

NORTH WALES CJC STRATEGIC TRANSPORT SUB-COMMITTEE
16/12/2024

Present:

Voting Members - Councillors:- Dafydd Rhys Thomas (Isle Anglesey County Council), Goronwy Edwards (Conwy County Borough Council), Barry Mellor (Denbighshire County Council), Glyn Banks (Flintshire County Council) and David Bithell (Wrexham County Borough Council).

Co-opted Members (Non-Voting) – Angela Jones (Eryri National Park).

Chief Officers – Huw Percy (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Gerwyn Jones (Cyngor Gwynedd), Geraint Edwards (Conwy County Borough Council), Emlyn Jones (Denbighshire County Council), Katie Wilby (Flintshire County Council) and Darren Williams (Wrexham County Borough Council).

Officers in attendance - Alwen Williams (Interim Chief Executive of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee), David Hole (North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Implementation Programme Manager), Claire Incedon (Deputy Monitoring Officer), Jack Latkovic (North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Democracy Officer) and Rhodri Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

Also in attendance – Allan Pitt (ARUP) and Adam Graham (Transport for Wales).

1. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED to elect Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas as Vice-Chair of the Subcommittee for 2024/25.

2. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:-

- Councillor Craig ab Iago (Cyngor Gwynedd)
- Dafydd Wyn Williams (Cyngor Gwynedd)
- Dewi Morgan (Chief Finance Officer)
- Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer)

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

4. URGENT ITEMS

No urgent matters were raised.

5. MINUTES

The Chair signed the minutes of the previous meeting held on 1 October 2024 as a true record.

6. STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION SUB-COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN

The report was submitted by the Deputy Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED

- **To agree on the Forward Work Plan.**
- **To confirm that the Chair may amend the Plan to consider changes in work timetables, subject to bringing the Plan to a follow-up meeting of the Sub-committee to be agreed on.**

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Forward Work Plan notes a calendar of meetings for the period until December 2025, and it complies with the Welsh Government's timetables as required, and with the meeting dates for the CJC.

DISCUSSION

Members were guided through the Sub-committee's Forward Work Plan, explaining that it outlined the items that would be presented to the Sub-committee over the next year. It was explained that this Forward Work Programme considered the need to receive the Sub-committee's approval on several Reports while also taking into account possible changes to timetables. It was added that the Forward Work Plan had been drawn up with the timetable of the Welsh Government and the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee in mind.

It was confirmed that this Forward Plan was not finalised, and additional meetings may be held to meet unpredictable needs.

The possibility of holding Sub-committee meetings as hybrid meetings was considered.

7. REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN FOR NORTH WALES - CASE FOR CHANGE AND STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT PLAN

The report was submitted by the Corporate Joint Committee Implementation Programme Manager.

RESOLVED

To approve the Case for Change, including the Stakeholder Engagement Plan as part of the North Wales Regional Transport Plan, subject to recommending to the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Board that they ask every appropriate Cabinet to look at the Regional Transport Plan in more detail and respond back after the consultation period.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

As a result of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021 transfer the function of developing transport policies in respect of the area of each of its constituent councils on the CJC. The development and implementation of a Regional Transport Plan is a statutory function exercised by the CJC through its sub-committee, supported by the Guidance to Corporate Joint Committees on Regional Transport Plans (Version 2) 2023. The Case for Change including the Stakeholder Engagement Plan are a key part of the process to develop a Regional Transport Plan for the North Wales region.

DISCUSSION

Members were reminded that the Plan had been presented to the Sub-committee at the 1 October 2024 meeting. Gratitude was expressed for the close collaboration with Transport for Wales and ARUP to develop the documents.

It was recommended that the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee ask all appropriate Cabinets to look at the Regional Transport Plan in more detail and respond back.

The meeting began at 14:50 and ended at 15:10.

Chair