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Ambition North Wales

# North Wales Growth Deal Quarterly Performance Report

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## 2025-26 Quarter 1 (April - June 2025)



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# 01 PORTFOLIO DIRECTOR SUMMARY

On the first of April our Portfolio Management Team the Growth Deal and its funding transferred into the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee, under the brand name Ambition North Wales. The Growth Deal is now overseen by the Economic Wellbeing Sub-Committee, replicating the role of the Economic Ambition Board but sat within the wider Corporate Joint Committee Governance structure.

This quarter a number of decisions were taken to progress delivery of the Growth Deal at pace. The Portfolio Management Office carried out a Portfolio Review focussing on five projects that had been reporting red, as well as four projects reporting amber. The Economic Well-being Sub-Committee approved a decision to:

- Withdraw two projects from the Growth Deal, namely the Last Few % project and the Full Fibre projects.
- Withdraw the Trawsfynydd project from the Growth Deal, and add an alternative scheme for Trawsfynydd onto the Reserve List.
- Move the Kinmel Studios and New-H2 projects to the reserve list.

Following an expression of interest process with partners, in May's Economic Well-being Sub-Committee it was agreed to invite 17 projects to join the Reserve List. Work has commenced with the reserve project leads and business cases will be presented for approval and allocation of funding by the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee.

A Streamlined Assurance and Approval Process was agreed by the Sub Committee and both Governments, with a more risk-based approach that mirrors the approach by government. This means assurance reviews can be targeted at the highest risk projects which is where they can make the greatest impact.

The Economic Well-being Sub-Committee approved two Full Business Cases, for the 4G+ project and the Smart Local Energy project (now named the Clean Energy Fund). Approval was also given for the Theatr Clwyd Business Justification Case - part of the Tourism Talent Network Project.

The loan agreement for the Cydnerth project was officially completed and signed between Ambition North Wales and Menter Môn, and the first loan draw down was processed.

Cllr Mark Pritchard was elected Chair, with Cllr Charlie McCoubrey elected as the Vice Chair for both the Corporate Joint Committee and the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee.

There were two key appointments during the quarter. Firstly Dylan Williams, Chief Executive of Anglesey Council to the role of Growth Deal SRO and I was appointed as the full time Chief Executive for the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee.

I feel privileged and excited to be working with talented and committed politicians, colleagues and partners to focus on creating a vibrant and thriving economy for North Wales.



**Alwen Williams**  
Chief Executive  
Ambition North Wales

# 02 PROJECT DELIVERY DASHBOARD

	Projects in Delivery (funding committed)	Approved not yet in delivery (funding committed)	Developing business cases (funding ringfenced)	Under Review (funding ringfenced)	Reserve List (unallocated funding)
Number of Projects	5	5	5	4	21
Growth Deal Funding Allocation (£234.85*)	£30.7m	£44.78m	£46.26m	£62m	£51.11m
Total Investment	£57.34m	£173.54m	£89.4m	£312.59m	£367.13**
Jobs	608	366	781	1,472	733**

\* Growth Deal funding shown here does not include £5.15m allocated towards Portfolio Management Office costs

\*\* Figures represent the balance of the target to be met by Reserve List projects

# 02 BENEFITS DASHBOARD

## Job Creation (Target 4,000 new jobs)



New Jobs

38



Construction Jobs

TBC



Safeguarded Jobs

TBC

## Investment (Target: £1bn Total Investment)



Growth Deal Investment

£22,637,764.04



Total Investment

£24,007,764.04



Revenue Secured

£4,786,470.24

## Wider Benefits

Capital Income Leveraged

£81,016.80

Floorspace Developed

2,349m<sup>2</sup>

New Patents

12

Actions to strengthen local supply chains

15

Students completing qualifications

32

Individuals completing CPD training courses

229



# 03 DIGITAL PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

## Programme Aim

Deliver the step change in digital connectivity needed to ensure North Wales is able to satisfy user demand, maintain pace with the rest of the UK, unlock the potential of priority sectors and sites and underpin a flourishing innovation ecosystem.



RAG Status	Programme Manager Commentary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Full Business Case for the 4G+ project was approved by the Economic Wellbeing Sub Committee. Recruitment for the Engagement Manager roles will now start along with the procurement of the grant scheme design.</li><li>• The Full Business Case for the Advanced Wireless project has been reviewed by the PMO and will be submitted next quarter for consideration by the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee.</li><li>• Procurement for the LoRaWAN gateways required for the LPWAN project is prepared and will be undertaken next quarter. Draft deployment plans have been received from some councils with more to follow.</li></ul>



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# O3 DIGITAL PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

Project (Project Sponsor)		Project Stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
<b>Digital Signal Processing Centre</b> Bangor University		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project in Delivery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Purchasing of items associated with final phase of Growth deal funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivery of initial items approved in the final business justification case</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final phase of purchasing underway</li> </ul>
<b>Connected Key Sites and Corridors</b> Ambition North Wales	4G+	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project in Delivery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Well-being Sub-Committee approval of the 4G+ FBC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procurement and start of grant scheme design</li> <li>Recruitment of Engagement Manager role</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4G+ FBC has been approved for consideration by the Economic Well-Being Sub-Committee.</li> </ul>
<b>Connected Campuses</b> Ambition North Wales	Advanced Wireless	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Developing the Full Business Case</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PMO review of Advanced Wireless FBC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Well-being Sub-Committee review of the FBC</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FBC reviewed and PMO and prepared for Economic Well-being Sub-Committee next quarter</li> </ul>
	LPWAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project in Delivery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft LoRaWAN deployment plans to be submitted.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procurement of LoRaWAN gateways.</li> <li>Final LoRaWAN deployment plans to be submitted.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LPWAN progressing with network design advanced and capital procurement being prepared.</li> </ul>

# 04 LOW CARBON ENERGY PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

## Programme Aim

To unlock the economic benefits of transformational low carbon energy projects and position North Wales as a leading UK location for low carbon energy generation, innovation and supply chain investment.



RAG Status	Programme Manager Commentary
Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cydnerth - Has moved into delivery following signing the funding agreement</li><li>Smart Local Energy (Clean Energy Fund) - The Full Business Case was approved by the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee and is now preparing for launch</li></ul>



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# 04 LOW CARBON ENERGY PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

Project (Project Sponsor)	Project Stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
<b>Cydnherth (Morlais)</b> Menter Môn	Project in delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalised and signed the funding agreement</li> <li>Project has moved into delivery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First drawdown of funding planned for July</li> <li>Benefits monitoring</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project has moved into delivery and is progressing well</li> </ul>
<b>Egni</b> Bangor University	Developing the Full Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bangor University have continued the development of the Full Business Case</li> <li>PCSA Contract now finalised and contractor signatures have been arranged.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue development of the Full Business Case.</li> <li>Progressing the RIBA stage 4 design work</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project is amber with some work progressing on the Full Business Case while waiting for a decision on Freeport UK Government funding.</li> </ul>
<b>Smart Local Energy</b> Ambition North Wales	Approved not yet in delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full Business Case Approved</li> <li>Preparation for official fund launch on 10<sup>th</sup> July</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fund launched and open for expressions of interest.</li> <li>Promotional events and engagement</li> <li>Progression of applications through to award</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project is green as Full Business Case has been approved</li> </ul>
<b>Holyhead Hydrogen Hub</b> Menter Môn	Project under review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ambition North Wales and Menter Môn promoting the project at events to raise awareness and attract offtakers.</li> <li>Ongoing discussion between Ambition North Wales, Welsh Government and Department for Energy Security and Net Zero moving closer to an outcome on securing and transferring £4.8m Department for Energy Security and Net Zero funds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Potential confirmation re. joint Ambition North Wales and EDF submission to Department for Transport, Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation subsidy consultation to unlock offtake agreement.</li> <li>Potential confirmation from DESNZ re. £4.8m</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>RAG status remains red while key outstanding matters assist resolution: Department for Transport, Renewable Transport Fuel Obligation; Department for Energy Security and Net Zero £4.8m;</li> </ul>

# 05 LAND AND PROPERTY PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

## Programme Aim

To address the shortage of suitable land and properties for business growth and to bring forward sites for housing development. To deliver improvements that stimulate investment in sites and premises in the Port of Holyhead and the wider region. Enables other programmes by ensuring the right land and property infrastructure is available.



RAG Status	Programme Manager Commentary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Warren Hall, Broughton</b> – Welsh Government and their consultants are awaiting Airbus’s formal approval of the airfield safety compliance report for Warren Hall.</li><li>• <b>Western Gateway, Wrexham</b> – Delivery of the WeLTAG Lite report by WSP with a recommendation as to how the Western Gateway project highway connectivity can proceed.</li><li>• <b>Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh</b> – Slow progress with the S106 Agreement, and time delays in documentation resulting in costs on site increasing.</li></ul>



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Project (Project Sponsor)	Project Stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
<b>Western Gateway, Wrexham</b> Wrexham County Borough Council	Project under review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft WELTaG Lite report has been issued by WSP for review</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Delivery of the WeLTAG Lite report by WSP with a recommendation as to how the Western Gateway project highway connectivity can proceed.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The red rating reflects the position of the project being placed under review pending the assessment of the WELTaG Lite report and the decision of the Council and Welsh Government on the project proceeding.</li> </ul>
<b>Warren Hall, Broughton</b> Welsh Government / Ambition North Wales	Project under review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final Airfield safety case report was shared in June 2025.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Welsh Government consultant's report formally approved by Airbus UK.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project risk rating at red, pending the airfield safety case being fully assessed and agreed by Airbus UK. Rating also, reflecting current delivery timeline and the uncertainty regarding delivery of benefits.</li> </ul>
<b>Former North Wales Hospital, Denbighshire</b> Jones Bros (Ruthin) Limited / Denbighshire County Council	Approved not yet in delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly progress meetings in place between Ambition North Wales/Denbighshire County Council and Jones Bros to ensure progress with Ecological Mitigation Works and Site Clearance Works.</li> <li>Denbighshire County Council Ecologist has agreed the amended bat barn design and is waiting for NRW approval.. Contract for Ecological Mitigation Works expected to be completed in July.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NRW to approved the amended bat barn designs and contract for the Ecological Mitigation Works is expected in July 2025..</li> <li>Finalise the discussions for the Phase 1 Demolition and Remediation Works between the Council and their development partner.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk rating remains amber due to the slow progress with the S106 Agreement, resulting in costs on site increasing and increasing health and safety risks on site</li> </ul>

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Project (Project Sponsor)	Project Stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
<b>Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor</b> Welsh Government / Ambition North Wales	Approved not yet in delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tender process delay due to awaiting subsidy control advice, dependent on this advice procurement can commence in September 2025.</li> <li>Discussions between Ambition North Wales and Welsh Government still ongoing and clarification of Subsidy Control awaited subject to independent legal opinion on the question of subsidy for the projects funding.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complete notification of Subsidy Support referral.</li> <li>Complete Joint Venture Agreement</li> <li>Commence Invitation to Tender</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Green risk rating retained for the project as it is on programme for start on site for March 2026. Construction timeline is still expected to be 12 months.</li> </ul>
<b>Holyhead Gateway</b> Stena Line Ports Limited	Project under review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stena have asked to pause the project development pending the outcome of their commercial negotiations with the offshore energy sector.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On going engagement at Senior Management Level between Stena/ANW/loACC/WG and UK Gov to clarify Stena's intentions</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk rating remains as red as negotiations with end user of new port areas to be completed prior to the project proceeding.</li> </ul>
<b>Wrexham Gateway</b> Wrexham County Borough Council	Developing the Outline Business Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Outline Planning Application being developed by Consultancy Team.</li> <li>Pre-app was planned to be submitted in May, 2025 but the heritage assessment of the station building required further detail. Pre app now expected to be submitted in July. Site assembly consultants providing advice to the Council.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Development of the Outline Business Case by the Council to commence with the appointment of consultant..</li> <li>Outline Planning application to be submitted.</li> <li>Further progress on site assembly anticipated.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Risk rating as green given project is progressing to Outline Business Case/Outline Planning application stage. Steady progress being maintained..</li> </ul>

# 06 AGRI-FOOD AND TOURISM PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

## Programme Aim

The Agri-food and Tourism Programme will optimise employment and training opportunities in North Wales by providing support facilities to ensure that the region has the skills needed to excel and become world leading. The Programme will also ensure prosperity through sustainably maximising our environment and landscape.



RAG Status	Programme Manager Commentary
Amber	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The <b>Responsible Adventure</b> project team have done significant work to address the three issues raised by the Economic Ambition Board at Outline Business Case approval. The project team have enhanced the engagement levels with local communities and stakeholders including sharing drafts of a new Local Benefits scheme. A change request will be presented in the next Sub-committee meeting in October 2025 .</li><li><b>Tourism Talent Network</b> Theatr Clwyd's Business Justification case was approved. Progress is being made at the Portmeirion site.. Finalised stage of the signing of a Memorandum of understanding with Snowdonia Hospitality and Leisure, and the National Trust..</li><li>The <b>Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub</b> has presented the Business Justification Case for the Sheep Milk Wales Element to the. Programme and Portfolio board, both of which endorsed.. Procurement is live on Sell2Wales for the Sheep Milk Wales element..</li></ul>



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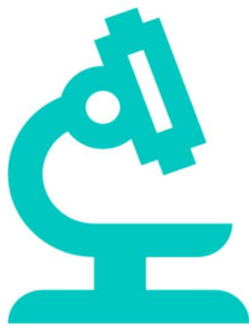
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Project (Project Sponsor)	Project Stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
<b>Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub</b> Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	Approved not yet in delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft BJC for the Sheep Milk Wales element has been conditionally endorsed by the Programme and Portfolio Boards.</li> <li>Procurement for the Sheep Milk Wales element is live on Sell2Wales following approvals from PMO and sponsor.</li> <li>Economic Appraisal revisited for the Sheep Milk Wales BJC.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic Well-being sub-committee approval of the Sheep Milk Wales Business Justification Case</li> <li>Completion of Procurement for Sheep Milk Wales</li> <li>Sheep Milk Wales proceed into delivery</li> <li>Sustainable Dairy Development Business Justification Case.</li> <li>Submit planning application for the Hub</li> </ul>		<p>Amber rating due to project change request approval, main risks identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Planning for the hub</li> <li>Procurement Process</li> <li>Financial implications of rising costs.</li> <li>Timescales</li> </ul>
<b>Tourism Talent Network</b> Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	Project in delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Theatr Clwyd Business Justification case approved site visit.</li> <li>Partnership Delivery meeting</li> <li>Submission and Approval of further financial claims for the project.</li> <li>Claims received and authorised.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Signing of back-to-back Grant Funding Agreements with Zipworld.</li> <li>Ongoing capital builds in progress</li> <li>Launch of the Academi Croeso brand</li> <li>Benefit reporting</li> </ul>		<p>Amber rating due to the following main risks identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Back-to-back agreement not signed with the other spoke.</li> <li>Slow progress with replacement spoke.</li> </ul>
<b>Responsible Adventure</b> Zip World	Developing the Full Business Case.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ample stakeholder engagement activity including workshops undertaken.</li> <li>Project team working on community benefits scheme.</li> <li>Project developing skills plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Full planning decision consent for Swing.</li> <li>Further community engagement.</li> <li>Project to present change request and progress on the OBC approval requirements to the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee.</li> <li>Change request will also include a request to remove the ebus network.</li> </ul>		<p>Amber due to the following risks:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Change in project</li> <li>Obtaining Planning Consent</li> <li>Community concerns</li> </ul>



# 07 INNOVATION IN HIGH VALUE MANUFACTURING PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE



## Programme Aim

To consolidate North Wales position as a powerful and innovative high value manufacturing cluster, building on existing specialisms and leading expertise to create a higher value, more diverse economic base that supports the transition to a low carbon economy.

RAG Status	Programme Manager Commentary
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>The Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre project continues to progress well. The Plas Coch build has been completed and a soft launch celebratory event for delivery partners was organised. Significant Social Value can be reported for the project to date. Procurement of the remaining equipment items is ongoing, with some delays arising from contract issues. At OpTIC, additional funding is required to enable the next phase of work.</li><li>The <b>Centre for Environmental Biotechnology</b> project is progressing well, with laboratory facilities at Henfaes now fully refurbished, further equipment is still to arrive. A site visit has been planned to discuss the site and possible additionality to project.</li></ul>



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Project (Project Sponsor)	Project Stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
<b>Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre</b> Wrexham University	Project in delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of Plas Coch Build – soft launch for delivery partners.</li> <li>Communication activity to focus on the soft launch.</li> <li>Waterjet cutter (now funded externally) has been ordered. Filament winder contract approval report near completion.</li> <li>Claim authorised.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Completion of the evaluation report for Plas Coch equipment.</li> <li>Approval of Business Justification Case for Plas Coch equipment.</li> <li>Demolition of building at Plas Coch site to obtain final building certification for the EEOC building.</li> <li>OpTIC focused change request for additional funds endorsed.</li> <li>Final design phase of the OpTIC refurbishment.</li> <li>Hydrogen lab planning application submission and approval.</li> <li>Panel discussion at Eisteddfod Genedlaethol for the project.</li> </ul>		Green Status <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project in delivery and on track</li> <li>No significant issue within project, project progressing well. Slight delay to project due to procurement/contract finalisation</li> <li>Change request needs to be approved to allow OpTIC to move into delivery phase in this Financial Year.</li> </ul>
<b>Centre for Environmental Biotechnology</b> Bangor University	Project in delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Laboratory facilities have been fully refurbished.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Procurement activity to conclude for items.</li> <li>Change request for identified underspend.</li> <li>Site visit</li> </ul>		Project has a Green RAG rating: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project nearing completion of delivery stage.</li> <li>Underspend identified within project which could implicate claim profile, however any underspend will be spent within this FY.</li> </ul>

# 08 PROJECT PROGRESS TRACKER

Project		Consenting Stage				Stage 1	Stage 2	Stage 3	Stage 4	Stage 5	Stage 6	Stage 7	Stage 8
		Pre-application stage	Outline planning / Consent	Full planning / Consent	Conditions discharged	Determine the Project context	Preparing the Strategic Outline Case	Preparing the Outline Business Case	Approval of the Outline Business Case	Preparing the Full Business Case	Approval of the Full Business Case	Project implementation and monitoring	Project Evaluation
Digital Signal Processing Centre		No planning required				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Connected Key Sites and Corridors	4G+	Consenting requirements TBC				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	🕒	
Connected Campuses	LPWAN	No consenting requirements				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	🕒	
	Advanced Wireless	No consenting at grant scheme level				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	🕒		
Cydnherth (Morlais)		✓	✓	✓	🕒	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	🕒	
Egni		✓	✓	🕒		✓	✓	✓	✓	🕒			
Smart Local Energy		No consenting required at fund level				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	🕒	
Holyhead Hydrogen Hub		✓	✓	🕒		Project under review							
Holyhead Gateway		✓	✓	✓	🕒	Project under review							
Former North Wales Hospital		✓	✓	✓	🕒	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	🕒	
Western Gateway, Wrexham		🕒				Project under review							
Warren Hall, Broughton		🕒				Project under review							
Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	🕒	
Wrexham Gateway		🕒				✓	✓	🕒					
Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	🕒			
Tourism Talent Network		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Responsible Adventure		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	🕒			
Centre for Environmental Biotechnology		✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Enterprise Engineering and Optics		✓	✓	✓	🕒	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	

# 09 GROWTH DEAL GRANT EXPENDITURE PROFILE

			Portfolio Business Case 2024 Targets		Approved Project Business Case Targets			Actual	
			Jobs Created (net)	(£M) Total Investment*	OBC/ FBC*	Jobs Created (net)	(£M) Total Investment*	Jobs Created (net)	(£M) Total Investment*
Digital	Digital Signal Processing Centre (DSP)		33	2.96	FBC	40	2.96	19	2.15
	Connected Key Sites and Corridors	4G+	82	10.04	FBC	29	£10.15	0	0
	Connected Campuses	LPWAN	20	39.04	BJC	20	1.14	0	0
		Advanced Wireless	165		OBC	200	37.6	n/a	n/a
Low Carbon Energy	Cydnerth (Morlais)		233	13.87	FBC	230	13.8	3	5.36
	Egni		49	3.94	OBC	49	3.94	n/a	n/a
	Smart Local Energy		177	102.00	FBC	193	70	0	0.00
	Holyhead Hydrogen Hub		20	28.77	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Land and Property	Western Gateway, Wrexham		360	43.36	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Warren Hall, Broughton		445	69.76	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh		70	94.70	FBC	70	74.34	0	0
	Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor		47	6.62	FBC	54	17.91	n/a	n/a
	Holyhead Gateway		647	170.70	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Wrexham Gateway		150	14.37	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Agrifood and Tourism	Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub		92	16.79	OBC	92	16.79	n/a	n/a
	Tourism Talent Network		68	19.03	FBC	68	19.03	0	2.3
	Responsible Adventure		175	12.40	OBC	290	16.7	n/a	n/a
Innovation in High Value Manufacturing	Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre		78	18.12	FBC	90	18.12	2	10.74
	Centre for Environmental Biotechnology		65	3.46	BJC	180	3.46	7	1.48
Portfolio Management Office Costs				5.15			5.15	7	1.98
Growth Deal Portfolio Total			Targets		4 OBC 10 FBC	Approved		Delivered	
			3,576	1,123		1,605	302.09	38	24.01

\* Total investment shown here includes Portfolio Management Office costs but not the reserve list project

\*\* OBC – Outline Business Case, FBC – Full Business Case

\*\*\*Data includes OBC and FBC approved information.

# 10 GROWTH DEAL PROJECTS: CAPITAL FUNDING ALLOCATION PROFILE

Programme	Project	Project Sponsor	Profile 25/26 (£m)	Actual YTD (£m)	Variance (£m)*	Rationale
Digital	Digital Signal Processing Centre	Bangor University	0.00	0.00	0.00	Awaiting on the final claim for the DSP project, Connected Key sites and Corridors and Connected Campuses have the business cases approved, and will start
	Connected Key Sites and Corridors	Ambition North Wales	0.98	0.00	-0.98	
	Connected Campuses	Ambition North Wales	0.80	0.00	0.00	
Low Carbon Energy	Cydnherth (Morlais)	Menter Môn	4.43	5.36	0.93	The first loan drawdown for the Cydnherth project has been processed. The Smart Local Energy project will be launched in July and will start claiming in 2025/26.
	Egni	Bangor University	1.97	0.00	-1.97	
	Smart Local Energy	Ambition North Wales	3.00	0.00	-3.00	
Land and Property	Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh	Ambition North Wales	3.47	0.00	-3.47	The Former North Wales Hospital and Parc Bryn Cegin projects are moving into delivery and will start claiming in 2025/26.
	Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor	Ambition North Wales	3.93	0.00	-3.93	
Agri-food and Tourism	Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	0.00	0.00	0.00	The Sheep Milk Wales BJC has been approved. The Tourism Talent Network have started claiming.
	Tourism Talent Network	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	2.85	0.43	-2.42	
	Responsible Adventure	Zip World	2.30	0.00	-2.30	
Innovation in High Value Manufacturing	Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre	Glyndwr University	4.28	0.93	-3.35	Claims submitted for the EEOC and CEB project.
	Centre for Environmental Biotechnology	Bangor University	0.25	0.39	0.14	
Portfolio Management Office Costs			1.35	0.21	-1.14	
Total			29.61	7.32	-22.29	

\*Profile 2025/26 – Approved by the Economic Ambition Board

\*\*Only includes project profiled or expected to spend during the financial year

# APPENDIX A - PROJECTS SUMMARY

## Growth Deal Projects Summary

	Project	Sponsor	Summary
Digital	Digital Signal Processing Centre (DSP)	Bangor University	The project will allow the DSP Centre to expand its presence and remit, integrating fully with the National Strategy Project (NSP) and enable the scaling of key assets including a 5G testbed, research capacity and state-of-the-art equipment.
	Connected Key Sites and Corridors	Ambition North Wales	This project aims to enhance the reliability and quality of mobile services on the main roads and rail routes in North Wales, enabling full-fibre services to key commercial sites across the region. Focussing on developing fibreoptic networks, which are essential for delivering 4G, 5G and gigabit capable broadband.
	Connected Campuses	Ambition North Wales	The project will accelerate the development of a range of digital connectivity options with a current focus at 18 key regional economic sites.
Low Carbon Energy	Cydnorth (Morlais)	Menter Môn	Investing in infrastructure to connect to the National Grid network and monitor marine environmental effects. This will enable an increase in the deployment of turbines by tidal developers and the generation of renewable energy.
	Egni (Low Carbon Energy Centre of Excellence)	Bangor University	Investing in the development of facilities at Bangor University and Menai Science Park, enhancing the North Wales and UK capabilities for innovation in low carbon energy and related areas, helping to create the conditions for new inward investment and business growth in the low carbon energy supply chain in North Wales.
	Smart Local Energy	Ambition North Wales	To help achieve renewable energy, decarbonisation and local ownership targets, the project will support innovative enabling projects and demonstrators that overcome market failures and unlock private and community sector investments in smart local energy solutions.
	Holyhead Hydrogen Hub	Menter Môn	This project will build a green hydrogen production facility at Parc Cybi, Holyhead, producing around 2000+kg/day of green hydrogen, supplying road, maritime and rail transport customers across North Wales.
Land and Property	Western Gateway, Wrexham	Ambition North Wales	Delivery of primary services to enable the site to be brought to the market for sale and development.
	Warren Hall, Broughton	Ambition North Wales	Delivery of primary services to enable the 65-hectare mixed use site to be bought to the market for sale and then development by the private sector.
	Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor	Ambition North Wales	Provide industrial floor space to meet known demand for units.
	Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh	Ambition North Wales	The Growth Deal funding will assist in the delivery of a cleared and remediated site with primary services to bring forward a mixed-use commercial and residential development
	Holyhead Gateway	Stena Line	Future proof the Holyhead Port by providing new deep-water heavy loading and cruise facilities, improved vehicular access, guaranteeing the future of the breakwater and providing for the demands of regional energy projects.
	Wrexham Gateway	Wrexham County Borough Council	This project is a sustainable development of a vibrant regenerated area, creating a focal point to support business investment and a multi-modal transportation hub with links to active travel.
Agri-food and Tourism	Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	The vision is to create a distinctive, world-class Rural Economy Hub at Glynllifon, offering a range of facilities and services to strengthen and enhance the regional economy, specifically through growing the food and drink sector.
	Tourism Talent Network	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	Future-proofing the pipeline of skills provision and increase commercial benefits from one of the most established sectors in the region. The talent network will stimulate public-private collaboration to coordinate action on skills and product development to transform and accelerate the growth of the tourism and hospitality sector in the region.
	Responsible Adventure	Zip World	A multi-element project as part of a sustainable and eco-tourism package including a new sustainable Cable Car, Slate Explorer including visitor viewing platform, Swing and an eBus Network.
Innovation in High Value Manufacturing	Centre for Environmental Biotechnology (CEB)	Bangor University	The Centre for Engineering Biotechnology will be a world-leading centre in the discovery and characterisation of novel extremophilic enzymes of industrial relevance. The Centre for Engineering Biotechnology will provide a strong foundation for attracting world-leading researchers, significant public and commercial research funding, and inward investment to Wales.
	Enterprise Engineering & Optics Centre	Wrexham University	The Enterprise Engineering & Optics Centre will provide facilities targeted to boost high-level skills development for the region and enable Small and medium-sized enterprises (SME's) and large businesses to work in partnership with Wrexham Glyndwr University on commercially driven research and development in optics, composites and hydrogen fuel cells.



# APPENDIX B – RESERVE LIST PROJECTS SUMMARY

Project	Sponsor	Summary
<b>North Anglesey Sites and Premises</b>	Isle of Anglesey County Council	Delivering 2,200sqm of business space in North Anglesey creating at least 59 jobs, and leveraging the Freeport and low-carbon energy growth.
<b>Peboc Gateway</b>	Isle of Anglesey County Council	Unlocking 6,750sqm of business space in Llangefni, creating at least 186 jobs and maximising benefits of the Anglesey Freeport.
<b>Venue Cymru</b>	Conwy County Borough Council	A project that will expand facilities at Venue Cymru, boost jobs, cut carbon, and attract major shows, conferences, and cultural investment.
<b>Project Prince Knauf</b>	Knauf	Construction of 110kt rock mineral wool plant with submerged arc furnace (SAF), primarily to serve the UK and Ireland markets.
<b>Society 5.0 Manufacturing &amp; Capability Project</b>	Wrexham University	Enhance the Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre to enable industry to access further world-class high precision engineering resources.
<b>Port of Mostyn</b>	Port of Mostyn	Upgrading berth and regeneration of former industrial site.
<b>Property Fund</b>	Ambition North Wales	A Commercial Property Development Grant to close viability gaps for private sector developers of industrial and office property, with funding also available for similar public sector developments on a Joint Venture Agreement basis.
<b>Business Gateway</b>	Wrexham University	Serving as a bridge between Wrexham University and local industry, fostering collaboration, innovation, job creation and inclusive economic growth.
<b>Parc Bryn Cegin Phase 2</b>	WG/ANW	The delivery of a further 20,000 sq ft of employment units at Parc Bryn Cegin.
<b>Innovation and Growth Fund</b>	Ambition North Wales	To support North Wales businesses in agri-food, tourism, and high-value manufacturing to boost innovation, adopt new tech, and grow regional competitiveness.
<b>Albert Gubay Business School</b>	Bangor University	Construction of the Albert Gubay Business School at Bangor University.
<b>Padeswood</b>	Welsh Government	
<b>Adventure Parc Snowdonia</b>	Global Shred Ventures	Deliver a nationally significant new visitor experience on the site of the former Adventure Parc Snowdonia facility.
<b>Queens Market Hotel Development</b>	Denbighshire County Council	Provision of mid-range, mid size hotel - a key part of a wider masterplan that is currently being developed for the area.
<b>Move on accommodation St Asaph Business Park</b>	Denbighshire County Council	Development of high-tech industrial units on St. Asaph Business Park.
<b>Bangor Health Hub</b>	Cyngor Gwynedd	To develop an integrated Health and Wellbeing Hub in a vacant former shopping centre in the heart of Bangor city centre.
<b>Quarry Battery</b>	Quarry Battery Co.	A £300m Pumped Storage Hydro / BESS Hybrid scheme in North Wales.
<b>Wrexham Gateway</b>	Wrexham County Borough Council	To address viability and support delivery of the evolving Wrexham Gateway project.
<b>Trawsfynydd</b>	Cwmni Eginio / Cyngor Gwynedd	A scheme which will include a building to include office spaces, laboratory spaces (exact specification to be confirmed) and ancillary facilities (meeting space, café/canteen etc), to support the nuclear and low carbon energy industry together with the scientific community, located on Trawsfynydd Site.
<b>New-H2</b>	Wales and West Utilities	This project will help kick-start the hydrogen economy in North Wales by supporting and delivering a hydrogen hub to include the supply and use of hydrogen.
<b>Kinmel Studios</b>	Roger Morris	A project to support the film industry in North Wales.