

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

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

**13 March 2026 - Virtual Meeting**

**Present:**

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

Richard Jones (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 (University of Wrexham), Steve Jackson (Coleg Cambria), 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), Dafydd Gibbard (Cyngor Gwynedd), Sarah Ecob (Conwy County Borough Council), Helen White (Denbighshire County Council), Neal Cockerton (Flintshire County Council) and Alwyn Jones (Wrexham County Borough Council).

**Other officers present:** Alwen Williams (Chief Executive of the CJC), Hedd Vaughan-Evans (Head of Operations), Sian Pugh (Assistant Head of Finance), Sara Jane Jones (Senior Accountant), Mark Watkins (Monitoring Officer), Sian Lloyd Roberts (Regional Skills Manager), Colin David Mathews (Land and Property Programme Manager), Elliw Alaw Hughes (Growth Deal Programme Manager), Meghan Davies (Energy and Net Zero Manager), Iain Taylor (IMT Consulting), Nia Medi Williams (Resources and Operations Manager), Rees Brown (Skills Portal Project Manager), and Rhodri Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

**Observers:** Dewi Williams and Bryn Richards (Welsh Government) and Gareth Ashman (UK Government)

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from:

- Councillor Dave Hughes (Flintshire County Council) with Councillor Richard Jones deputising.
- Councillor Julie Fallon (Conwy County Borough Council)
- Professor Edmund Burke (Bangor University) with Professor Paul Spencer deputising.
- Yana Williams (Coleg Cambria) with Steve Jackson deputising.
- Rhun ap Gareth (Conwy County Borough Council) with Sarah Ecob deputising.
- Wendy Boddington (Welsh Government Observer), with Dewi Williams deputising.
- Dewi Morgan (Cyngor Gwynedd) with Sian Pugh deputising.



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**SUBJECT**

Item 5: FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM INVESTMENT ZONE SKILLS PROGRAMME

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**DECISION**

- To note the progress on implementing the Investment Zone programme in close partnership with the Local Education Authorities, Coleg Cambria, Wrexham University and the Regional Skills Partnership.
  - To note the process for developing the projects contained in this report and that they have been agreed as suitable skills projects for the Investment Zone to support the Regional Skills Partnership and are in line with the objectives of the Investment Zone Skills Plan.
  - To approve the project proposals submitted by Coleg Cambria to a value of up to £8,183,000 and delegate to the Ambition North Wales Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer, Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair to agree and enter into a Grant Funding Agreement between the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee and Coleg Cambria.
  - To approve the project proposals submitted by Wrexham University to a value of £4,247,014 and delegate to the Ambition North Wales Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer, Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chair and Vice-chair to agree and enter into a Grant Funding Agreement between the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee and Wrexham University.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To seek the Economic Well-being Sub-committee's approval for the Flintshire and Wrexham Zone Skills Programme. This will enable the start of the Investment Zone skills programme at the

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time the Investment Zone is agreed between Flintshire County Council, Wrexham County Borough Council, the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee, Welsh Government and UK Government.

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#### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

Declarations of personal interest were received from Steve Jackson (Coleg Cambria) and Professor Joe Yates (University of Wrexham) as the organisations were involved with the project. They did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion.

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#### **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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### SUBJECT

Item 6: EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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### DECISION

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

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### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Chair shall 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).

While there is a public interest in transparency and accountability, this is currently outweighed by the need to protect commercially sensitive information given that disclosure would likely prejudice ongoing negotiations and the authority's ability to secure the best value and protect the appropriate use of public funds.

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### DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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### SUBJECT

Item 7: WREXHAM GATEWAY OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

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### DECISION

To approve the Outline Business Case for the Wrexham Gateway Project, subject to approval from the Welsh Government and UK Government of the assurance process held, and that the Council addresses the matters noted in the report, as described in Section 7, and asks for a 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.

To note 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 period, it will be required to return and re-submit the business case to the Sub-committee for approval.

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### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek the Sub-committee's approval of the Outline Business Case for the Wrexham Gateway project by Wrexham County Borough Council.

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### DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Declarations of personal interest were received from Councillor Mark Pritchard (Wrexham County Borough Council) and from Joe Yates (University of Wrexham). They did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on this matter.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 8: REQUEST FOR CHANGE: PARC BRYN CEGIN, BANGOR

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**DECISION**

To agree to the request for change for the Parc Bryn Cegin project to allocate an additional £1.43m of Growth Deal funding to deliver Phase 2 of the Project to provide an additional 1,856 square metres (20,000 sq ft) of high-quality modern employment units operating on a low carbon basis.

To delegate to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Vice-chair, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, to agree and approve the relevant changes to the Joint Venture Agreement with the Welsh Government for the delivery of the project.

To note that the Full Business Case for Parc Bryn Cegin would be updated following the signing of the contract for phase 2 to reflect the final costs and to delegate the approval of the Full Business Case to the Portfolio Director.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To seek the Sub-committee's approval of the request for change for the Parc Bryn Cegin project, Bangor.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

No declarations of personal interest were received, acknowledging that there was no need for Councillor Nia Jeffreys, Councillor Edgar Wyn Owen or Dafydd Gibbard (Cyngor Gwynedd) to declare an interest on this item.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 9: Egni FULL BUSINESS CASE

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**DECISION**

To approve the Full Business Case for the Egni Project.

To authorise the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Vice-chair, Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer, to agree and enter into a funding agreement with Bangor University for the delivery of the project, subject to Bangor University addressing the outstanding issues set out in Section 7 of this report.

It was noted that approval from the Sub-committee was valid for a period of six months and should the project not proceed to a signed funding agreement during this period, it will be required to return and re-submit the business case to the Sub-committee for approval.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To seek the Sub-committee's approval for the Full Business Case for the Egni Project.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

A declaration of personal interest was received from Professor Paul Spencer (Bangor University), as the organisation was involved with the project. He noted that it was a prejudicial interest and he left the meeting for the item.

A declaration of personal interest was received from Councillor Gary Pritchard (Isle of Anglesey County Council). It was noted that it was not a prejudicial interest and he did not leave the meeting for the discussion.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 10: TRAWSFYNYDD INNOVATION, BUSINESS AND SKILLS CENTRE OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

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**DECISION**

To approve the Outline Business Case for the Trawsfynydd Innovation, Business and Skills Centre Project, subject to approval from the Welsh Government and UK Government of the assurance process held, and that Cyngor Gwynedd addresses the matters noted and described in Section 7 of this report, and asks for a 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.

It was noted that the approval from the Sub-committee was valid for a period of twelve months and should the project not proceed to an approved Full Business Case during this period, it will be required to return and re-submit the business case to the Sub-committee for approval.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To seek the Sub-committee's approval of the Outline Business Case for the Trawsfynydd Innovation, Business and Skills Centre.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

A declaration of personal interest was received from Councillor Nia Jeffreys and Dafydd Gibbard (Cyngor Gwynedd), as the Council was one of the sponsors of the project. It was noted that it was not a prejudicial interest and there was no need to leave the meeting for the discussion.

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor Edgar Wyn Owen (Eryri National Park). It was noted that it was not a prejudicial interest and he did not leave the meeting for the discussion.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 11: GLYNLLIFON RURAL ECONOMY HUB SUSTAINABLE DAIRY DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION CASE

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**DECISION**

To approve the draft Business Justification Case for the Sustainable Dairy Development Element of the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub project subject to the approval of the Welsh and UK Governments of the assurance process undertaken, and that Grŵp Llandrillo Menai addresses the matters noted and described in Section 7 of this report, and secures all necessary internal approvals for the project.

To delegate to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Vice-chair, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, to agree and confirm the outstanding matters in the report before the funding is released and to note that if this is not completed in advance to the Sub-committee in May then the Business Justification Case would need to be resubmitted for consideration.

To note that a funding agreement has already been entered into with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai for the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub project following the approval of the Sheep Milk Wales Business Justification Case, and that this agreement will include the delivery of this element of the wider project if this Business Justification Case is approved by the Sub-committee.

To note that there will be one more Business Case approval to deliver the remaining elements of the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub project and that these will be submitted to the Sub-committee for future consideration.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To seek the Sub-committee's approval of the Business Justification Case for the Sustainable Dairy Development Element of the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub Project.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

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A declaration of personal interest was received from Aled Jones-Griffith (Grŵp Llandrillo Menai), as the organisation is involved with the project. It was noted that it was a prejudicial interest and he withdrew from the meeting for the discussion.

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Item 12: ACADEMI CROESO PROJECT (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS TOURISM TALENT NETWORK PROJECT) REQUEST FOR CHANGE

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**DECISION**

To approve the request for change for the Academi Croeso project, granting a final extension of up to six months to introduce a new satellite in the form of a Business Justification Case to reallocate the remaining £1m of Growth Deal funding already committed to the project.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Requests for changes to projects by Project Funders are matters for the Sub-committee to decide.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

A declaration of personal interest was received from Aled Jones-Griffith (Grŵp Llandrillo Menai), as the organisation was involved with the project. It was noted that it was a prejudicial interest and he withdrew from the meeting for the discussion.

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