

DECISION NOTICE
NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE
(Rule 20(3) of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No.2) (Wales)
Regulations 2021)

22 November 2022

Virtual Meeting

Present: Chairman: Councillor Mark Pritchard (Wrexham County Borough Council).

Councillors: Robin Williams (Anglesey County Council), Dave Hughes (Flintshire County Council), Charlie McCoubrey (Conwy County Borough Council), Jason McLellan (Denbighshire County Council) and Edgar Owen (Eryri National Park Authority).

Chief Officers: Dafydd Gibbard (Cyngor Gwynedd), Dylan Williams (Anglesey County Council), Rhun ap Gareth (Conwy County Borough Council), Neal Cockerton (Flintshire County Council), Linda Roberts (Wrexham County Borough Council), Gary Williams (Denbighshire County Council) and Iwan Jones (Eryri National Park Authority).

Statutory Officers

Dewi Morgan (Chief Finance Officer) and Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer).

Other officers present

Alwen Williams (Interim Chief Executive of the CJC), Sian Pugh (Assistant Head of Finance), Iain Taylor (AMION Consulting Consultant), Claire Incedon (Solicitor), Jack Latkovic (Corporate Joint Committee Democracy Officer) and Sioned Mai Jones (Democracy Team Leader).

Apologies:

- Councillor Nia Jeffreys (Deputising - Cyngor Gwynedd)
- Councillor Gary Pritchard (Anglesey County Council) with Councillor Robin Williams deputising
- Ian Bancroft (Wrexham County Borough Council) with Linda Roberts deputising
- Graham Boase (Denbighshire County Council) with Gary Williams deputising
- David Hole, (Corporate Joint Committee Implementation Programme Manager)

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SUBJECT

Item 5: UPDATE: FUNCTIONS OF THE NORTH WALES ECONOMIC AMBITION BOARD - TRANSFER TO THE CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

DECISION:

To accept the update on work to establish the North Wales CJC including the transfer of the Growth Deal and progressing on tasks required to carry out the statutory duties of the CJC.

To agree to receive a report from the Portfolio Director at the next meeting of the Corporate Joint Committee providing a further update on the progress of the transition with reference to the Strategic Development Plan.

To authorise the Portfolio Director to agree a revised programme and transfer date with the Local Authorities and Higher and Further Education partners within the target date of 1 April 2025.

To approve an extension of the interim arrangement for the Portfolio Director of the Economic Ambition Board to assume the role of Chief Executive of the Corporate Joint Committee on an interim basis for two days a week up to 31 March 2025 or the transfer date, depending on which comes first.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	5
Abstention	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

A declaration of personal interest was received from Alwen Williams, Interim Chief Executive of the CJC for the last part of the report which involved extending her secondment in the role. She was of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and withdrew from the meeting during the discussion.

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Item 6: FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM INVESTMENT ZONE - PROGRESS UPDATE

DECISION:

To review and approve the Tax Sites identified (Deeside Gateway, Warren Hall and Wrexham Industrial Estate) and Retained Rate Areas (Deeside Gateway and Wrexham Industrial Estate).

To review and approve the proposed Common Model of Governance.

To review and approve the Investment Zone Themes (Innovation, Skills and Transport) and high-level interventions, which will be refined as part of Gateway 4 (Interventions) and consider the inclusion of 'Business Support' as the fourth theme, which addresses the intention to invest directly in advanced manufacturing businesses with advice and grant funding.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	5
Abstention	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

There were no declarations of personal interest or any protocol matters.