
NORTH WALES CJC ECONOMIC WELL-BEING SUB-COMMITTEE
17/07/2026

Present:

Councillors:

Gary Pritchard (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Nia Jeffreys (Cyngor Gwynedd), Julie Fallon (Conwy County Borough Council), Jason McLellan (Denbighshire County Council), Dave Hughes (Flintshire County Council) and Mark Pritchard (Wrexham County Borough Council).

Co-opted Members: Chris Drew (Bangor University), Laura Gaugh (University of Wrexham), David Roberts (Chair of the Skills Partnership), Ifor Glyn Lloyd (Eryri National Park) and Dave Penrith (Non-Executive Adviser),

Chief Officers of Constituent Councils: Dylan Williams (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Sioned Williams (Cyngor Gwynedd), Rhun ap Iarall (Conwy County Borough Council), Helen White (Denbighshire County Council) and Andrew Harradine (Wrexham County Borough Council).

Other officers present: Alwen Williams (Chief Executive), Hedd Vaughan-Evans (Portfolio Director), Mark Watkins (Monitoring Officer), Dewi Morgan (Section 151 Officer), Sian Pugh (Assistant Head of Finance), Sara Jane Jones (Senior Accountant), Eilw Alaw Hughes (Growth Deal Programme Manager), David Mathews (Land and Property Programme Manager), Catherine Morris-Roberts (Regional Skills Manager), Angharad Evans (Skills and Employment Project Manager), Iain Taylor (Amion), Nia Medi Williams (Operations and Resources Manager) and Rhodri Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

Observers: Wendy Boddington and Bryn Richards (Welsh Government)

Others invited:

Item 9: Dylan Griffith (Cyngor Gwynedd)

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

It was resolved to elect Councillor Mark Pritchard as Chair for 2026/27.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

It was resolved to elect Councillor Jason McLellan as Vice-chair for 2026/27.

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Professor Edmund Burke (Bangor University) with Chris Drew deputising.
- Professor Joe Yates (Wrexham University) with Laura Gaugh deputising.
- Yana Williams (Coleg Cambria)
- Aled Jones-Griffith (Grŵp Llandrillo Menai)
- Neal Cockerton (Flintshire County Council)

- Dafydd Gibbard (Cyngor Gwynedd) with Sioned Williams deputising
- Alwyn Jones (Wrexham County Borough Council) with Andrew Harradine deputising.

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

A declaration of personal interest was received from Councillor Gary Pritchard (Isle of Anglesey County Council) for Item 7. It was noted that this was not a prejudicial interest and he did not withdraw from the meeting for the discussion.

A declaration of personal interest was received from Councillor Gary Pritchard (Isle of Anglesey County Council) for Item 11, as he is a board member of Menter Môn in his role as Council Leader. It was noted that it was not a prejudicial interest and he did not leave the meeting during the discussion.

5. URGENT ITEMS

None to note.

6. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chair signed the minutes of the meetings held on 12 June 2026 as an accurate record.

7. FREEPORT GATEWAY PROJECT - REQUEST TO EXTEND VALIDITY PERIOD

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

DECISION

To approve the request to extend the validity period to complete the Grant Funding Agreement by three months to the 1st of October 2026.

To confirm that the Portfolio Director is authorised to take all necessary operational steps to proceed with and complete the Grant Funding Agreement within the extended validity period, subject to customary legal, financial, procurement and governance requirements.

To confirm that the Sub-Committee's approval is valid until 1st October 2026 and should the project not proceed to a signed Grant Funding Agreement by this date, it will be required to return and resubmit the business case to the Sub-Committee for approval.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek the Sub-committee's approval to extend the review date for the Grant Funding Agreement by three months for the reasons set out in the report.

DISCUSSION

Members were reminded that this project had been approved by this Sub-committee at its meeting on 3 October 2025, approving a 6-month validity period to discuss and deliver a grant funding agreement for the project.

It was acknowledged that those requirements could not be delivered within the timetable provided by the Sub-committee, therefore the item was re-submitted in Spring 2026 to receive three additional months to deliver the discussions and receive a grant funding

agreement. There was confidence that the discussions could be achieved within three months, but it was confirmed that the discussions had not been completed on this project. Similarly, it was explained that discussions were ongoing on the Gogledd Môn Sites and Premises project, and further discussions had been achieved with the Local Authority on that project.

It was reported that the Freeport Gateway project was now in a procurement process, with the tendering process underway until 7 August. It was noted that the Isle of Anglesey County Council would score the tenders before appointing the successful company before the end of the month. It was elaborated that the hope was to complete discussions with the local authority in September 2026, for the work to commence in October.

It was asked to extend the validity period for three months to allow this schedule to take place, and for the project to proceed.

During the discussion, the following observations were made:-

It was considered that a 3-month extension was not a substantial period of time. The need to ensure that any extension was sufficient to ensure that no need arose to return to the Sub-committee for a subsequent extension was discussed. In response to the observations, the Land and Property Programme Manager emphasised that lessons had been learned in conducting discussions on the Gogledd Môn Sites and Premises project to save time on discussions. Assurances were given that this would be in place for this project, declaring confidence that the project would develop in a timely manner should the extension be approved.

It was confirmed that there was a wish to see this project succeeding, in the hope that the discussions would come to fruition in a timely manner.

The members expressed their thanks for the report.

8. NORTH WALES SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT PLAN 2026-2028

The report was submitted by the Chair of the North Wales Regional Skills Partnership and the Regional Skills Manager.

DECISION

To approve the North Wales Skills and Employment Plan and the priorities as set out in the plan.

To ask the Regional Skills Partnership to submit an update report in 12 months' time.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To report to the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee on the North Wales Skills and Employment Plan and seek endorsement of its priorities to support regional delivery.

DISCUSSION

It was explained that Skills and Employment Plans operated on a 3-year cycle, noting that the latest cycle had ended at the beginning of this year. It was noted that no clear guidance had been provided by the Welsh Government during recent months because preparations were underway for the Senedd Cymru Election in May.

It was reported that the North Wales Regional Skills Partnership had decided to continue with a new Plan for the next three years to ensure development and continuity of momentum, hoping that the new Government would adopt it in due course. It was acknowledged that there was a possibility that minor amendments were being made as the Government considered it, but there was confidence that the Plan was robust enough to cope with that.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the North Wales Skills and Employment Plan was unique to the three other plans seen in Wales, as it was closely tied with the Corporate Joint Committee. There was confidence that this was a strength because support could be provided on a regional level.

It was reported that approximately 30 partners were part of the Board, including colleges and universities, noting that their attendance on the Board helped them with their individual plans. Pride was expressed that the Board had engaged with over 350 employers across the nine priority sectors, through surveys, employer networks and meetings, to be able to develop the Plan.

It was confirmed that three themes continued from the previous Plan, to ensure continuity in the Board's good work and the support proposed within the region. It was detailed that these included providing support to employers, individuals and teaching how support was provided and making the connections between individuals and employers.

It was explained that the plan included the insights of employers about the recruitment needs and the necessary skills within the sectors, as well as information about the barriers that individuals faced. It was elaborated that the plan provided an overview of significant challenges and opportunities available with large investment projects. Attention was drawn to the fact that many of the Corporate Joint Committee projects had used the Plan in the past. It was noted that the plan addressed the fact that the labour market was evolving, such as Artificial Intelligence, Net Zero, and how employers could make the best use of these matters.

It was highlighted that economic connectivity difficulties impacted individuals within the region, acknowledging that 15.1% of 16-24-year-old people in north Wales were not in education, employment or training - the highest rate in Wales. It was noted that mental health was the factor that contributed the most to inactive economic cases at present.

During the discussion, the following observations were made:-

The Board was thanked for their work of developing skills across the region.

The new Plan was welcomed, and concern was expressed about the startling statistic that 15.1% of people aged between 16 and 24 were not in education, work or training in the region. The importance of looking into this further was emphasised, to facilitate those individuals. In response to the observations, the Chair of the Board confirmed that they wished to see north Wales with the lowest rates on this matter, emphasising that it was the responsibility of all partners to ensure that the situation improved.

It was considered that broader work was required on the apprenticeship opportunities available in the region. It was acknowledged that it was not possible for the Board to create apprenticeships, but its ability to place pressure on the Government to consider the apprenticeship system, compared with other authorities, to acknowledge apprenticeships as a way of providing skills to employees was considered. In response to the observations, the Chair of the Board confirmed that ongoing pressure was being placed on the Government to take advantage of apprenticeships and provide budgets for them, confirming

that encouragement and information was consistently shared with employers as part of the Board's implementation on apprenticeships.

It was felt that not enough emphasis was placed on the genuine needs across the region to attract workers within the field of health and social care. It was emphasised that recruitment challenges within the field of health was an exceptional challenge for the local authorities, and this should be highlighted in detail within the Plan. There was a wish to see this field receiving more priority within the Plan to attract people into work in the care field, as well as find methods to develop careers. It was agreed with these observations, acknowledging that there was a need to highlight the situation within the Plan.

It was acknowledged that gaps in skills and expertise were seen within the local authorities themselves, as the main employers within the region's areas. It was acknowledged that this was not relevant to the majority of workers, but that it had an impact on specialist fields such as planning and legal. There was a wish to see this being reflected wider within the Plan.

Attention was drawn to the fact that the rural economy within the region relied on small businesses, instead of large companies that employed many people. The importance of ensuring that those companies benefited from the Plan was emphasised, noting that skills were being developed for the businesses to thrive. In response to the observations, it was confirmed that the voice of small businesses was being heard because the Federation of Small Businesses (FSB) was a valuable partner. It was also noted that businesses of every size had input into the plan as the Board held discussions and surveys. It was confirmed that this collaboration would continue over the plan period.

Following the observations received during the discussion, it was considered to ask the Board for an update in 12 months on the development of the Plan.

The members expressed their thanks for the report.

9. A LOCAL GROWTH FUND IN NORTH WALES - ADVANCE PLANNING FOR GREATER REGIONAL COLLABORATION FROM 2027/28

The report was presented by the Chief Executive.

DECISION

- 1. To note the update on the transitional arrangements for the Local Growth Fund since the relevant reports were submitted to the CJC in March and June.**
- 2. To note that the Year 1 Transition Plan (2026-27) for the Local Growth Fund was submitted on the 9th of June to the Welsh Government by Cyngor Gwynedd as the lead accountable body for Year 1, and that this plan sets out the approach to maintaining continuity from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) while preparing the region for a fully regionalised delivery model under the Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) in Years 2 and 3.**
- 3. To endorse the proposed programme of work and milestones required before the next meeting of the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee in October 2026, recognising that the preparatory work must begin immediately if the CJC is to be ready to take responsibility for the Local Growth Fund from April 2027 onwards, subject to confirmation from the Welsh Government.**
- 4. To authorise the officers to proceed with the necessary requirements, including planning, engagement, commissioning and capacity-building work over the**

summer, using the funding provided by Welsh Government to support preparation for delivery of the Local Growth Fund from 2027/28 onwards, subject to confirmation from the Welsh Government.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To update the Economic Wellbeing Sub-Committee on the Local Growth Fund and to obtain the Sub-Committee's support to progress the work required over the summer to begin planning to meet the Welsh Government's requirements for greater regional collaboration and co-ordination of the fund from 1 April 2027.

DISCUSSION

It was explained that the purpose of the report was to ensure that north Wales was prepared for the Local Growth Fund's exchange arrangements, and the expectations that the Welsh Government set for April 2027 onwards.

It was noted that the report provided an update to Members on developments, whilst also seeking approval for a preparatory work programme when forward planning this change, which would need to be implemented during the summer 2026.

Members were reminded that the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) was now being replaced by the Local Growth Fund. However, it was stressed that emphasis was placed on productivity growth, balancing economic imbalance whilst also highlighting the need for a more substantial capital budget.

It was reported that the Local Growth Fund implemented three priorities, namely:

- Supporting competitive and productive businesses
- Increasing skills and employment opportunities
- Improving regional infrastructure

It was confirmed that the 2026/27 financial year was being considered by the Welsh Government as a transition year, noting that existing arrangements for the SPF continued to be operational. It was highlighted that Cyngor Gwynedd was the lead authority on the matter for north Wales.

It was declared that Cyngor Gwynedd was the lead authority for the Fund, and they had already received a grant proposal letter for 2026/27 which made it a requirement on the implementation of the pragmatic transitional Transition Plan. Members were reminded that the final Regional Development Plan had been submitted to the Welsh Government on 9 June 2026, as a way of sharing information with the Government on the administration of the Plan in its first year.

It was noted that the local authorities had developed plans to implement the plan for its first year. It was reiterated that they did so by considering the Plan's priorities as well as local needs.

It was reported that recent guidelines provided by the Welsh Government confirmed the expectation that the responsibility for strategic planning, priorities and supervision from the Fund would move to the Corporate Joint Committee from April 2027 onwards (instead of the Local Authority). It was emphasised that this region had expressed objections to this decision as it impacted the ability to make decisions locally. It was assured that officers had made an application for formal consent from the Welsh Government's insight on this matter,

reporting that a letter from the Cabinet Minister for Enterprise, Connectivity and Energy was expected to provide an update. It was emphasised that this letter would be shared with all local government leaders in Wales.

It was mentioned that the Welsh Government's vision was clear within the guidelines, explaining that there was an expectation for Corporate Joint Committees to prepare a regional growth plan for a 10-year period, to provide a strategic framework for investments in the future. It was reported that the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee had received £200,000 grant funding to implement this application, noting that a draft of the plan was expected by the end of September 2026 and a final plan by the end of November 2026.

It was emphasised that there was no intention to replace local priorities, but to provide a mechanism where they could be aligned with regional priorities to maximise investment opportunities.

It was noted that the draft work programme had been included in the report, including considering evidence and existing strategies, renewing the existing economic baseline, developing a long-term growth vision, forming governance arrangements, as well as conducting key engagement work with local authorities and regional partners. Attention was drawn to the milestones that had been noted by the Welsh Government to develop this plan and emphasise that a failure to do this could lead to risks in applying for budgets in the future, and the Government could decide how to allocate any funding centrally. Frustration was expressed that the timeframe provided by the Welsh Government was very challenging, with a significant amount of work required to present it on time. It was highlighted that those milestones were as follows:

- 30 July 2026 - Submit a progress report to the Welsh Government
- 30 September 2026 - Submit a draft Regional Growth Plan to the Welsh Government
- 2 October 2026 - Submit the draft Regional Growth Plan to the Economic Well-being Sub-committee for consideration
- 30 November 2026 - Submit the Final Regional Growth Plan to the Welsh Government

It was considered that the initial priorities were engagement with the local authorities and partners, as well as commencing the work of establishing governance arrangements.

It was highlighted that the report noted the need to commence the preparatory work whilst officers continued to seek clarity about the Fund's long-term arrangements, to ensure that no negative financial implications were having an impact on the region.

During the discussion, the following observations were made:-

It was considered that it was essential for the Joint Committee to address the Government's tight timescale to ensure that decisions impacting the region were not decided centrally, considering whether officers had capacity to do so in a timely manner. In response to the observations, the Chief Executive confirmed that the Welsh Government had provided a £200,000 grant budget to assist with the work and the capacity to achieve it, as well as publish written guidance on the Fund. It was acknowledged that there was currently insufficient capacity to achieve the work, but there was a plan underway to ensure that a sufficient resource was in place. It was noted that the Welsh Government officers acknowledged that addressing the timeframe was challenging, stating that a plan could be submitted detailing the Fund instead of the 10-year growth plan in its entirety, was acceptable. However, it was considered that it was timely to develop a new 10-year plan as that would be an opportunity to develop the economic vision until the end of the Growth

Deal and Investment Zone period in 2036. There was confidence that the deadlines could be addressed on these terms.

The frustration of Members was expressed that some matters associated with the Plan were unclear, and formal clarity had not been provided by the Cabinet Minister to date. It was emphasised that this made it challenging to make a decision on the matter.

Disappointment was expressed that the criteria for the Fund were very different to the SPF, and that it adapted from being a revenue budget to a capital budget. Examples were shared of key services funded by the SPF and its previous budget but was now ineligible to be funded from the Fund.

A discussion was held on the concern that the Fund could be lost within the wider work of the Joint Committee, should the Joint Committee be responsible for its administration and governance from April 2027 onwards. The need for certainty that the Fund would be administered across the six local authorities within the region was considered, as there was concern that Conwy County Borough Council and Denbighshire Council, as sites in the middle of the region, could be forgotten in lieu of projects in the western and eastern areas of the region. It was asked whether the budget within the Fund would continue to be allocated to every County, as was the case in administering the SPF.

It was considered that the SPF administration and the first year of the Fund had been very effective. Observations were received that it would be beneficial for the arrangements to remain in the current system, as there was certainty that they worked.

It was asked what the cost of the Joint Committee would be administering the Fund, compared with what was the cost for Cyngor Gwynedd to do so at present. It was emphasised that it was necessary that this cost was not significantly higher for the Corporate Joint Committee, to ensure the best use of public funding. In response, the Chief Executive confirmed that the Fund's administration cost arrangements would remain the same as what was operational for SPF. It was detailed that this meant that 4% of the budget was available for the administration costs of the Fund - should it be used by Cyngor Gwynedd or the Corporate Joint Committee. It was explained that the £200,000 grant funding referred to was only available for the transitional year (2025/26).

Observations were noted that this change to the regional administration of the Fund moved democracy decisions away from the region's residents, as they were not decided locally.

An update was received by the Member for the Isle of Anglesey County Council, who noted that he had trouble with the relevant Cabinet Minister recently, where it was confirmed that the Welsh Government continued to commit to previous arrangements about the Plan. Disappointment was expressed that the Government continued with this view instead of responding effectively to the concern of the region, and there was concern that there was a need to approve this report to ensure that the budget reached the region or caused a risk that it would not be allocated efficiently. It was emphasised that not receiving the funding would be very challenging, and it would be less challenging to change the existing arrangements to operate regionally on the implementation of the Fund. In response to the observations, the Monitoring Officer considered whether the Members wished to adapt the Decision Sought as a way of approving the report if the formal confirmation from the Cabinet Minister was received, and that it would fall if that confirmation did not arrive, should the Members be in favour of approving the report.

It was asked whether assessments, evaluation or monitoring was completed, as officers proceeded to develop a new 10-year plan. It was also considered whether the growth vision noted within the original plan in 2016 had been reached. In response, the Chief Executive

confirmed that the vision noted in 2016 was directly relevant to the Growth Plan as it was only the Growth Plan that was operational at that time. It was added that the progress of that Plan was reported to the Sub-committee regularly, emphasising that the Plan responded to the objectives of the vision noted in 2016.

It was highlighted that the economy had adapted significantly within the last decade, and it was important to renew the vision as a region to ensure that equivalent challenges received attention. It was confirmed that conducting evaluation activities would be part of developing a new 10-year plan. Similarly, it was considered that it was necessary to have input from the local authorities as part of that process.

The possibility of arranging a meeting for Members to discuss this matter further following this decision was considered. It was considered that conducting such a meeting would enable consideration of a vision of how the Fund would be able to have the most benefit to the residents of the six authorities and reassured the members whilst the situation continued to be vague from the Welsh Government. The Chair noted his support for this meeting, encouraging Members to make a decision on the report to ensure that the schedule would not slip on the development of the Fund.

The Chief Executive emphasised that the decisions considered within the report allowed the Corporate Joint Committee to prepare for this change, discover the best ways that they could work with the local authorities to ensure that the funding had a positive impact on communities. Attention was drawn to the fact that this was not the first time that the Welsh Government adapted a funding method in this way, as the Corporate Joint Committee had been working with the relevant local authorities on the Wrexham and Flintshire Investment Zone project for many years and had dealt with the same considerations and challenges when establishing that project. It was emphasised that fostering a close relationship with those authorities had enabled decisions to remain local within the Counties, and it was hoped to replicate this success with the Fund to ensure that it would be administered on a structure that worked effectively for everyone.

A vote was conducted on the report, where 5 members were in favour and there was 1 abstention.

The members expressed their thanks for the report.

10. 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.

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

11. HOLYHEAD HYDROGEN HUB OUTLINE BUSINESS CASE

The report was presented by the Portfolio Director.

RESOLVED

To approve the Outline Business Case for the Holyhead Hydrogen Hub subject to Menter Môn addressing the matters identified in the report, as described in Section 7, and requesting that a Full Business Case be prepared for consideration by the Sub-Committee.

To reject the request for advance funding from Menter Môn for the reasons set out in Section 7.

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

To confirm that the Sub-Committee's approval 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 submit the business case to the Sub-Committee for approval.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek the Sub-Committee's approval of the Outline Business Case for the Holyhead Hydrogen Hub.

DISCUSSION

The Report was discussed.

12. BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION CASE FOR ZIP WORLD RESPONSIBLE ADVENTURE PROJECT - SLATE EXPLORER

The report was presented by the Growth Deal Programme Manager.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the Business Justification Case for the Slate Explorer element of the Zip World Responsible Adventure project subject to Welsh Government and UK Government approval of the assurance process undertaken, and Zip World addressing the matters identified in the report as described in Section 7.
2. To delegate to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Vice-chair, Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer to confirm that the outstanding matters in the report have been completed before the funding is released.
3. To authorise the Portfolio Director in consultation with the Chair, Vice-chair, Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer to agree the terms of the grant funding agreement in accordance with this report, to be approved later by the Sub-committee.
4. To confirm 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.

5. To note that there may be up to three further Business Case approvals to deliver the remaining elements of the Responsible Adventure project and that they will be submitted to the Sub-Committee for future consideration.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek the Sub-Committee's approval of the Business Justification Case for the Slate Explorer element of the Responsible Adventure project.

DISCUSSION

The Report was discussed.

13. ACADEMI CROESO (PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS TOURISM TALENT NETWORK) BUSINESS JUSTIFICATION CASE FOR INCLUDING DYLAN'S RESTAURANT LTD AS REPLACEMENT SPOKE PARTNER

The report was presented by the Growth Deal Programme Manager.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the Business Justification Case for Dylan's Restaurant Limited to be a spoke partner for the Academi Croeso project by Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, subject to Grŵp Llandrillo Menai and Dylan's Restaurant Limited addressing the matters identified in the report, as described in Section 7.
2. To delegate to the Portfolio Director, in consultation with the Chair, Vice-chair, Section 151 Officer and the Monitoring Officer to confirm that the outstanding matters in the report have been completed before the funding is released.
3. To note that a funding agreement has already been entered into with Grŵp Llandrillo Menai for the Academi Croeso (Tourism Talent Network) project following approval of a Full Business Case, and that this agreement will include the delivery of this element of the wider project if the Sub-Committee approves this Business Justification Case.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek the Sub-Committee's approval of the Business Justification Case for including Dylan's Restaurant Limited as a new spoke for Grŵp Llandrillo Menai's Academi Croeso project.

DISCUSSION

The Report was discussed.

14. STRATEGY FOR REMAINING UNALLOCATED GROWTH DEAL FUNDING

The report was presented by the Portfolio Director.

RESOLVED

1. A vote was taken on the strategy, and it was not adopted in accordance with the outcome of that vote.

2. It was decided to hold a workshop for the Members to share information about the options available, as well as procedures that would be underway to ensure that the strategy was implemented effectively.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To seek the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee's approval of the strategy for the unallocated Growth Deal funds, including the creation of two new funds.

DISCUSSION

The Report was discussed.

15. FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM INVESTMENT ZONE - YEAR 2 ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN AND WLA PROJECT

The report was submitted by the Chief Executive and AMION Consulting representative.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the Annual Delivery Plan's investment allocations for Year 2 and note the Year 1 allocations that will be used as part of the Year 2 programme.
2. To approve the proposal by Wrexham Leadership Alliance and authorise the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair, Section 151 Officer and Monitoring Officer to enter into a Grant Funding Agreement with Wrexham Leadership Alliance for £200,000 (to allow project costs of £150,000, £0,000 VAT and £20,000 contingency).
3. To permit the CJC's Section 151 Officer to sign and issue the Annual Delivery Plan documents to the UK Government and Welsh Government and to make any further non-material amendments that are necessary to agree the Annual Delivery Plan with the UK and Welsh Governments.
4. To confirm that any material change to the approved allocation, recipient, project scope, outputs, funding source, delivery model, risk profile or compliance position, must be reported back to the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee for further approval.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Investment Zones are required to agree Annual Delivery Plans with the UK and Welsh Governments.

DISCUSSION

The Report was discussed.

The meeting commenced at 09:30 and concluded at 11:20.

Chair