

**NORTH WALES CJC ECONOMIC WELL-BEING SUB-COMMITTEE
DECISION NOTICE**

**(Rule 20(3) of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations
2021)**

**06 February 2026
Hybrid Meeting**

Present:

Councillors: Councillor Mark Pritchard (Wrexham County Borough Council) (Chair)
Councillor Jason McLellan (Denbighshire Council) (Vice-chair).

Dave Hughes (Flintshire County Council), Nia Jeffreys (Cyngor Gwynedd) and Gary Pritchard (Isle of Anglesey County Council).

Co-opted Members: Professor Paul Spencer (Bangor University), Professor Joe Yates (Wrexham University), Aled Jones-Griffith (Grŵp Llandrillo Menai), David Roberts (Chair of the Regional Skills Partnership), Edgar Wyn Owen (Eryri National Park) and Dave Penrith (Non-executive Adviser).

Chief Executives of Constituent Councils: Dylan Williams (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Sioned Williams (Cyngor Gwynedd), Rhun ap Gareth (Conwy County Borough Council), Helen White (Denbighshire County Council) and Richard Weigh (Wrexham County Borough Council).

Other officers present: Alwen Williams (Chief Executive of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee), Hedd Vaughan-Evans (Head of Operations), Dewi Morgan (Chief Finance Officer), Sian Pugh (Assistant Head of Finance), Sara Jane Jones (Senior Accountant), Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Mark Watkins (Temporary Head of Legal), Claire Incledon (Deputy Monitoring Officer), Colin David Mathews (Land and Property Manager), Elli Hughes (Growth Deal Programme Manager), Meghan Davies (Energy and Zero Net Manager) and Rhodri Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

Observers: Wendy Boddington (Welsh Government) and Gareth Ashman (UK Government)

Others invited:

Item 10: Stephen McGregor and Jon Travis (Welsh Government and UK Government)

Apologies:

Apologies were received from:

- Councillor Julie Fallon (Conwy County Borough Council).
- Professor Edmund Burke (Bangor University) with Professor Paul Spencer deputising.
- Yana Williams (Coleg Cambria).
- Dafydd Gibbard (Cyngor Gwynedd) with Sioned Williams deputising.
- Alwyn Jones (Wrexham County Borough Council) with Richard Weigh deputising.



Cyd-Bwylgor Corfforddig Gogledd Cymru North Wales Corporate Joint Committee

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SUBJECT

Item 5: NORTH WALES GROWTH DEAL - QUARTER 3 PERFORMANCE AND RISK REPORT

DECISION

1. To note the Quarter 3 Performance Report and updated Portfolio Risk Register.
2. To approve the submission of the Quarter 3 Performance Report to the Welsh Government and UK Government, as well as the local authority scrutiny committees.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Quarterly reporting on progress against the North Wales Growth Deal is one of the requirements of the Final Growth Deal Agreement.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.



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Item 6: 2026/27 BUDGET

DECISION

1. To approve the Growth Deal revenue budget for 2026/27.
2. To note the funding contributions, including partner contributions, local government supplementary contributions and partner interest contributions.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Growth Deal required an annual budget in order to operate effectively within the funding available.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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Item 7: 2025/26 REVENUE AND CAPITAL POSITION – END OF DECEMBER 2025 REVIEW

DECISION

1. To note and accept the revenue end of December 2025, including the reserves position.
2. To note and accept the Growth Deal's revised capital expenditure profile.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

An underspend of £618,025 was projected against the Economic Well-being Sub-committee's revenue budget for 2025/26. The final underspend at the end of the financial year would be used to reduce the amount claimed from the North Wales Growth Deal Grant and the resources reserve, and approval was sought when the out-turn report would be submitted to the CJC.

To note slippage on the capital programme, with an estimate of £22.15m expenditure in 2025/26 compared with the approved budget of £29.61m for the year.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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Item 8: FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM INVESTMENT ZONE - YEAR 2 ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN (ADP)

DECISION

- To approve the Annual Delivery Plan's investment allocations for Year 2 and note the Year 1 allocations that will be used as a part of the Year 2 programme.
- To approve the Investment Zone Programme, including a £4m allocation to the Wrexham University Business Gateway.
- To authorise the CJC's Section 151 Officer to sign and issue the ADP documents to the UK Government and Welsh Government and make any further non-material amendments necessary to agree the ADP with the UK Government and Welsh Government.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Investment Zones are required to agree on an Annual Delivery Plan with the UK Government and Welsh Government in the final quarter of the financial year in order to secure the annual payment from the Welsh Government in April in every financial year.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.



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Item 9: EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

DECISION

A vote was taken on the proposal to exclude the press and public, and Councillor Nia Jeffreys abstained her vote on this item.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Chair will propose to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following items due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 14, Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972: Information about the financial or business transactions of any specific person (including the authority that retains that information).

There is an acknowledged public interest in being open about the use of public resources and related financial issues. However, it is acknowledged that there are occasions, in order to protect financial and commercial interests, that matters related to such information need to be discussed without being publicised. The report is specifically regarding financial and business matters together with associated discussions. The publication of such commercially sensitive information could adversely affect the interests of the bodies and the CJC and undermine the confidence of other Growth Deal participants in sharing sensitive information for consideration. This would be contrary to the wider public interest of securing the best overall outcome.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.



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Item 10: PADESWOOD - REQUEST FOR CHANGE

DECISION

To support the request for change from the Welsh Government and allocate additional funding from the Growth Deal and Investment Zone, subject to:

1. Reaching an agreement on matters discussed in section 6.3(a) and (b) of the report.
2. That the investment noted in part 6.3(c) of the report will be a funding condition to be implemented prior to the approval of the Full Business Case and/or for it to be included in the Grant Funding Agreement, whichever comes first.
3. That the approval of the Full Business Case will be subject to the investment decisions in section 6.3(d).

To delegate to the Portfolio Director to discuss with the Welsh Government and UK Government the conditions imposed with final approval to be sought from the Economic Well-being Sub-committee (subject to the advice of the Monitoring Officer), in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair.

That the Sub-committee notes that the splitting of funding between the Growth Deal and Investment Zone is the subject of separate discussions and decisions prior to the approval of the Full Business Case.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In accordance with the change management process being implemented, to consider the request for change submitted and its implications.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Declarations of personal interest were received from Wendy Boddington (Welsh Government Observer) and Gareth Ashman (Welsh Government Observer). It was noted that it was a

prejudicial interest and they left the meeting for the discussion on the item, after the introduction to the item and the opportunity for Members to ask further questions.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Monitoring Officer was consulted on the decision sought.



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Item 11: OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE - WREXHAM BUSINESS GATEWAY

DECISION

To approve the Outline Business Case for the Wrexham Business Gateway Project, subject to the approval of Welsh Government and UK Government to the assurance process held, and that Wrexham University addresses the matters noted in the report, as described in Section 7, and ask for the Full Business Case to be prepared for the Sub-committee's consideration.

To authorise the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Chair, the Vice-chair, the Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer to agree on draft terms in accordance with this report as a basis for the final funding arrangements for the project to be committed subject to Full Business Case approval.

That the approval from the Sub-Committee is valid for a period of twelve months and should the project not proceed to an approved Full Business Case during this time, it will be required to return and re-present the business case to the Sub-committee for approval.

To note the intention to split the funding between the Growth Deal and Investment Zone and that this position will be confirmed at Full Business Case stage.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek the Sub-committee's approval of the Outline Business Case for the Wrexham Business Gateway from Wrexham University.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

A declaration of personal interest was received from Professor Joe Yates (Wrexham University). It was noted that it was a prejudicial interest and he left the meeting for the item.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.
