

Ambition North Wales

Non-Executive Advisor

The Opportunity

Ambition North Wales is recruiting for two Non-Executive Advisors from the private sector to provide strategic advice and challenge to support the delivery of the North Wales Growth Deal and **on the economic well-being function of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC), specifically through** support to our Economic Wellbeing sub-committee and Business Advisory Board.

These roles offer a unique opportunity to contribute to the successful delivery of the North Wales Growth Deal and other transformative regional investment programmes aimed at creating a vibrant and thriving economy.

This is an exciting time for Ambition North Wales as the planning and delivery of the Growth Deal transfers into the CJC, with the project work of the Growth Deal continuing and accelerating its delivery phase, and anticipated confirmation of a Freeport, and confirmed Government support in the delivery of the Wrexham/Flintshire Investment Zone during 2025.

To help drive this momentum, the CJC is seeking two highly experienced individuals with a private sector experience to provide strategic support, challenge assumptions, and serve as advocates for Ambition North Wales. These individuals will be pivotal in helping us to realise our vision of creating a vibrant, sustainable, and resilient economy in North Wales.

Role Description

The Non-Executive Advisors will be expected to undertake the following activities:

Economic Wellbeing sub-committee

- Act as Advisors to the Economic Wellbeing sub-committee.
- Provide strategic input and expertise to the CJC's economic well-being work programme, including strategy development, performance and risk management, Growth Deal delivery and business case assessment.

North Wales Growth Deal

- Work collaboratively with the Growth Deal's SRO, Portfolio Director and Portfolio Management Office to assess risks, address issues and identify opportunities to accelerate Growth Deal delivery.
- Challenge assumptions made by the Portfolio Management Office on project risks, timescales and impact to support delivery.
- Contribute to identifying other potential investment projects within the region.

Business Advisory Board

- Serve as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Business Advisory Board
- Represent the views of the Business Advisory Board at the Economic Wellbeing Sub-Committee.

Engagement and Advocacy

- Engagement with projects sponsors, partner organisations and both UK and Welsh Government to expedite the delivery of current projects and identify new investment opportunities.
- Promote Ambition North Wales and regional opportunities through existing networks and seek out opportunities to enhance and broaden networks.

Candidate Requirements

We are seeking candidates who meet the following criteria.

- A demonstrable and current track record in the leadership of a sizeable business, preferably in the North Wales area, or with demonstrable knowledge and understanding of the key industries and economic opportunities.
- Well-connected with established, active links to other businesses and/or Welsh and UK Governments, with the ability to influence and advocate for Ambition North Wales at the most senior levels.
- Be of good standing and reputation.
- A clear strategic vision combined with excellent communication and leadership skills.
- The successful individual will ideally need to have:
 - Strong personal authority, gravitas, and the ability to inspire confidence.
 - A proven track record of successful delivery and expertise in commercial negotiations
 - High business acumen and the ability to navigate complex business environments.
 - Significant senior-level experience in a private sector business
 - Experience of public/private partnership working and a proven ability to build partnerships that drive value.
 - The ability to foster collaboration across partners and sectors, actively managing relationships with diverse stakeholders to secure understanding and commitment.
 - Extensive personal and professional networks
 - A strong understanding of the North Wales economy.

Successful Candidates will be expected to sign up to a Conflicts of Interest and Confidentiality Policies .

Time commitment and Remuneration

These are paid consultancy positions with a remuneration package of up to £50,000 per annum including expenses and subject to an agreed day rate and number of days per month over an initial two-year period.

There is an expectation that the appointed Non-Executive Advisors will be able to commit the equivalent of 2-5 days per month (to be agreed on appointment), with availability for Board and Sub-Committee dates.

The time commitment is expected to cover the activities set out in the role description.

How to apply

Expressions of interest are encouraged by contacting the SRO and Portfolio Director.

[Note: The procurement process for appointing these advisors as consultants is to be confirmed with the Monitoring Officer.]