
NORTH WALES CJC ECONOMIC WELL-BEING SUB-COMMITTEE
12/06/2026

Present:

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

Paul Johnson (Flintshire County Council), Nia Jeffreys (Cyngor Gwynedd), Julie Fallon (Conwy County Borough Council) and Gary Pritchard (Isle of Anglesey County Council).

Co-opted Members: Professor Paul Spencer (Bangor University), David Roberts (Chair of the Regional Skills Partnership), Ifor Glyn Lloyd (Eryri National Park) and Nick Bennett (Non-executive Adviser).

Chief Officers of Constituent Councils: Dylan Williams (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Dafydd Gibbard (Cyngor Gwynedd), Rhun ap Gareth (Conwy County Borough Council), David Fitzsimon (Flintshire County Council), Helen White (Denbighshire County Council) and Alwyn Jones (Wrexham County Borough Council).

Other officers present: Alwen Williams (Chief Executive), Sian Pugh (Assistant Head of Finance), Mark Watkins (Monitoring Officer), Helen Edwards (Deputy Monitoring Officer), David Mathews (Land and Property Programme Manager), Eiliw Alaw Hughes (Growth Deal Programme Manager), Nia Medi Williams (Resources and Operations Manager) and Rhodri Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

Observers: Dewi Williams and Bryn Richards (Welsh Government)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Councillor Dave Hughes (Flintshire County Council) with Councillor Paul Johnson deputising
- Professor Edmund Burke (Bangor University) with Professor Paul Spencer deputising
- Professor Joe Yates (Wrexham University)
- Yana Williams (Coleg Cambria)
- Aled Jones-Griffith (Grŵp Llandrillo Menai)
- Dave Penrith (Non-executive Adviser) with Nick Bennett deputising
- Neal Cockerton (Flintshire County Council) with David Fitzsimon deputising
- Dewi Morgan (Cyngor Gwynedd)
- Hedd Vaughan-Evans (Portfolio Director).

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

A declaration of personal interest was received from Professor Paul Spencer, Bangor University, for Item 6 as the institution was involved with the application. It was noted that it was a prejudicial interest and he withdrew from the meeting for the discussion.

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair signed the minutes of the meetings held on 15 May 2026 as correct.

5. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chair proposed 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 relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding 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.

It was resolved to exclude the press and public.

6. ALBERT GUBAY BUSINESS SCHOOL, BANGOR UNIVERSITY, FULL BUSINESS CASE

The report was submitted by the Land and Property Programme Manager.

RESOLVED

- 1. To approve the Full Business Case for the Albert Gubay Business School.**
- 2. To approve an additional £143,000 from the Cost Inflation Reserve to deliver the project.**
- 3. To authorise the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Vice-chair, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to agree and enter into a funding agreement with Bangor University for the delivery of the project, on condition that Bangor University satisfactorily addresses the outstanding issues, including the increase in procurement costs.**
- 4. It was confirmed that the Sub-committee's approval is valid for a period of six months and should the project not proceed to a signed funding agreement during this time, it will be required to return and re-present the business case to the Sub-committee for approval.**

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek the Sub-committee's approval of the Full Business Case for the Albert Gubay Business School.

DISCUSSION

The Report was discussed.

The meeting started at 09:30 and concluded at 09:50.

Chair