning Disabilities to attend mainstream activities and integrate into the everyday life and activity of their communities.
- Realising this vision would allow people with learning disabilities to choose where and when they wish to attend activities. Activities will be provided within communities for the whole community and could mean that a wide range of people, including the elderly, people with physical disabilities and learning disabilities, attend the same activities.

## 3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members

**To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-**

**3.1** Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [**focus on customer/citizen**]

**3.2** A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality [**focus on value**]

**3.3** A look at any risks [**focus on risk**]

**3.4** Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [**focus on performance & quality**]

**3.5** Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:

- Long term
- Prevention

- Integration
- Collaboration
- Involvement

**[focus on wellbeing]**

**3.6** The potential impacts the decision would have on:

- protected groups under the Equality Act 2010
- those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (when making strategic decisions)
- opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

**[focus on equality and the Welsh language]**

#### **4 - Key Scrutiny Questions**

1. The report discusses recently undertaken engagement and consultation processes. To what extent were the processes comprehensive, appropriate, and robust?
2. In what ways have the outputs of the processes influenced the modernisation plans?
3. How do the proposed proposals enable the Authority to realise the strategic priorities of the Council's Plan 2023/2028?
4. What arrangements have been put in place to mitigate any impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010?
5. What challenges and risks can the Council face in trying to make the proposed plans a reality in the Holyhead area?
6. How is the implementation of the modernisation programme to be monitored?

#### **5 – Background / Context**

The reason for the report is to respond to the aspirations of service users and offer a better and more varied experience.

#### **IMPLICATIONS**

##### Users

Service users' response to the engagement and consultation was extremely positive in terms of the changes, with some who have taken advantage of the community provision, stating that they do not wish to return to the Morswyn building. The community-based day activities have proved successful and popular amongst service users. As a result, there has been a reduction in the number of people attending day activities at the Morswyn Centre. 9 people attend the centre with 6 of them only attending occasionally, opting instead to attend activities in the community centres. We now believe that the majority of Morswyn users could be

supported in the community, and it would be possible to identify an alternative provision in another setting or adapt care arrangements for the 3 individuals with the most complex needs. Social workers will discuss individual arrangements.

### Staff

7 members of staff are employed at the Morswyn Centre. All existing jobs will be protected within the scheme. Staff will transfer to work in the community or from another centre. It will mean changing the location or nature of the work, but we will seek to ensure continuity of care for users.

Existing jobs will be protected, and a new workbase would be confirmed following discussions with individual members of staff, with the aim of ensuring continuity of care for individuals and taking the wishes of staff into account in terms of their workbase.

### Finance

- There is no expectation of realising savings in the staffing budget as staff will transfer to work in the community or in other centres.
- A revenue budget saving of £29,000 is anticipated. From this total, £17,500 has already been realised due to a reduction in the use of the Centre. This leaves £11,500 to be realised when the building closes.

### The Building

Terminating the use of the Morswyn building will avoid:

- £103,000 of essential maintenance costs over the next few years. The Property Department's assessment of the maintenance work required includes:
  - Re-roofing the building – slate and felt roofs.
  - Re-rendering the external walls.
  - Adaptations to modernise some of the windows and install alarms.
  - Update the electricity network.

The Morswyn Centre is a former school and cabins have been added to the site to create additional space. The building has a number of practical problems e.g., due to its design, the building is not fully accessible to people with mobility issues.

- The Department has received confirmation from the Property Department of the financial value of the building for disposal.
- The Department has asked for confirmation of the building's legal status before consideration is given to its disposal (freehold).

## **MORSWYN (HOLYHEAD) DAY CENTRE**

The Morswyn Day Centre is located in the former Morswyn school building in Holyhead. Before the Covid pandemic, it was a busy centre providing activities for approx. 20 individuals on a daily basis. When the pandemic struck early in 2020, the centre had to close for a period of time to prevent people from mixing and spreading the virus.

When the pandemic restrictions were eased, the Morswyn building could not accommodate the same number of people due to social distancing rules being implemented. In response to the challenge, the Adults Services began using community buildings in the town of Holyhead to hold activities. 'Boston Centre Stage' and 'Sea Scouts' buildings have been used regularly and the Council has helped the organisation running Boston Centre Stage apply for funding to introduce adaptations, such as disabled toilets.

Traditionally, day activities for people with Learning Disabilities have been provided from a designated building. The Council has four specific sites which provide activities for approx. 110 people:

- Morswyn Day Centre, Holyhead
- Gors Felen Day Centre, Llangefni
- Blaen y Coed Day Centre, Llangoed
- Haulfre Gardens, Llangoed

The Adults Services also commissions a broader provision from the third sector for approx. 67 people.

Although attending the centres and settings responds to a number of people's needs, the model focuses on attending a setting and undertaking formal activities. This can limit the choices available to individuals and restrict people's personal control over their own lives. As the centres only provide for people with learning disabilities, it can have the unintended consequence of removing people with learning disabilities from day-to-day life in their local communities. As a result, they do not always promote the aim of improving the confidence and independence of people with learning disabilities. Although people are safe in these centres, we must ask whether attending one location on a daily basis is the best way of promoting living a full life. In the Holyhead area, the Department has looked at an alternative approach to meeting users' needs and the reaction has been positive.

The number of people regularly attending activities in community buildings in Holyhead is 28. They include people who previously attended Morswyn and people who have partially transferred from other local activities.

The success of community activities in attracting people proves to the Department that the strategy is the right one, and that investment in the community buildings,

not only in Holyhead but across the Island, is worthwhile. Appendix 4 provides further details about the Adults Department's investment in community buildings.

## **VISION**

The Adults Services wishes to develop the model and extend the number of settings that provide day activities for people with Learning Disabilities in the Holyhead area. Diverting resources from the Morswyn Centre would allow further investment in that vision.

## **ENGAGEMENT WITH DAY ACTIVITY USERS**

During August and September 2023, the Adults Department gathered the opinions of people who use day activities in the Holyhead area and their families. 37 people responded, and they regularly attend activities at Boston Centre Stage, the Sea Scouts and Morswyn. The aim of the exercise was to ascertain the opinions of users and their families about the activities provided from community settings, and what people want to see in future. Three questions were asked:

- Which day activities would you like to see offered in future?
- Are you happy with the day activities provided from community buildings such as Boston Centre Stage and Sea Scouts?
- Would you like to see more community day activities for people with learning disabilities in Holyhead?

'Appendix 1' includes a cross-section of responses.

Most of the feedback received was positive in terms of the activities offered in community settings.

A strong desire was expressed in favour of increasing the range of activities offered in community settings. There was a specific demand for practical activities such as sports and outdoor activities.

Based on this exercise, the Adults Department concluded that people were, in general, supportive of the vision of using community resources to provide day activities and that there is a strong desire to further increase variety.

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

A formal consultation was held on the future of day activities at the Morswyn Centre from 23/10/2023 to 01/12/2023. The consultation centred on the following proposal:

- Are you satisfied with the day opportunities provided from community buildings such as 'Boston Centre Stage' and the 'Sea Scouts'?
- Would you like to see more community day activities for people with learning disabilities in Holyhead?



- Would you be willing for the Council to stop offering day activities at the Morswyn Centre and extend activities in other community settings in the Holyhead area?
- Do you think that terminating day activities at the Morswyn Day Centre would have any effect on using the Welsh language?

123 questionnaire packs were sent out in the post. One pack for each person on the register of people with learning disabilities in the Holyhead area (a wider cohort than the core group of people who attend day activities on a regular basis). Staff at the Morswyn Day Centre and staff who provide day activities at other settings were informed that the consultation had opened and were encouraged to participate. The consultation was available on the Council website and open to anyone to participate. Additionally, telephone support and advocacy were available to people wishing to receive support.

A summary of responses is presented in Appendix 2.

34 responses were received to the consultation. The table below summarises the responses:

1) Are you satisfied with the day opportunities provided from community buildings such as 'Boston Centre Stage' and the 'Sea Scouts'?			2) Would you like to see more community day activities for people with learning disabilities in Holyhead?			3) Would you be willing for the Council to stop offering day activities at the Morswyn Centre and extend activities in other community settings in the Holyhead area?			4) Do you think that terminating day activities at the Morswyn Day Centre would have any effect on using the Welsh language?		
Yes	No	No comment	Yes	No	No comment	Yes	No	No comment	Yes	No	No comment
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Summary of consultation responses:

- The majority of respondents were happy with the activities provided at the Boston Centre Stage and Sea Scouts buildings.
- The vast majority of people who responded to question 2 were keen to see more community day activities being provided.
- The majority of people who answered question 3 were willing for the Council to stop providing day activities at the Morswyn Centre and to extend day activities in community settings in the Holyhead area. 47% were satisfied and 38% were not satisfied.
- The vast majority of people who responded to question 4 believed that terminating activities at the Morswyn Centre would not have an effect on using the Welsh language.

## CONCLUSION

- The vision of providing as many day activities as possible from community settings has received clear support from people who have experienced this model of provision.
- Overall, people who have experience of attending day activities at Boston Centre Stage and the Sea Scouts building are very positive about their experiences. Some have strongly expressed that they would not wish to return to the Morswyn Centre.
- The vast majority of people who expressed their opinions want to see more variety in the day care provision and want more activities to be provided in an increased number of different settings.
- Ending day activities at the Morswyn Centre would release resources and allow the Adults Department to divert resources and staff to stabilise and extend day activities held in other community buildings.
- Individuals with no experience of community activities were less supportive. Concern was expressed about how people with complex needs could be supported in the community. The Adults Services will work with these individuals to identify how best to meet their needs. This has been outlined in Appendix 3, Equality Impact Assessment. It could mean a different approach to offering Day Care or offering a service from the Gors Felen Centre in Llangefni.

## RECOMMENDATION

Integrate service users within community and respond to the aspirations of people who attend activities to provide better outcomes. Continue to transform and modernise the way day services are provided with an emphasis on utilizing community buildings. As the use of Morswyn has reduced, bring the existing service to an end. Declare the property surplus to requirements and invite expressions of interest from other Departments. If no use is identified, dispose of the property, and transfer the receipts to the Adults Department.

## 6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]

### 6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010

The Council is proposing to adapt day activities opportunities to promote and support people with learning difficulties to participate more and integrate within their communities. The setting for activities may change and could mean moving to another venue.

Individuals' needs will be discussed, as well as any changes e.g., travel, and any other reasonable adaptations.

### **6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)**

No impact

The service is proposing to redirect resources away from maintaining a building in order to expand the day activities provision in existing community buildings in the same area.

The Adults Service will work with people to identify how best to meet their needs and if this means travelling to settings, transport will be provided and paid for by the Council.

### **6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language**

By offering more options for Welsh speakers who have learning disabilities to use the language in their communities.

## **7 – Financial Implications**

There is no expectation of realising savings in the staffing budget as staff will transfer to work in the community or in other centres.

A revenue budget saving of £29,000 is anticipated. From this total, £17,500 has already been realised due to a reduction in the use of the Centre. This leaves £11,500 to be realised when the building closes.

Terminating the use of the Morswyn building will avoid £103,000 of essential maintenance costs over the next few years.

## **8 – Appendices:**

**Appendix 1** – Cross-section of responses to the engagement exercise August - September 2023

**Appendix 2** – Summary of responses to the formal Engagement

**Appendix 3** – Equality Impact Assessment

**Appendix 4** – Community Resources

## **9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):**

Council Plan 2023-28

## Appendix 1 - Summary of Responses to the Engagement (August/September 2023)

	1) Which day activities would you like to see offered in future?	2) Are you happy with the day activities provided from community buildings such as Boston Centre Stage and Sea Scouts?	3) Would you like to see more community day activities for people with learning disabilities in Holyhead?	Any additional comments
<b>Response</b>	Drop-in centre better than 5 days a week – choice and variety of what to do/where to go. 'A' likes to observe, doesn't enjoy when it's too quiet.	Yes – but need to make sure there is adequate changing facilities. More changing facilities on the island, getting better than what it has been. Needs two people to change. Yes, happy with everything.	Not aware what the facilities are like in comparison to other areas. Would be good to have more activities where people can come together. Having more social opportunities.	She loves it – she would come every day if she could. She misses it when she goes away, feels she is missing out. She would be devastated if it was taken away from her. She likes being able to have a choice, made good friends that she didn't know before.
<b>Response</b>	Promoting Healthy eating, 'A' has started to put weight on. Regular swimming sessions. Anything outdoors- walking is one of 'A's' favourite things. Sport sessions, pickle ball, basketball for example. Cinema. Trips – 'A' loves to go anywhere. Go carting.	Yes, happy with the staff. They take on board what we say.	More outdoor events.	I'd like a day service where they help me to be more independent e.g., going on a bus or going to the shops by myself.

**Appendix 1 (continued)- Summary of Responses to the Engagement (August / September 2023)**

<b>Response</b>	Regular swimming sessions. Loves the time she spends there, with her friends. She feels safe there.	Yes – I really enjoy it, get to spend time with friends, and I enjoy the activities. I get to choose what I want to do.	Any form of performing. She likes being included and taking part.	Everything is good.
<b>Response</b>	I enjoy the sports and swimming. I like having a mix of being in one building but also being able to go by vehicle to different places. Team building activities. Music – be part of a band Yes – I really enjoy it, get to spend time with friends, and I enjoy the activities. I get to choose what I want to do.	Yes – 'A..' will choose community facilities over Morswyn when given the choice. He prefers the sea cadets; I think because the building is brighter. Dependant on the condition, two places reduce people being too effected if there's a reason to close. More support for rather than with at Morswyn. Here people get the help they need and do what they can themselves.	Yeah. I like to do more, I like going for food, for walks, day trips with animals, shows. I get a say in what we do and where I go. I have played games that I didn't think I would be able to like taking part in an egg and spoon race.	Looking forward to the pilot
<b>Response</b>	Swimming. Exercise opportunities to be included. Going to the gym. Enjoys crafts and practical activities. Dancing, enjoys music.	Yes, Boston and Sea Cadets are a lot different. Its livelier. Days were in Morswyn after an hour or so she's ready to leave.	Yes – it would be nice to have a sports day, cooking, knitting group, crochet, art, and crafts.	

## Appendix 2- Consultation – The Future of the Morswyn Day Centre (23/10/2023-01/12/2023)

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## Appendix 2 (Continued)- Written Comments and the Adults Service's Response

<b>Summary of Matters highlighted during the Consultation and the Service Response</b>	
<b>Matters Shared, Comments and Concerns</b>	<b>Service Response</b>
The consultation does not include the opinions of users who have communication difficulties.	Individual sessions were arranged with individuals/families who would be directly affected, and the Advocacy Service was invited to provide support. If the changes go ahead, individual arrangements will be confirmed to ensure that the alternative provision is appropriate. It could mean providing support from another Centre.
It is unacceptable to consider closing Morswyn and moving people with complex disabilities who need help to eat to somewhere like Boston and another place that does not have a disabled toilet.	Adaptations have been introduced within the Sea Scouts and Boston Centre Stage buildings and they have been suitable for the individuals using the building. Other settings and further adaptations could also be considered.
There is no need to spend money on Morswyn, the roof does not leak.	The maintenance work required on the Morswyn building is outlined in the report. It is anticipated that investment will be required in the near future to maintain the standard of the building and there has been a reduction in the number of users.
The Morswyn centre has been going for some time in Holyhead and is a useful place for people with disabilities to go. It offers all sorts of activities for them to do.	<p>A number of users have confirmed that they enjoy community activities and have stated that they would like to see these being developed and extended.</p> <p>The Adults Services Vision is to be able to provide a wide range of activities from different buildings to promote integration.</p>

**Appendix 2 (Continued)- Written Comments and the Adults Service's Response**

<p>Morswyn just needs to be updated and fitted/ provided with things for the users to do, to give them more choice of things to do.</p>	<p>Morswyn would not be suitable in the long term without introducing significant improvements and there has been a reduction in the number of users as individuals favour more varied activities in different settings.</p>
<p>I am a carer in the Morswyn centre for the last 12 years also worked for the Council for 35 years, our place is like a second home to our clients, we do care there and activities which other places don't provide, and they feel safe.</p>	<p>Morswyn staff have and do offer a quality service to individuals, and we want this to continue but with the support provided from different settings, increasing opportunities and offering a variety of experiences.</p>
<p>I don't believe the other services can offer the same level of care especially for those with higher care needs such as personal care, Morswyn has all these facilities in place.</p>	<p>If additional needs exist above and beyond what can be provided at a community level this will be discussed with the individuals and their families. It could mean using other community buildings, other individual arrangements or using Gors Felen.</p>
<p>We haven't used the Morswyn Centre, but we do access the Sea Cadets/ Boston Centre Stage Group. This group has made a big difference to my daughter. The pilot scheme based in the Gwelfor Centre has been amazing. My daughter has grown in confidence so much and is much more sociable and finds it easier to express her opinions and make her own choices/ decisions.</p>	<p>The changes are the result of a desire to extend opportunities and it may be possible to expand the number of settings and activities offered. We know that other activities and buildings are available in the Holyhead area, but we would have to move staff and individuals to develop them.</p>



## Appendix 3



### **Equality Impact Assessment Template (including the Welsh language and the Socio-Economic Duty)**

Mae'r ddogfen hon hefyd ar gael yn Gymraeg / This document is also available in Welsh.

Version	Date	Summary of changes
1	14/03/2023	Initial draft
2	10/10/2023	Second draft

<b>Step 1: Background</b>	
1 - What are you assessing?	The impact on equality arising from the Adults Service's proposal to ask stakeholders whether they would support considering ending the day activities provision at the Morswyn Centre to allow resources to be redirected to extend the day activities options offered in community settings, and provision by community organisations.
2 - Is this a new or existing proposal?	New Proposal

<b>Step 1: Background</b>	
3 - What are the aims and purpose of this proposal?	Invite stakeholders in the Holyhead area to provide their feedback and opinions about a change in the way day activities are provided with the emphasis on community buildings. There has been a reduction in the number of people attending the Morswyn Day Centre due to people opting to attend day activities which are provided in community buildings in the Holyhead area. To ask whether stakeholders support considering bringing day activities to an end at the Morswyn Centre to allow the Council to redirect resources to expand the day activity options offered from community settings and by community organisations.
4 - Who is responsible for the proposal you are assessing?	Head of Adults Services
5 - Who is the lead officer for this assessment?	Provider Unit Service Manager – Adults Service
6 - Who else is involved in undertaking this assessment?	Provider Unit Service Manager – Adults Service Learning Disabilities and Mental Health Service Manager – Adults Services Byron Centre Manager – Adults Services Learning Disabilities Team Manager – Adults Services Transformation and Development Manager – Adults Services
7 - Is the proposal related to other areas of work? For example, are there other proposals or policies that should be taken	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social Services and Well-being Act 2014</li> <li>• Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015</li> <li>• Council Plan 2022-2028.</li> </ul>

<b>Step 1: Background</b>		
into consideration as part of this assessment?		
<p>8 - Is the proposal relevant to how the Authority complies with the public sector general duty relating to people who are protected by the Equality Act 2010?</p> <p>As a general rule, any policy that affects people is likely to be relevant across all protected groups.</p>	The elimination of discrimination and harassment	Yes
	The advancement of equality of opportunity	Yes
	The fostering of good relations	Yes
	The protection and promotion of human rights	Yes
<p>9 - Is the proposal a strategic decision? If so, the Socio-Economic Duty is relevant - see appendix 1.</p>	Yes - It is a strategic decision to redirect the Day Service provision away from specific buildings towards community services which allow people with learning disabilities to integrate more and more into the daily life of their communities.	
<p>10 - Who would be affected by the proposal(s) (adversely or positively, directly or indirectly)?</p> <p><b>If this is a strategic proposal</b>, ensure that you give specific consideration to whether the proposal would affect more on people living in less favourable social and economic circumstances than others in the same society (see appendix 1)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Adults with Learning Disabilities who attend internal day services (Morswyn).</li> <li>• Their families and carers.</li> <li>• Internal Staff and Service Managers.</li> <li>• External Providers of day services.</li> <li>• Third sector organisations.</li> <li>• Isle of Anglesey Council Social Work staff.</li> </ul>	

<b>Step 2.1: Information Gathering – Welsh Language Standards and the Welsh Language Measure (Wales) 2011</b>	
11 - Does this proposal ensure that the Welsh language is treated no less favourably than the English language, in accordance with the Council's Welsh Language Policy?	<p>The proposal should not have a negative impact on the Welsh language.</p> <p>The Council is committed to providing bilingual services in both Welsh and English across all its services. We promote a proactive approach to offering services in the Welsh language, in line with the Welsh Government's 'More than Words / Mwy na Geiriau' strategy framework. We ensure that we comply with the Council's Welsh Language Plan in organising and providing our social services.</p>
12 - Is there an opportunity here to offer more opportunities for people to learn and / or use the Welsh language on a day-to-day basis?	<p>Many service users are Welsh speakers. Consideration will be given to linguistic needs to ensure that service users are able to communicate with us in their language of choice.</p> <p>A requirement is already in place stipulating that every provider (both internal and external) provides services in Welsh and English, and that they must be culturally sensitive.</p>
13 - Will this area of work proactively offer services in Welsh for users?	The service already offers services in Welsh and this scheme will continue to offer a provision in both Welsh and English. There is no intention to change the service provider, the service will be provided by the Council (internal Service Provider).
14 - Is this proposal likely to protect and promote the Welsh language within communities?	The scheme will give service users more opportunities to use the Welsh language in their communities by providing opportunities for people to take part in daily activities in their communities.
<p>To help you to answer the questions above, the corporate <b>Impact Assessment Guidance</b> lists a series of questions which should be considered when assessing how proposals impact on the Welsh language in general. The extent to which these questions are relevant will depend on the proposal in question. However:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If you are looking at how the implementation of the Council's key policies, strategies or guidance would affect the Welsh language; or</li> </ul>	

### Step 2.1: Information Gathering – Welsh Language Standards and the Welsh Language Measure (Wales) 2011

- If your initial response to the above questions raises any concerns or evidence to suggest that the proposal would treat the Welsh language less favourably than the English language, or would have a detrimental impact on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language;

**a more comprehensive impact assessment on the Welsh language should be carried out.** A separate template is available on MonITor. **The Welsh Language Commissioner’s good practice advice document** is also available on MonITor to assist you further.

### Step 2.2: Information Gathering – Human Rights Act 1998

15 - Are there any Human Rights issues? If so, what are they? For example, could this proposal result in the failure to safeguard the right to privacy?	<p>Changing the way a service is provided can effect the rights of individuals in relation to:</p> <p>Article 11: Freedom to associate and assemble – a small number of service users with complex needs may have to move to other centres further afield to continue to receive a service as some community buildings are not suitable for them.</p>
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### Step 2.3: Information Gathering – Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015

16 – Does this proposal meet any of the seven national well-being goals outlined in the Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015?  (Descriptions of the well-being goals are listed in Appendix 3)	A prosperous Wales	
	A resilient Wales	Yes – supporting communities to be inclusive
	A healthier Wales	Yes – supporting people with learning disabilities to access various activities which are both physically and mentally beneficial.

<b>Step 2.3: Information Gathering – Well-being of Future Generations Act (Wales) 2015</b>		
	A more equal Wales	Yes – allowing people with learning disabilities to participate in community-based activities.
	A Wales of cohesive communities	Yes – allowing people with learning disabilities to participate in activities and get to know other people in their communities.
	A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language	
	A globally responsible Wales	

<b>Step 2.4: Information Gathering – Engagement / Consultation / Evidence / Filling gaps in information</b>	
Please see the pre-engagement and pre-consultation checklist, which is available on MonITor.	
17 - What has been done to date in terms of involvement and consultation with regard to this proposal?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Managers and staff at the Morswyn Centre are aware that a review of the service is being undertaken.</li> <li>• Service users and their families have already participated in community activities at other locations.</li> <li>• Officers from the Adults Department have engaged with service users / parents and carers in the Holyhead area to gather people's opinions about the activities offered, the current settings which offer the activities, and people's future wishes in terms of developing activities.</li> </ul>

<b>Step 2.4: Information Gathering – Engagement / Consultation / Evidence / Filling gaps in information</b> Please see the pre-engagement and pre-consultation checklist, which is available on MonITor.	
18 – What other information have you used to inform your assessment? Please list any reports, websites, links used etc here and include the relevant evidence in the table in Step 3 below	None
19 - Are there any gaps in the information collected to date? If so, how will these be addressed?	No

### Step 3: Assessing the potential impact and identifying mitigation measures

20 – Note below any likely impact on equality for each individual group, and identify what action could be taken to reduce or improve the impact. \*For determining potential impact, please choose from the following: **Negative / Positive / No impact**

<b>Protected group</b>	<b>* Potential impact</b>	<b>Details of the impact (including evidence to support the findings)</b>	<b>Actions to mitigate negative impact</b>
Age	No impact	Not relevant to this group	
Disability	Positive	The Council is proposing to adapt day activities opportunities to promote and support people with learning difficulties to participate more and integrate within their communities. The setting for activities may change and could mean moving to another venue.	If the proposal to close the Morswyn Centre is supported the Adults Service will discuss the individuals' individual needs with them.  Individuals' needs will be discussed, as well as any changes e.g., travel, and any other reasonable adaptations.
Sex	No impact		

Protected group	* Potential impact	Details of the impact (including evidence to support the findings)	Actions to mitigate negative impact
Gender Reassignment	No impact		
Pregnancy and Maternity	No impact		
Race / Ethnicity / Nationality	No impact		
Religion or Belief	No impact		
Sexual Orientation	No impact		
Marriage or Civil Partnership	No impact		
The Welsh Language	Positive	By offering more options for Welsh speakers who have learning disabilities to use the language in their communities.	
Human Rights	Positive	The change is a positive one in terms of increasing opportunities for people with learning disabilities to integrate within their communities.	
Any other relevant matter	None		
<p>There are clear links between equality and socio-economic issues. Discrimination against protected groups can be a direct cause of socio-economic disadvantage. If any such issues become apparent when assessing non-strategic matters, they should be given due regard and recorded under the relevant protected group, or under 'any other relevant issue' above.</p>			



Please complete this section if the proposal is a strategic matter (see appendix 1)			
The Socio-Economic Duty	* Potential impact	Details of the impact (including evidence to support the findings)	Actions to mitigate negative impacts
Is the proposal likely to cause any inequalities of outcome resulting from socio-economic disadvantage?	No impact	The service is proposing to redirect resources away from maintaining a building in order to expand the day activities provision in existing community buildings in the same area.	The Adults Service will work with people to identify how best to meet their needs and if this means travelling to settings, transport will be provided and paid for by the Council.

#### Step 4 – Outcome of the assessment

There are four possible outcomes – bear these in mind when completing the next section:

- **No major change** - The assessment demonstrates the proposal is robust; there is no potential for discrimination or adverse impact. All opportunities to promote equality have been taken.
- **Adjust the proposal** - The assessment identifies potential problems or missed opportunities. Adjust the proposal to remove barriers or better promote equality.

- **Continue the proposal** - The assessment identifies the potential for adverse impact or missed opportunities to promote equality. Clearly set out the justifications for continuing with it. The justification should be included in the assessment and must be in line with the duty to have due regard. For the most important relevant proposals, compelling reasons will be needed.
- **Stop and remove the proposal** - The proposal shows actual or potential unlawful discrimination. It must be stopped and removed or changed. (The codes of practice and guidance on each of the public sector duties on the Commission's website provide information about what constitutes unlawful discrimination.)

<b>Step 4 – Outcome of the assessment</b>	
21 - Note the impacts identified and how it is intended to mitigate any negative impact in terms of equality, the Welsh language and, if relevant, socio-economic disadvantage (i.e. a summary of the table/s in step 3)	<p>The Service anticipates that one person attending the Morswyn Centre may have to be transferred to another provision. This is due to the person's complex needs which mean that attending a community setting is not suitable.</p> <p>We will discuss the individual's wishes and how best to address their needs. The Gors Felen Centre can offer a placement.</p>
22 - Describe any actions taken to maximise the opportunity to promote equality and the Welsh language, the goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 (sustainability) and, if relevant, ensure better outcomes for those facing economic disadvantage.	
23 - Would any aspect of the proposal contravene the wellbeing goals of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015?	No
24 - Is there a need to look at what could be done differently, or to reconsider the entire proposal as a result of conducting this assessment?	No
(Evidence of negative impact could render the proposal or decision unlawful. If you have identified negative impact,	

**Step 4 – Outcome of the assessment**

you should consider at this stage whether it is possible to proceed with the proposal).	
25 - Is there a strategy for dealing with any unavoidable but not unlawful negative impacts that cannot be mitigated?	The needs of each person, and the best way of meeting those needs will be discussed and agreed with them.
26 - Will the proposal be adopted / forwarded for approval? Who will be the decision-maker?	The outcome of the consultation and a recommendation will be presented to the Executive.
27 - Are there monitoring arrangements in place? What are they?	The Adults Service Management Team will oversee the consultation process as well as identifying matters requiring action.

**Step 5 – Action Plan**

Please detail any actions that are planned following completion of your assessment. You should include any changes that have been made to reduce or eliminate the effects of potential or actual negative impact, as well as any arrangements to collect data or to carry out further research.

Ref	Proposed Actions	Lead Officer	Timescale

## **Appendix 4 – Community Resources**

The Council has installed Accessible Adult Changing Facilities in different locations across Anglesey. These facilities allow disabled adults and their carers to visit these places, which may not have been accessible to them in the past.

Accessible Adult Changing Facilities vary in terms of space and configuration, but generally they include an accessible toilet, adult-sized changing tables, electric or manually operated hoist, and sometimes showers.

We have invested in Accessible Adult Changing Facilities in the following community buildings.

- Holyhead Leisure Centre
- Holyhead Library
- Boston Centre Stage, Holyhead
- Llangefni Leisure Centre
- Gors Felen, Llangefni
- Mencap Môn, Llangefni
- Amlwch Leisure Centre

As a result of this investment, individuals with learning disabilities or physical disabilities have a wider choice of community activities, increasing opportunities to socialise and integrate.

As part of the wider work to ensure that we understand how accessible and suitable community building are for activities, we have created a Community Buildings Directory.

[Community buildings directory \(gov.wales\)](#)

In addition, we create a Community Transport Directory every two years, to ensure that people are aware of the community provision that is available.

[Anglesey Community Transport Directory \(gov.wales\)](#)

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date:</b>	18 January 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Quarter 2 2023/24 Performance Report- North Wales Growth Deal
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	Present the Quarter 2 Growth Deal report
<b>Scrutiny Chair:</b>	Cllr Dylan Rees
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<b>Local Members:</b>	Applicable to all Scrutiny Members

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<b>1 - Recommendation/s</b>
The Committee is requested to: <b>R1</b> Note the progress made during Quarter 2 2023/24.

<b>2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities</b>
The North Wales Growth Deal is linked to Council priorities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Ensure that the people of Anglesey can thrive and realise their long term potential – Jobs and work opportunities</li> <li>▪ Work with other North Wales Councils to attract investment to ensure that key projects that offer local employment opportunities go ahead.</li> </ul>

<b>3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members</b>
<b>To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-</b>
<b>3.1</b> Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [focus on customer/citizen]
<b>3.2</b> A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality [focus on value]
<b>3.3</b> A look at any risks [focus on risk]
<b>3.4</b> Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [focus on performance & quality]
<b>3.5</b> Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> </ul>

- Involvement

[focus on wellbeing]

**3.6** The potential impacts the decision would have on:

- protected groups under the Equality Act 2010
- those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (when making strategic decisions)
- opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

[focus on equality and the Welsh language]

#### 4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

### 5 – Background / Context

#### Background

5.1 In December 2020, the NWEAB and the Welsh and UK Governments agreed the Final Deal Agreement for the North Wales Growth Deal.

5.2. Regular reporting on progress against the North Wales Growth Deal is a requirement of the Final Deal Agreement.

#### 5.3 Quarter 2 Progress 2023/24

5.3.1 The Quarter 2 performance report provides an overview of progress on the Growth Deal programmes and projects.

5.3.2. This quarter saw 5 new projects invited to join the Growth Deal:

- Responsible Adventure project by Zip World with a conditional allocation of £6.2m
- Kinmel Studios project by Stage Fifty with a conditional allocation of £6.8m
- Holyhead Hydrogen Hub project by Menter Môn with a conditional allocation of £3.8m
- Deeside Waste to Fuel Plant project by The Circular Economy Ltd with a conditional allocation of £6.4m
- Wrexham Gateway project by Wrexham County Borough Council with a conditional allocation of £4.79m

Work is ongoing onboarding the new projects, site visits have taken place to all 5 projects. These new projects will support our economy to thrive, create new jobs and deliver investment into North Wales.

5.3.3. On September 11<sup>th</sup> the Hydrogen Sponsor Challenge closed for applications. The evaluation process is underway, with a final decision anticipated in December 2023. Up to £11.2million of capital is available to enable industry demand for hydrogen.

5.3.4. The Quarter 2 update is showing projects reporting against the revised portfolio delivery profile approved by the Board. Five projects are currently reporting as red due to either risks to the project scope or significant delays to project timescales:

- Connecting the Last Few % - Procurement activity on the project has been suspended until UK Government confirms the launch date for its new intervention, expected to be confirmed in Q3 23/24 for launch in 2024. The

UK Government intervention may remove the need for the Last Few % project.

- Western Gateway, Wrexham – a review of the project is required to assess its delivery considering the recommendations from the Road Review Panel and Welsh Governments four tests for highways investment.
- Former North Wales Hospital – the viability gap on the project has increased, there are ongoing discussions with the development partner on possible solutions.
- Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub – planning permission is yet to be secured. The pre-planning advised that further bat surveys are needed on land outside of the Glynllifon boundary. Further survey work is underway as requested by Natural Resources Wales and CADW.
- Centre for Environmental Biotechnology – project remains red due to repeated delays. The project is now moving in a positive direction with a business case now expected in early 2024.

## **6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]**

### **6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010**

The Programme Boards and Project Boards will prepare equality and language impact assessments for each individual project. The impact assessments will be live documents and evolve alongside delivery.

### **6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)**

See 6.1 above

### **6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language**

See 6.1 above

## **7 – Financial Implications**

7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from approving the decision sought in this report.

## **8 – Appendices:**

1. North Wales Growth Deal – Quarter 1 Performance Report
2. Portfolio Risk Register – June 2023

## **9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):**

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2023-24 Quarter 2

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During the last quarter, the Economic Ambition Board made a decision to invite five new projects to join the Growth Deal following a call for new projects:

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The closing date for applications for the Hydrogen Sponsor Challenge was on the 11<sup>th</sup> of September. The process of evaluation and selection is underway, with a final decision anticipated in December. Up to £11.2million of capital is available to enable industry demand for hydrogen. This is a great step forward for the project and we look forward to announcing further detail in due course.

We launched a recruitment campaign in September to fill a number of vacancies with roles including project management, communications and procurement. Further roles will be advertised in October – please visit our website [Ambition North Wales | Careers](#) if you are interested in working for Ambition North Wales.

Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn and our Head of Operations Hedd Vaughan-Evans were invited to present to the Senedd's Economy, Trade and Rural Affairs Committee, focussing on the main areas of progress since the last session in March 2021 and the challenges we have faced. This is part of the assurance framework we have in place with both governments and our local partners, and we welcome the opportunity to provide an honest assessment of our progress to date.

It is an exciting time for the North Wales Growth Deal with our new projects onboard and many of our existing projects approaching the point of delivery.



**Alwen Williams, Portfolio Director**

*Alwen Williams*

Themes	RAG Status	Commentary
Portfolio Business Case	Green	The Portfolio Business Case 2023 update will be presented to the Board for approval in October prior to submission to Welsh Government and UK Government as part of the annual award of funding process.
Delivery Pipeline	Yellow	The delivery pipeline has been reviewed and updated as part of the 2023 Portfolio Business Case. Projects will now report against this revised timetable
Governance	Green	The Portfolio, Programme and Project Management Framework is now well established with the Portfolio Board and five Programme Boards operating effectively. A Conflicts of Interest procedure is in place across all Boards.
Assurance	Green	The third annual Growth Deal assurance review (Programme Assurance Review) was completed in September 2022 with the report delivering an 'Amber' confidence rating for the portfolio. The next review will have been arranged and will take place during October 2023.
Resource and Capacity	Yellow	The Portfolio Management Office has been reduced in size by 2 FTE over the past quarter, a recruitment campaign is underway to appoint to vacant posts and to bring in additional capacity. Fixed term contracts in the team have been extended to March 2025 reducing the risk of staff leaving in the short term.
Finance	Yellow	A total of £2.28m Growth Deal funding had been spent up to the end of 2022/23, £1.8m of that on the Digital Signal Processing Centre. To date in 2023/24 £368k of Growth Deal revenue has been spent.
Investment	Red	Securing the public and private sector investment required to deliver the Growth Deal remains a significant risk across the portfolio and an investment strategy is being developed to support the team to meet the investment targets.
Risk	Red	Portfolio-level risks regarding consents and delay remain high due to project-level issues. Affordability remains a high risk due to ongoing inflation, supply chain issues and construction cost increases. The risk around capacity has reduced slightly due to the extension of fixed term contracts related to Growth Deal delivery but remains high
Benefits Monitoring & Evaluation	Green	The benefits realisation, monitoring and evaluation framework and indicator definitions have been finalised, and are with Welsh Government for review. A system user guide is being developed and the second phase of user training for the reporting system is being planned.
Communication and Engagement	Green	The announcement on the new projects joining the Growth Deal was the main focus. With communications continuing to promote the <a href="#">Hydrogen Sponsor Challenge</a> with up to £11.2 million of capital to deliver a hydrogen hub in the region. Our engagement and reach continued to grow on social media, we achieved over 19k visits to the website.

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	Delivering to Plan with no issues to address (no action required)		Delivery slightly behind schedule and/or minor/moderate issues to address (management action in place)		Delivery significantly behind schedule and/or significant issues to address (urgent action required)
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Programme Aim	Job Creation Target	GVA Investment Target	Total Investment Target
Deliver the step change in digital connectivity needed to ensure North Wales is able to satisfy user demand, maintain pace with the rest of the UK, unlock the potential of priority sectors and sites and underpin a flourishing innovation ecosystem.	380	£158m	£41.7m

RAG Status	Programme Manager Commentary
Page 50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The DSP Centre has taken delivery of its second phase of Growth Deal funded equipment and has recruited to 14 positions following the investment. The final business justification case to authorise the final phase of funding is due to be developed next quarter with the Centre focussing on delivering the project's spending objectives.</li> <li>Following recent discussions with UK Government, preparation for the Last Few % project has been suspended as details of a proposed new national intervention have been shared with Ambition North Wales. The proposal has the potential to deliver or improve upon the spending objectives of the planned regional project and a decision will be made on rescoping the Last Few % project once UK Government has confirmed that the new intervention will be proceeding.</li> <li>Progress on the Strategic and Outline Business Cases for the Connected Campuses and Connected Key Sites and Corridors projects continues and the required independent Gateway 2 review for the Connected Key Sites and Corridors project has now been scheduled for November ahead of the Economic Ambition Board's consideration of the Outline Business Case.</li> </ul>



**Mark Pritchard**  
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<b>Digital Signal Processing Centre</b> Bangor University	Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final item from second year procurement delivered.</li> <li>Direct job creation has reached 14 (5 permanent staff, 9 fixed term to December 2024).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Submission of final business justification case for the third tranche of funding to purchase equipment.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project is delivering towards achieving spending objectives with steps taken since the approval of the last business justification case to deliver the target on indirect job creation.</li> <li>The second round of procurement has now been completed.</li> </ul>
<b>Connecting the Last Few %</b> Economic Ambition Board	Developing the Full Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procurement documents and contract completed.</li> <li>SPF application in progress. Community broadband engagement is a workstream within the application.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK Government to confirm launch date for its new intervention.</li> <li>Decision on rescoping the project within the programme</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK Government has proposed a new intervention which is likely to meet or improve upon the Last Few % project's spending objectives.</li> <li>Procurement activity has been suspended until UK Government confirms the launch date for its project, expected to be confirmed in Q3 23/24 for launch in 2024</li> </ul>
<b>Connected Key Sites and Corridors</b> Economic Ambition Board	Developing the Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline Business Cases for 4G+ and Fibre workstreams have been submitted for PMO review.</li> <li>Market engagement activity has started.</li> <li>Gateway Review has been scheduled (November 2023)</li> <li>SPF application in progress, this funding will support local authorities work on developing access agreements and surveying mobile coverage</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMO approval of OBCs</li> <li>Gateway 2 Review November</li> <li>Board approval of finalised OBCs</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market engagement continues to validate proposals.</li> <li>Inflation risk to affordability being monitored.</li> <li>Recent UK Government proposal for new national intervention not considered to pose direct risk at this stage.</li> <li>SPF funding to progress work on regional access agreements (revenue intervention) together with funding to support surveying of mobile across the region.</li> </ul>
<b>Connected Campuses</b> Economic Ambition Board	Developing the Strategic Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Strategic Outline Case for Advanced Wireless workstream submitted for PMO approval.</li> <li>Business Justification Case for LPWAN project now being progressed to procurement.</li> <li>Proposal for project assurance arrangements has approved by WG Assurance Hub</li> <li>SPF application in progress, this includes funding for connectivity assessments across the region</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LPWAN procurement</li> <li>PMO review of Outline Business Case</li> <li>Gateway 2 Review to be scheduled for Advanced Wireless workstream</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market engagement is validating current proposal but will continue to develop this into OBC.</li> <li>Inflation risk to affordability being monitored.</li> <li>Proposal for assurance of the two workstreams has been approved by WG Assurance Hub</li> <li>SPF funding to to undertake connectivity assessments for SMEs to improve delivery arrangements for the project.</li> </ul>

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Programme Aim	Job Creation Target	GVA Investment Target	Total Investment Target
To unlock the economic benefits of transformational low carbon energy projects and position North Wales as a leading UK location for low carbon energy generation, innovation and supply chain investment.	980	£530m	£668.5m

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RAG Status	Programme Manager Commentary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cydnherth (Morlais):</b> Morlais turbine developers were successful at the recent 'Contract for Difference' allocation round securing over 20MW of allocation and strengthening the case for the Cydnherth project. Terms of investment are currently being established with OBC on track to be recommended for approval December 2023.</li> <li>• <b>Egni:</b> Updated OBC on track to be recommended for approval towards the end of Q3 23/24.</li> <li>• <b>Hydrogen Hub &amp; Transport Decarbonisation:</b> Hydrogen Sponsor Challenge closed early September and applicants are currently being assessed. Project on target to appoint a sponsor by the end of 2023.</li> <li>• <b>Smart Local Energy:</b> following an unsuccessful procurement process for a fund adviser over the summer, the project is close to re-launching a tender with key changes taking on board feedback from the market.</li> <li>• <b>Trawsfynydd:</b> Cwmni Eginio have drafted a change request for key project changes that reflects their recent Business Proposition and key milestones to FID.</li> <li>• <b>New projects:</b> 2 new projects from the project replacement process joined the Low Carbon Energy programme:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Deeside Waste to Fuel:</b> OBC is currently being drafted by the sponsor and will be with the PMO imminently for review</li> <li>○ <b>Holyhead Hydrogen Hub:</b> OBC is currently being prepared by the sponsor and will be with the PMO this autumn for review</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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## 4. Low Carbon Energy Programme Performance

Project (Project Sponsor)	Project Stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
<b>Cydnherth (Morlais)</b> Menter Môn	Developing the Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developers successful with acquiring more than 20MW of 'Contracts for Difference' for the Morlais site.</li> <li>Achieved an amber rating following the Gateway 2 Review.</li> <li>Morlais project nearing completion and has been delivered successfully.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recommendations from the Gateway 2 Review to be actioned accordingly.</li> <li>OBC to be updated and finalised following the PMO review.</li> <li>WEFO Terms &amp; Conditions to be negotiated to enable further investment.</li> <li>Prepare OBC for December 2023 approval.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Resolutions to the issues set out need to be presented before the OBC can be submitted for approval</li> </ul>
<b>Hydrogen Hub</b> Economic Ambition Board	Developing the Strategic Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Three bids have been received in response to the Hydrogen Sponsor Challenge.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The selection process remains on time and scheduled to be presented to the Economic Ambition Board in December. This remains the target date for a decision regarding the appointment of the sponsor(s).</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bids received, process running on time</li> </ul>
<b>Egni</b> Bangor University	Developing the Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work is progressing on the design for the new building.</li> <li>The OBC remains broadly complete but is being updated as design work continues.</li> <li>Funding discussions continuing with non-Growth Deal potential funders to understand any requirements and timelines.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue working through the design stages with a gateway sign off due.</li> <li>Continue working through initial surveys especially around utilities.</li> <li>Finalise internal governance paper to ensure internal approval to same timeline as external approvals.</li> <li>Prepare OBC for December 2023 approval</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncertainty about the final shape of funding and therefore scope and benefits of project.</li> </ul>
<b>Smart Local Energy</b> Economic Ambition Board	Developing the Full Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engaged with interested Fund Advisors to understand the reasons for not submitting tenders.</li> <li>Considered potential changes to fee structure and scope of works to make the tender proposal more attractive to the market.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agree the most appropriate changes to the tender proposal and update the tender documents.</li> <li>Re-launch the tender.</li> <li>Finalise investment strategy and draft FBC.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delay to finalising FBC and launch of Fund due to the failure to appoint a Fund Advisor on the first attempt</li> </ul>
<b>Trawsfynydd</b> Cwmni Egnio	Developing the Strategic Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft change request to reflect the changes to the proposed project since Cwmni Egnio have developed the initial proposal approved within the Programme Business Case was submitted to the PMO for review.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change request will be presented to the Programme Board for endorsement.</li> <li>Draft OBC for tranche 1 for review.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Uncertainty on programme delivery timescales until the site selection process is completed by UK Government</li> </ul>

<p><b>Deeside Waste to fuel</b> The Circular Economy Developments</p>	<p>Developing the Outline Business Case</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project has just been brought into the Growth Deal portfolio and initial conversations with the PMO have now started.</li> <li>• On site inception meeting held with the project partner in September.</li> <li>• Steps agreed for ambitious timeline to be the first energy project to start construction work on site in five months' time.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training day in early October with project sponsor to discuss project delivery and share experience and knowledge..</li> <li>• The OBC is being prepared by PwC at unprecedented pace and a Gateway Review is being planned to keep the project on course for a February 2024 start on site date.</li> <li>• Finalise OBC for November 2023 approval</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mature project proposal in place, expert advisors onboard, credible investors ready to move.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Holyhead Hydrogen Hub</b> Menter Môn</p>	<p>Developing the Outline Business Case</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project has just been brought into the Growth Deal portfolio and initial conversations with the PMO have now started.</li> <li>• On site inception meeting held with the project partner in September.</li> <li>• Steps agreed for ambitious timeline to achieve OBC in January/February 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training day in early October with project sponsor to discuss project delivery and share experience and knowledge..</li> <li>• Final decision expected from UK Government regarding the £4.8 million investment, subject to due diligence process alongside value for money and subsidy control assessments.</li> <li>• In parallel, the OBC for Growth Deal funding will be developed with urgency ready for a gateway review in November 2023.</li> <li>• Finalise OBC for December 2023 approval</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Investment decisions required from external investors (EDF and UK Government) which are dependent on others</li> </ul>



Programme Aim	Job Creation Target	GVA Investment Target	Total Investment Target
To address the shortage of suitable land and properties for business growth and to bring forward sites for housing development. To deliver improvements that stimulate investment in sites and premises in the Port of Holyhead and the wider region. Enables other programmes by ensuring the right land and property infrastructure is available.	2280	£1.29bn	£355.4m

RAG Status	Programme Manager Commentary
Page 55	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Warren Hall, Broughton</b> - Welsh Government have appointed a consultant to report on the impact of the Hawarden airfield safety case on the project site and the initial assessments are expected in early October. After an initial assessment on the tests for the future highway investment, Welsh Government are to appoint a consultant to undertake a formal assessment to confirm that initial opinion.</li> <li>• <b>Western Gateway, Wrexham</b> - The Council is to issue a tender to appoint a consultant to undertake an Access and Movement Study to revisit the evidence of traffic patterns and volumes to assess the project sites capacity to be developed in accordance with the recommendations of the Welsh Government Road Review Panel</li> <li>• <b>Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh</b> - Ambition North Wales, Denbighshire County Council and Jones Bros and their consultants Avison Young are discussing the viability issues caused by increasing build costs in the construction industry. Other matters in the project continue to make progress in particular cost estimates have greater accuracy, the initial first draft masterplan has been completed and substantial progress has been made on meeting the outstanding planning conditions and licences required to finalise the planning consent for Phase 1 works to commence.</li> <li>• <b>Holyhead Gateway</b> - Holyhead Port expansion project Harbour Revision Order was approved in early August. Progress on the project business case has accelerated with the Economic Case being further developed, clarity on the procurement route and the draft Subsidy Support document being prepared.</li> <li>• <b>Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor</b> - The tender brief for the appointment of the professional team of consultants has been returned and the responses are currently being reviewed.</li> <li>• <b>New projects:</b> 2 new projects from the project replacement process joined the Land and Property programme:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Kinmel Studios</b> - An initial on boarding meeting has been held with Studio 50 and their consultancy team.</li> <li>○ <b>Wrexham Gateway</b> - An on site meeting has been held with the Project team and this has been followed up with meetings on project governance and processes and to review the strategic outline case.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>



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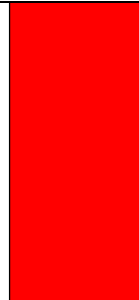

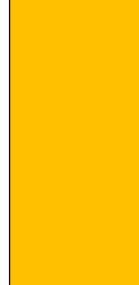

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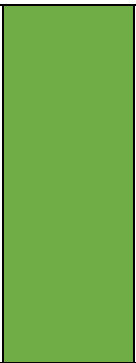





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<b>Western Gateway, Wrexham</b>  Wrexham County Borough Council	Developing the Strategic Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Council is to appoint a consultant to undertake an access and movement study to obtain current evidence of traffic numbers and flows. This is to provide up to date information for a traffic assessment to be undertaken to confirm if the project site is capable of delivery in light of the Welsh Governments four tests.</li> <li>Dwr Cymru have confirmed that their Gresford and Five Ford Waste Water Treatment Plants have some existing capacity to take additional flows and treat discharges into rivers for phosphates which can allow existing consented projects to proceed.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of the procurement process to appoint the consultant to undertake the Access and Movement Study.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project risk rating has changed to red whilst the review of the projects ability to meet the Governments tests for highway investment is undertaken.</li> </ul>
<b>Warren Hall, Broughton</b>  Welsh Government / Economic Ambition Board	Developing the Strategic Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welsh Government, Flintshire County Council and Ambition North Wales agreed that the project is able to proceed in accordance with Welsh Governments four tests for new highway works. Welsh Government to undertake formal assessment.</li> <li>Welsh Government, Flintshire County Council and Ambition North Wales to meet with consultant to receive initial report on the sites compliance with the airfield safety case.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welsh Government consultants to provide their draft report on the impact and mitigation of the airfield safety case on the project site.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project risk rating remains at amber as meeting the airfield safety case is still to be fully assessed.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Former North Wales Hospital, Denbighshire</b> Jones Bros (Ruthin) Limited / Denbighshire County Council</p>	<p>Developing the Outline Business Case</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Substantial progress on documentation by project partner. Masterplan of site completed and detailed cost assessments completed. New development appraisal completed.</li> <li>• Project partner to submit documents to Planning Authority on S106 agreement, planning condition compliance and Habitat licences.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the revision of the outline business case incorporating the Phased Development Scenario and procurement route and submit this for approval process to commence.</li> <li>• Draft subsidy support application with advice from external consultants and submit to Competition and Markets Authority</li> <li>• Outstanding consents are granted by planning authority.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project risk rating moved to red due to viability gap increasing. Discussions are ongoing with the development partner as to possible solutions.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor</b> Welsh Government / North Wales Economic Ambition Board</p>	<p>Developing the Outline Business Case</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welsh Government to appoint consultancy team to design and develop the project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welsh Government consultancy team to commence project development.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Slight delay due to procurement process for consultancy team to be appointed. . Green risk rating retained for the project.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Holyhead Gateway</b> Stena Line Ports Limited</p>	<p>Developing the Outline Business Case</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Holyhead Harbour Revision Order was granted consent by Welsh Ministers in August.</li> <li>• Progress made on economic Case, procurement, revised costings, in this quarter.</li> <li>• Subsidy Support draft application being developed prior to issuing Pinsent Masons</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completing the draft Outline Business Case for the delivery of the port capacity enhancement works</li> <li>• Submit the Subsidy Support application to Competition and Markets Authority.</li> <li>• Stena commence first stage procurement prior to issuing the second stage Invitation to Tender..</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk rating retained at amber as negotiations with end user of new port areas is still ongoing.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Kinmel Studios Stage Fifty</b></p>	<p>Finalising the Strategic Outline Case</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project has just been brought into the Growth Deal portfolio and initial conversations with the PMO have now started.</li> <li>• On site inception meeting held with the project partner in September.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training day in early October with project sponsor to discuss project delivery and share experience and knowledge.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk rating as green given project application scrutiny and assessments made on its deliverability.</li> </ul>

<p><b>Wrexham Gateway</b> Wrexham County Borough Council</p>	<p>Finalising the Strategic Outline Case</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The project has just been brought into the Growth Deal portfolio and initial conversations with the PMO have now started.</li> <li>• On site inception meeting held with the project partner in September.</li> <li>• This was followed by a meeting to discuss further issues including governance current project progress, actions.</li> <li>• Documentation shared with the project partner.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training day in early October with project sponsor to discuss project delivery and share experience and knowledge..</li> <li>• Establish regular meetings and a programme of work</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Risk rating as green given project application scrutiny and assessments made on its deliverability.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
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To build a more sustainable, vibrant and resilient foundation economy in the region, optimising opportunities for employment and prosperity through our environment and landscape.	380	£281m	£41.3m

RAG Status	Programme Manager Commentary
	<p>Projects are progressing as expected last quarter with on-going management of risks concerning the team changes for the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub project and on-boarding of the new project, ZipWorld's Responsible Adventure. Planning issues remain a significant risk for all three projects, with the risks being managed as described below.</p> <p>The Programme Board has been discussing the question of why no agriculture-related projects came forward through the recent call for new projects and is proposing the formation of a Task and Finish group to explore this further with stakeholders.</p>



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<b>Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub</b> Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	Developing the Full Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Survey work on-going as requested by Natural Resource Wales and CADW</li> <li>New Project Manager recruited and Acting Project Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) confirmed as Martin Jardine, replacing Dr. Paul Bevan</li> <li>Work with the PMO to confirm a revised timeline for drafting and reviewing the Full Business Case working towards approval in early 2024.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue further survey work</li> <li>On-site meeting with Ambition North Wales to discuss planning risks and timeline to Full Business Case submission</li> <li>Further develop the Full Business Case</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Rating remains red due to repeated project delays and as planning permission has yet to be secured</li> </ul>
<b>Tourism Talent Network</b> Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	Developing the Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline Business Case (OBC) presented to the Programme Board and approved</li> <li>Outline Business Case (OBC) presented to the Business Delivery Group and supported</li> <li>Shared Prosperity Funding received for development of a Tourism Talent Pathway project, supporting further development of this project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline Business Case (OBC) to be presented to the Portfolio Board and Economic Ambition Board in October 2023</li> <li>Work with PMO to develop project-specific funding agreement</li> <li>Preparation of the Outline Business Case for the Sustainable Communities for Learning proposal for Hub element, and submission of planning application</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working through the detail of spoke procurement has led to a delay of 1-2 months shifting Time risk to Amber.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsible Adventure</b> ZipWorld	Developing the Strategic Outline Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The project has just been brought into the Growth Deal portfolio and initial conversations with the PMO have now started.</li> <li>On site inception meeting held with the project partner in September.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training day in early October with project sponsor to discuss project delivery and share experience and knowledge.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working on confirming scope and timeline as part of SOC update.</li> </ul>

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Programme Aim	Job Creation Target	GVA Investment Target	Total Investment Target
To consolidate North Wales position as a powerful and innovative high value manufacturing cluster, building on existing specialisms and leading expertise to create a higher value, more diverse economic base that supports the transition to a low carbon economy.	180	£114m	£39.5m

RAG Status	Programme Manager Commentary
	The programme board has been focused on supporting projects to deliver to tight deadlines, managing the risks described below. It has also supported Ambition North Wales to participate in the Rural Wales Local Partnership for Innovation Programme research project being led by Aberystwyth University, in collaboration with both Bangor and Wrexham Universities. The research project explores the meaning of innovation in a rural context, which will support the engagement of Growth Deal projects with rural small and medium enterprises across North Wales.

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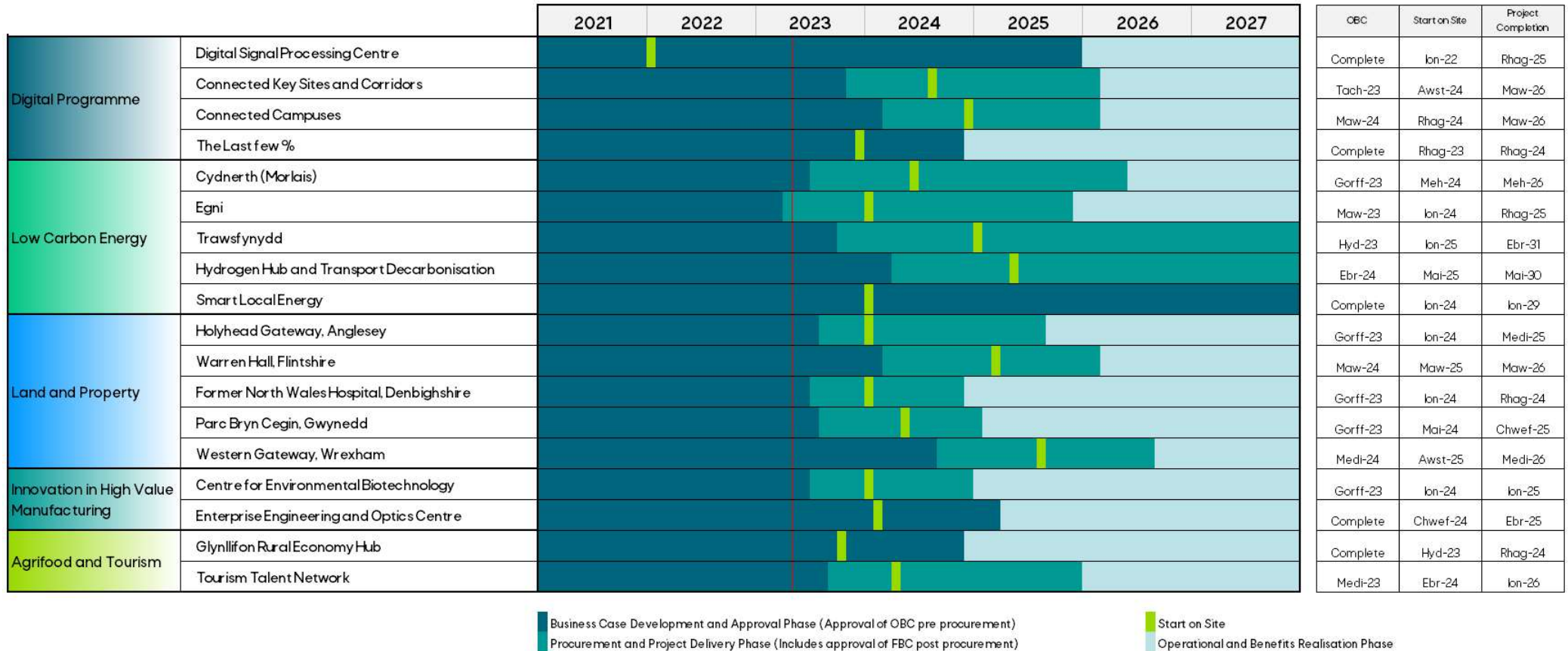
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<b>Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre</b> Wrexham Glyndŵr University	Developing the Full Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designs for the Plas Coch build have been finalised and approved, including detailed room layouts.</li> <li>• Business engagement session in June.</li> <li>• Tenders for the OptIC works and equipment purchases have been approved and released on Sell2Wales</li> <li>• Apollo Engineering have been appointed as the Hydrogen consultant on the project.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalise drafts of the economic, commercial, financial and management cases for the full business case.</li> <li>• Project on track for Full Business Case consideration by the Economic Ambition Board in November 2023 and start-on-site in February 2024</li> <li>•</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main issues around cost and time have been resolved, but timing remains tight to stay on timeline to November approval</li> </ul>
<b>Centre for Environmental Biotechnology</b> Bangor University	Developing the Business Justification Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Project Assurance Review was carried out 4-6th September securing an Amber rating, indicating work to be done but project deliverable.</li> <li>• Work continues on Henfaes site design - preliminary surveys have been scheduled, conversations held with planning and stakeholder workshop held.</li> <li>• Work on the Business Justification Case has continued based on the PMO review in July.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Submit application for planning permission for the Henfaes site</li> <li>• Incorporate feedback from Portfolio Management Office Review into finalising the Business Justification Case for final review.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rating remains red due to repeated project delays</li> </ul>

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Project	Consenting Stage				Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6	Stage 7	Stage 8
	Pre-application stage	Outline planning / Consent	Full planning / Consent	Conditions discharged	Determine the Project context	Preparing the Strategic Outline Case	Preparing the Outline Business Case	Approval of the Outline Business Case	Preparing the Full Business Case	Approval of the Full Business Case	Project implementation and monitoring	Project Evaluation
Digital Signal Processing Centre	No planning required				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	⌚	
Connected Key Sites and Corridors	Consenting requirements TBC				✓	✓	⌚					
Connected Campuses	Consenting requirements TBC				✓	✓	⌚					
Last Few %	Consenting requirements TBC				✓	✓	✓	✓	⌚			
Cydnherth (Morlais)	✓	✓	✓	⌚	✓	✓	⌚					
Trawsfynydd Power Station	Consenting requirements TBC				✓	⌚						
Egni	⌚				✓	✓	⌚					
Smart Local Energy	Consenting requirements TBC				✓	✓	✓	✓	⌚			
Hydrogen Hub & Transport Decarbonisation	Consenting requirements TBC				✓	✓	⌚					
Deeside Waste to Fuel	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	⌚					
Holyhead Hydrogen Hub	✓	✓			✓	✓	⌚					
Holyhead Gateway	✓	✓	✓	⌚	✓	✓	⌚					
Former North Wales Hospital	✓	✓	✓	⌚	✓	✓	⌚					
Western Gateway, Wrexham	LDP adoption outstanding				✓	⌚						
Warren Hall, Broughton	⌚				✓	⌚						
Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor	⌚				✓	✓	⌚					
Kinmel Studios	⌚				✓	⌚						
Wrexham Gateway	⌚				✓	⌚						
Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub	⌚				✓	✓	✓	✓	⌚			
Tourism Talent Network	⌚				✓	✓	✓	⌚				
Responsible Adventure	⌚				✓	⌚						
Centre for Environmental Biotechnology	⌚				✓	✓	⌚					
Enterprise Engineering and Optics	✓	✓	✓	⌚	✓	✓	✓	✓	⌚			



The status for each project is assessed against this profile from the 2022 Portfolio Business Case unless a new timeline has been approved by the NWEAB through a project business case or change request. The 2023 Portfolio Business Case will be presented to the NWEAB during October, this includes an updated version of the delivery pipeline.

		Portfolio Business Case 2020 Targets***			Approved Project Business Case Targets				Difference		
		GVA (EM)	Jobs Created (net)	(EM) Total Investment*	OBC/ FBC*	GVA (EM)	Jobs Created (net)	(EM) Total Investment*	GVA (EM)	Jobs Created	(EM) Total Investment*
Digital	Digital Signal Processing Centre (DSP)	50	80	7.3	FBC	12	33	3.0	-38	- 47	- 4.3
	Connecting the last few %	35	150	4.0	OBC	15	130	4.0	-20	-20	0
	Connected Key Sites and Corridors	45	120	9.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Connected Campuses	35	0	21	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Low Carbon Energy	Cydyherth (Morlais)	50	100	36	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Hydrogen Hub and Transport Decarbonisation	60	90	28.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Egni	20	20	97.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Smart Local Energy	120	180	106.2	OBC	122	174	106	+2	-6	0
	Trawsfynydd	230	510	400	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Land and Property	Western Gateway, Wrexham	220	360	43.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Warren Hall, Broughton	235	440	70	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh	20	50	74	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor	30	50	6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Holyhead Gateway	545	930	80	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Agrifood and Tourism	Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub	25	40	13	OBC	45	96	13	+20	+56	0
	Tourism Talent Network	20	0	12.9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Innovation in High Value Manufacturing	Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre	45	70	29.9	OBC	33	61	14.7	-12	-9	-15.2
	Centre for Environmental Biotechnology	60	90	9.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Growth Deal Portfolio Total</b>		<b>2,185</b>	<b>3,830</b>	<b>1,146</b>	<b>4OBC + 1FBC</b>	<b>227</b>	<b>494</b>	<b>140.7</b>	<b>-48</b>	<b>-26</b>	<b>-19.5</b>

\* Total investment shown here includes 15% Portfolio Management Office costs

\*\* OBC - Outline Business Case, FBC - Full Business Case

\*\*\* Targets for removed project still included as part of the total targets for the Growth Deal.

\*\*\*\*Following approval of the 2023 Portfolio Business Case the Objective tracker will be updated.

# 11. Growth Deal Grant Expenditure Profile - Capital Budget 2023/24

Programme	Project	Project Sponsor	2021/22 £m *	2022/23 £m*	2023/24 £m	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m	2028/29 £m	2029/30 £m	2030/31 £m	2031/3 2	2032/33 £m	Total £m
Digital	Digital Signal Processing Centre	Bangor University	0.12	1.66	0.39	0.79	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.96
	Connecting the Last Few %	Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.60	1.72	1.85	1.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.17
	Connected Key Sites and Corridors	Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	4.00	2.00	2.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.87
	Connected Campuses	Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.94	10.10	4.93	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.68
Low Carbon Energy	Cydnherth (Morlais)	Menter Môn	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.33	4.44	1.10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.87
	Hydrogen Hub & Transport Decarbonisation	Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.61	5.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.23
	Egni	Bangor University	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.94
	Smart Local Energy	Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.50	3.00	9.25	9.25	1.63	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24.63
	Trawsfynydd Power Station	Cwmni Eginio	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.97	2.96	4.92	9.85	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	19.70
	Deeside Waste to Fuel**	The Circular Economy	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.20	3.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.40
	Holyhead Hydrogen Hub**	Menter Môn	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.90	1.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.80
Page 66 Land and Property	Western Gateway, Wrexham	Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.48	4.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	8.96
	Warren Hall, Broughton	Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.38	7.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	14.77
	Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh	Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.74	6.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.94
	Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor	Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5.91
	Holyhead Gateway	Stena line	0.00	0.00	1.40	17.24	15.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	34.47
	Kinmel Studios**	Stage Fifty	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.40	3.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.80
	Wrexham Gateway**	Wrexham County Borough	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.79	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.79
Agrifood and Tourism	Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	0.00	0.00	0.00	7.20	4.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.82
	Tourism Talent Network	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.13	2.30	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.43
	Responsible Adventure**	Zip World	0.00	0.00	0.10	2.20	3.70	0.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6.20
Innovation in High Value Manufacturing	Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre	Glyndwr University	0.00	0.00	1.63	5.41	4.34	0.17	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	11.55
	Centre for Environmental Biotechnology	Bangor University	0.00	0.00	1.25	1.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2.96
<b>Portfolio Management Office Costs</b>														<b>5.15</b>	
<b>Total</b>														<b>240.00</b>	

\* 2021/22 and 2022/23 profile is actual expenditure. Remaining profile is as forecast in the 2023/24 Capital Budget.

\*\* Provisional information for new projects included.

## 12. Growth Deal Projects: Capital Funding Allocation Profile

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Programme	Project	Project Sponsor	Profile 23/24 (£m)	Actual YTD (£m)	Variance (£m)*	Rationale
Digital	Digital Signal Processing Centre	Bangor University	0.39	0.00	-0.39	One claim is due for the DSP project during the year.
	Connecting the Last Few %	North Wales Economic Ambition Board	0.60	0.00	-0.60	
	Connected Key Sites and Corridors	North Wales Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Connected Campuses	North Wales Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Low Carbon Energy	Cydnherth (Morlais)	Menter Môn	0.00	0.00	0.00	No Full Business Cases have been approved. Expenditure profile now aligned to 2023 Portfolio Business Case update.
	Hydrogen Hub & Transport Decarbonisation	North Wales Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Egni	Bangor University	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Smart Local Energy	North Wales Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Trawsfynydd Power Station	Cwmni Eginio	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Deeside Waste to Fuel	The Circular Economy Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Holyhead Hydrogen Hub	Menter Môn	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Land and Property	Western Gateway, Wrexham	North Wales Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	No Full Business Cases have been approved. Expenditure profile now aligned to 2023 Portfolio Business Case update.
	Warren Hall, Broughton	North Wales Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh	North Wales Economic Ambition Board	0.74	0.00	-0.74	
	Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor	North Wales Economic Ambition Board	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Holyhead Gateway	Stena line	1.40	0.00	-1.40	
	Kinmel Studios	Stage Fifty	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Wrexham Gateway	Wrexham County Borough Council	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Agri-food and Tourism	Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	0.00	0.00	0.00	No Full Business Cases have been approved. Expenditure profile now aligned to 2023 Portfolio Business Case update.
	Tourism Talent Network	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Responsible Adventure	Zip World	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Innovation in High Value Manufacturing	Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre	Glyndwr University	1.63	0.00	-1.63	No Full Business Cases have been approved. Expenditure profile now aligned to 2023 Portfolio Business Case update.
	Centre for Environmental Biotechnology	Bangor University	1.25	0.00	-1.25	
<b>Portfolio Management Office Costs</b>			<b>1.02</b>	<b>0.368</b>	<b>1.02</b>	<b>0.368</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>6.18</b>	<b>0.368</b>	<b>7.13</b>	<b>0.368</b>

\* Variance is the difference between the planned profile (Portfolio Business Case 2023) and the Actual Year to Date (YTD) expenditure.

	Project	Sponsor	Summary
Digital	Digital Signal Processing Centre (DSP)	Bangor University	The project will allow the DSP Centre to expand its presence and remit, integrating fully with the National Strategy Project (NSP) and enable the scaling of key assets including a 5G testbed, research capacity and state-of-the-art equipment.
	The last few %	Ambition North Wales	This project targets universal superfast coverage across North Wales, which have yet to be served by other means and cannot obtain speeds of at least 30Mbps (download).
	Connected Key Sites and Corridors	Ambition North Wales	This project aims to enhance the reliability and quality of mobile services on the main roads and rail routes in North Wales, enabling full-fibre services to key commercial sites across the region. Focussing on developing fibreoptic networks, which are essential for delivering 4G, 5G and gigabit capable broadband.
	Connected Campuses	Ambition North Wales	The project will accelerate the development of a range of digital connectivity options with a current focus at 18 key regional economic sites.
Low Carbon Energy	Cydnherth (Morlais)	Menter Môn	Investing in infrastructure to connect to the National Grid network and monitor marine environmental effects. This will enable an increase in the deployment of turbines by tidal developers and the generation of renewable energy.
	Hydrogen Hub and Transport Decarbonisation	Ambition North Wales	Support delivery of a demonstrator project involving the production of green hydrogen from low carbon energy sources and its use within regional transport networks.
	Egni (Low Carbon Energy Centre of Excellence)	Bangor University	Investing in the development of facilities at Bangor University and Menai Science Park, enhancing the North Wales and UK capabilities for innovation in low carbon energy and related areas, helping to create the conditions for new inward investment and business growth in the low carbon energy supply chain in North Wales.
	Smart Local Energy	Ambition North Wales	To help achieve renewable energy, decarbonisation and local ownership targets, the project will support innovative enabling projects and demonstrators that overcome market failures and unlock private and community sector investments in smart local energy solutions.
	Trawsfynydd	Cwmni Egino	The site is uniquely placed for a 'First of A Kind' deployment of a Small Modular Reactor (SMR) or Advanced Modular Reactor (AMR). Alongside the public and private sector, the Growth Deal will contribute funding towards enabling infrastructure for this development.
	Deeside Waste to Fuel	The Circular Economy Ltd	Creation of a facility to convert 182,000 tonnes per year of commercial food waste destined for landfill/incineration into green bio-methane, power, and fertiliser.
Land and Property	Holyhead Hydrogen Hub	Menter Môn	This project will build a green hydrogen production facility at Parc Cybi, Holyhead, producing around 2000+kg/day of green hydrogen, supplying road, maritime and rail transport customers across North Wales.
	Western Gateway, Wrexham	Ambition North Wales	Delivery of primary services to enable the site to be brought to the market for sale and development.
	Warren Hall, Broughton	Ambition North Wales	Delivery of primary services to enable the 65-hectare mixed use site to be bought to the market for sale and then development by the private sector.
	Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor	Ambition North Wales	Provide industrial floor space to meet known demand for units.
	Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh	Ambition North Wales	The Growth Deal funding will assist in the delivery of a cleared and remediated site with primary services to bring forward a mixed-use commercial and residential development
	Holyhead Gateway	Stena Line	Future proof the Holyhead Port by providing new deep-water heavy loading and cruise facilities, improved vehicular access, guaranteeing the future of the breakwater and providing for the demands of regional energy projects.
	Wrexham Gateway	Wrexham County Borough Council	This project is a sustainable development of a vibrant regenerated area, creating a focal point to support business investment and a multi-modal transportation hub with links to active travel.
Agri-food and Tourism	Kinmel Studios	Stage Fifty	This project will design, build and operate film and television studios at Tir Llwyd Enterprise Park along with a training academy and incubator units.
	Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	The vision is to create a distinctive, world-class Rural Economy Hub at Glynllifon, offering a range of facilities and services to strengthen and enhance the regional economy, specifically through growing the food and drink sector.
	Tourism Talent Network	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	Future-proofing the pipeline of skills provision and increase commercial benefits from one of the most established sectors in the region. The talent network will stimulate public-private collaboration to coordinate action on skills and product development to transform and accelerate the growth of the tourism and hospitality sector in the region.
Innovation in High Value Manufacturing	Responsible Adventure	Zip World	A multi-element project as part of a sustainable and eco-tourism package including a new sustainable Cable Car, Slate Explorer including visitor viewing platform and an eBus Network.
	Centre for Environmental Biotechnology (CEB)	Bangor University	The Centre for Engineering Biotechnology will be a world-leading centre in the discovery and characterisation of novel extremophilic enzymes of industrial relevance. The Centre for Engineering Biotechnology will provide a strong foundation for attracting world-leading researchers, significant public and commercial research funding, and inward investment to Wales.
	Enterprise Engineering & Optics Centre	Wrexham University	The Enterprise Engineering & Optics Centre will provide facilities targeted to boost high-level skills development for the region and enable Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME's) and large businesses to work in partnership with Wrexham Glyndwr University on commercially driven research and development in optics, composites and hydrogen fuel cells.

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template</b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date:</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> January, 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	Assist the Scrutiny Committee in considering, agreeing and reviewing its forward work programme for 2023/24
<b>Scrutiny Chair:</b>	Cllr Dylan Rees
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	Not applicable
<b>Head of Service:</b>	Lynn Ball, Director of Function (Council Business) / Monitoring Officer
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<b>Local Members:</b>	Applicable to all Scrutiny Members

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<b>1 - Recommendation/s</b>
The Committee is requested to: <b>R1</b> agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2023/24 <b>R2</b> note progress thus far in implementing the forward work programme.

<b>2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities</b>
Effective work programming is the foundation of effective local government scrutiny. Our Scrutiny rolling forward work programmes are aligned with the corporate priorities of the Council and corporate transformation programmes – ensuring the role of Member scrutiny makes a tangible contribution to the Council’s improvement priorities.

<b>3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members</b>
<b>To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-</b>
<b>3.1</b> Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [focus on customer/citizen]
<b>3.2</b> A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality [focus on value]
<b>3.3</b> A look at any risks [focus on risk]
<b>3.4</b> Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [focus on performance & quality]
<b>3.5</b> Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul> [focus on wellbeing]

**3.6** The potential impacts the decision would have on:

- protected groups under the Equality Act 2010
- those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (when making strategic decisions)
- opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

[focus on equality and the Welsh language]

#### 4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

### 5 – Background / Context

#### 1. Background

1.1 Effective work programming is the bedrock of an effective local government scrutiny function<sup>1</sup>. Done well, work programming can help lay the foundations for targeted and timely work on issues of local importance demonstrating where Member scrutiny can add value. Good practice advocates two key issues at the heart of the scrutiny forward work programme:

- i. Challenge around prioritising work streams
- ii. Need for a member-led approach and interface with officers.

#### 1.2 Basic principles of good work programming<sup>2</sup>

- Work programming should not be a “start-stop” process
- Complementary work programmes for separate scrutiny committees
- Balance between different methods of work
- An effective process for reporting / escalating issues to the Executive
- Input and views of internal stakeholders
- Close working with the Executive
- Links with the Annual Scrutiny Report (evaluation and improvement tool).

#### 2. Local context

2.1 There is now a well-established practice of forward work programming which are now rolling programmes focusing on the quality of scrutiny with fewer items, to add value. They are an important tool to assist Members in prioritising their work and are discussed with the Leadership Team and Heads of Service. Both committees review the content of their work programmes on a regular basis, to ensure that they remain relevant and keep abreast with local priorities. Our local forward planning arrangements now ensure greater focus on:

- Strategic aspects
- Citizen / other stakeholder engagement and outcomes
- Priorities of the Council Plan and transformation projects
- Risks and the work of inspection and regulation
- Matters on the forward work programme of the Executive.

<sup>1</sup> A Cuning Plan? Devising a scrutiny work programme, Centre for Public Scrutiny (March, 2011)

<sup>2</sup> A Cuning Plan? Devising a scrutiny work programme, Centre for Public Scrutiny (March, 2011)



**Outcome:** rolling work programmes for scrutiny committees which are aligned with corporate priorities.

2.2 Committee chairs lead on developing the forward work programmes and are submitted to the monthly Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum and for approval at each ordinary meeting of the scrutiny committees. The Forum is considered an important vehicle to oversee these programmes and jointly negotiate priorities.

2.3 **“Whole council” approach to Scrutiny:** our work programmes provide a strong foundation for our improvement programme, ensuring the role that Scrutiny plays in the Authority’s governance arrangements:

- i. Supports robust and effective decision-making
- ii. Makes a tangible contribution to the Council’s improvement priorities
- iii. Continues to evolve.

### 3. Issues for consideration

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee receives regular update reports on the implementation of its forward work programme. A copy of the current 2023/24 work programme is attached as **APPENDIX 1** to this report for reference and includes changes made to the work programme since the Committee last considered the document.<sup>3</sup>

3.2 Where appropriate, items may be added to the Committee’s forward work programme during the municipal year. Requests for additional matters to be considered for inclusion on the work programme can be submitted via the Members Request Form for an item to be considered for Scrutiny. Requests are initially considered by the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum, using the following criteria:

- the Council’s strategic objectives and priorities (as outlined in the Council Plan)
- the ability of the Committee to have influence and/or add value on the subject (A Scrutiny Test of Significance Form will be completed).

## 6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]

### 6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010

### 6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)

### 6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

Not applicable for this overarching issue but will be considered as an integral part of preparing for specific proposals to be submitted for consideration by the Committee.

## 7 – Financial Implications

Not applicable.

## 8 – Appendices:

<sup>3</sup> Meeting of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee convened on 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 2023

Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2023/24

**9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):**

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<b>CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>May, 2023 (23/05/23)</b>	<b>May, 2023 (23/05/23)</b>
Election of Chair: 2023/24	Election of Chair: 2023/24
Election of Vice-chair: 2023/24	Election of Vice-chair: 2023/24
<b>June, 2023 (20/06/23) – Q4</b>	
Performance Monitoring: Corporate Scorecard Qtr4: 2022/23	<b>June, 2023 (21/06/23)</b> Welsh Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Report on the Welsh Standards: 2022/23</li> <li>• Welsh in Education Strategic Plan: 2022/23 → Measure Progress</li> <li>• Education Scrutiny Panel Progress Report</li> </ul>
Modernising Learning Communities and Developing the Welsh Language Strategy	Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Public Services Board Annual Report: 2022/23
Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan	Destination Management Plan
Annual Delivery Plan: 2023/24	North Wales Economic Ambition Board Qtr 4: 2022/23 Progress Report
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
<b>September, 2023 (19/09/23) – Q1</b>	
Performance Monitoring: Corporate Scorecard Q1: 2023/24	<b>September, 2023 (19/09/23) - Education</b>
Finance Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	Consultation on the Future of Fire and Rescue Services in North Wales – Isle of Anglesey County Council comments
Annual Performance Report: 2022/23	GwE Annual Report for the Isle of Anglesey: 2022/23
Nomination of Committee Member on the Finance Scrutiny Panel	Education Scrutiny Panel Progress Report
	Education Scrutiny Charter

<b>CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
<b>October, 2023 (18/10/23) - meeting cancelled</b>	<b>October, 2023 (17/10/23)</b>
	Regional Emergency Planning Service Annual Report: 2022-23
	Annual Report North Wales Regional Partnership Board (Part 9): 2022/23
	Public Participation Strategy: 2023/2028
	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
	<b>November, 2023 (13/11/22) – Additional Meeting</b>
	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
<b>November, 2023 (21/11/23) - Q2</b>	<b>November, 2023 (22/11/22) – Crime and Disorder</b>
Monitoring Performance: Corporate Scorecard Q2: 2023/24	Resources and Recycling Strategic Plan: 2023/2028
Empty Homes Strategic Plan: 2023/28	Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Community Safety Partnership Annual Report: 2022/23
Social Scrutiny Journey Progress Report	Ynys Môn Levelling Up Programme – Measure Progress
Nomination of Committee Member on the Social Services Scrutiny Panel / Corporate Parenting Panel	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
<b>January, 2024 (16/01/24) – 2024/25 Budget (morning)</b>	<b>January, 2024 (18/01/24)</b>
2024/25 Budget Setting (Revenue Budget) – initial budget proposals	Modernising Day Opportunities: Learning Opportunities (Holyhead area)
Finance Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	North Wales Economic Ambition Board Qtr 2: 2023/24 Progress Report
	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
<b>January, 2024 (16/01/24) (afternoon)</b>	
Tenant Participation Strategy	
Asset Management Strategy (Housing Service)	
Local Performance Indicators: Housing Services – Progress Report	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	
<b>February, 2024 (27/02/24) – 2024/25 Budget</b>	<b>February, 2024 (06/02/24) - Education</b>
Final Draft Budget Proposals for 2024/25 – revenue & capital	Education Scrutiny Panel Progress Report
Finance Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	Modernising Day Opportunities: Learning Disabilities
	Annual Report on Equalities: 2022/23

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	Equalities Plan: 2023/2027
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
<b>March, 2024 (12/03/24) - Q3</b>	<b>March, 2024 (13/03/24)</b>
Monitoring Performance: Corporate Scorecard Q3: 2023/24	North Wales Economic Ambition Board Qtr 3: 2023/24 Progress Report
Social Scrutiny Journey Progress Report	Ynys Môn Levelling Up Programme – Measure Progress
Housing Revenue Account Business Plan: 2024/2054	Corporate Safeguarding
Corporate Asset Management Plan:2023/2028	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24
<b>April, 2024 (16/04/24)</b>	<b>April, 2024 (17/04/24)</b>
Local Housing Market Assessment	Public Services Board – governance arrangements / scrutiny of delivery of the Wellbeing Plan
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2023/24

**Items to be scheduled:**

<b>Corporate Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee</b>
Service Asset Management Plan 2021/31 – Smallholdings Estate	Ynys Môn Levelling Up Programme – Measure Progress (November, 2024 and January, 2025)
Census 2021	North Wales Police & Crime Commissioner
Transformation and Modernisation of Adults' Services	North Wales Fire & Rescue Service
	Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust
	Medrwn Môn
	Scrutiny of Partnerships
	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Action Plan
	Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Public Services Board – Annual Report 2023/24 (June, 2024)
	Communities for Work Plus Programme: Annual Report 2023/24 (June, 2024)
	Improving Reliability and Resilience across the Menai Straits

	Anglesey Free Port
	Anglesey Local Development Plan
	Impact of Tourism on Anglesey Local Communities (resolution of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, 21/06/2023)