
North Wales Growth Deal Quarterly Performance Report

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PORTFOLIO DIRECTOR SUMMARY

Progress continued this quarter with key decisions taken by the Economic Well-being Sub-Committee to support delivery. This included the Business Justification Case for Sustainable Dairy Development part of the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub project; Full Business Case for the Albert Gubay Business School; along with a change request and updated business case for the Venue Cymru Futures project. The Sub-Committee also approved extending the validity period for three of the Land and Property programme projects (Gogledd Môn Sites and Premises, Freeport Gateway and Port of Mostyn) to enable the projects to secure their Grant Funding Agreements. A cost inflation reserve was approved by the Sub-Committee which provides an initial £3.96m of Growth Deal funding to support the delivery of projects during the year as a result of the increasing risk around affordability due to cost inflation pressures.

Our first construction project, part of the Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre the CanfodAu building was named Building project of the year over £5m at the 2026 Constructing Excellence in Wales Awards, a great achievement for us alongside Wrexham University and its construction partner - Wynne Construction.

Work officially began on the second building at M-SParc, marking a major milestone for North Wales' growing innovation economy. Project partners gathered on the 6th of June to formally mark the start of construction on the new Egni development, which will expand the park's capacity to support businesses, researchers and innovators working across low carbon energy

This quarter included attendance at a number of events as an opportunity to promote our work. These included Eisteddfod yr Urdd, taking place this year on Anglesey, we joined the Anglesey Council stand as well as Menter Môn, both proving great networking opportunities. The Eisteddfod was part powered by hydrogen, thanks to an initiative funded by ourselves, led by Menter Môn and delivered by GeoPura. Visitors were able to tour the onsite generators and even taste the water - which is the only by-product of this green energy source.

For the first time, we attended the UK's Real Estate Investment and Infrastructure Forum (UKREiF) joining Welsh Government and the other 3 Corporate Joint Committees in Wales at the all Wales Cymru Pavillion. The three days included a number of insightful panel discussions, alongside demonstrating Wales's credentials as an investable location. We as Ambition North Wales hosted a breakfast event sponsored by Ontix discussing the importance of planning for indoor and outdoor digital connectivity, the challenges affecting deployment, and the opportunity to create more effective public-private models for regional connectivity.



Hedd Vaughan-Evans

Portfolio Director
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PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS



Egni

Work started on site on the Egni build at the M-Sparc site, with a turf cutting with project partners on the 6th of June 2026.



Cydnerth

Work completed on Phase 1 of the Cydnerth project.



CanfodAu

CanfodAu building was named Building Project of the Year over £5m at the 2026 Constructing Excellence in Wales Awards.



Parc Bryn Cegin

Phase 1 on site works at Parc Bryn Cegin commenced in May.



Former North Wales Hospital

The Grant Funding Agreement was completed for Phase 1 demolition, remediation and site security works with Denbighshire County Council and works commenced in early June.



Hydrogen

We funded a project alongside Menter Môn and GeoPura to power Eisteddfod yr Urdd using Green Hydrogen.

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	8	10	7	1	11
Growth Deal Funding Allocation (£234.85*)	£70.27m	£65.89m	£62.93m	£3.80m	£31.96
Total Investment (cumulative business case targets)	£257.12m	£136.64m	£342.59m	£16.22m	£247.43**
Jobs (cumulative business case targets)	876	1,127	1,371	20	606**

PORTFOLIO SPENDING OBJECTIVES DASHBOARD

Job Creation*

Target by 2036

4,000

Target up until end
of 2026/27

202



Total Jobs

End of 2025/26
Actual

121

Actual Q2
2026/27

Actual Q4
2026/27



New Jobs

End of 2025/26
Actual

63

Actual Q2
2026/27

Actual Q4
2026/27



Construction Jobs

End of 2025/26
Actual

58

Actual Q2
2026/27

Actual Q4
2026/27

Investment

Target by 2036

£1bn Total Investment



Growth Deal Investment

Forecast up until
end of 2026/27

£65m

End of 2025/26
Actual

£30,652,413

Actual Q2
2026/27

Actual Q4
2026/27



Total Investment

Forecast up until
end of 2026/27

£120m

End of 2025/26
Actual

£34,208,618

Actual Q2
2026/27

Actual Q4
2026/27

* Jobs data is collated on a 6 monthly basis, reporting on figures in both October (end of Q2) and April (end of Q4).

Figures on this page are cumulative.

BENEFITS DASHBOARD

Benefits



Revenue Secured

£7,054,089



Capital Income Leveraged

£81,016



Floorspace Developed

2,349m²



Future Workforce Engagements

6,407 participants



Actions to strengthen local supply chains

81



Students completing qualifications

1,003

Procurement



£67,733,341

Total value of Growth Deal contracts awarded (including VAT)



£58,23,341

Total value of Growth Deal contracts awarded to North Wales suppliers (including VAT)



86%

of Growth Deal contracts awarded to North Wales suppliers



£54,689,548

Total value of Growth Deal contracts awarded to SMEs (including VAT)



81%

of Growth Deal contracts awarded to SMEs

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.



Job Creation

Current forecast: 272
Actual: 25



Total Investment

Current forecast: £42.73m
Actual: £3.05m

RAG Status



Programme Manager Commentary

- The final items of equipment for the DSP Centre project have been delivered following delays.
- The third meeting of the Regional Telecommunications Forum was held this quarter
- Both Advanced Wireless and 4G+ Grant Schemes have now been developed and are due to be reviewed and approved in July (Q2)
- A pipeline of interest has been developed for the grant schemes with confidence that Expressions of Interest will be received from industry in the first application windows for the grant schemes.
- The second 4G/5G deployment in the region has now been installed with full commissioning expected in Q2



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Senior Responsible Owner



Stuart Whitfield
Programme Manager



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(no action required)



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issues to address (management action in place)



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DIGITAL PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

Project (Project Sponsor)	Project stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Digital Signal Processing Centre Bangor University	Project in delivery	Delivery of final items of equipment.	Launch of structured regional business engagement.		- Final items of equipment affected by supply chain delays. - Project is behind target on additional grant capture. - Regional business engagement delayed due to capacity issues.
4G+ Ambition North Wales	Approved not yet in delivery	Third telecoms forum meeting held.	- Approval and launch of grant schemes. - Fourth telecoms forum meeting to be held		- Grant scheme design has been completed with decision to approve scheduled for early July. - Scheme launch has been slightly delayed however there is strong interest from industry and confidence of early expressions of interest.
Advanced Wireless Ambition North Wales	Approved not yet in delivery	Further engagement of prospective private and public sector applicants.	Approval and launch of grant schemes.		- Grant scheme design has been completed with decision to approve scheduled for early July. - Scheme launch has been slightly delayed however there is strong interest from industry and confidence of early expressions of interest.
LPWAN Ambition North Wales	Approved not yet in delivery	Final LoRaWAN deployment plans submitted.	Approval of Grant Agreements and installations to proceed.		Final deployment plans received and due to be approved in Q2 followed by more installations.

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.



Job Creation

Current forecast: 662

Actual: 10



Total Investment

Current forecast: £164.27m

Actual: £9.62m

RAG Status



Programme Manager Commentary

- **Cydnherth** – Phase 1 works complete, site debolisation.
- **Clean Energy Fund (Smart Local Energy)** – First investments made from Private and Voluntary sector sub funds
- **Trawsfynydd** – Preparation of ITT for a full service, multi disciplinary team to deliver the required packages of work to inform the FBC, as well as produce the FBC document
- **Egni** – Grant funding agreement preparation underway. Started on site May 2026.
- **Holyhead Hydrogen Hub** – Submission of Outline Buisness Case



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LOW CARBON ENERGY PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

Project (Project Sponsor)	Project stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Cydnherth (Morlais) Menter Môn	Project in delivery	- Phase 1 works complete - Demobilisation of site	- Continued developer and grid engagement - Year 1 Emissions and Biodiversity report		Project has moved into delivery and is progressing well.
Egni Bangor University	Project in delivery	- Perpetration of Grant Funding Agreement - Gathering conditions precedent evidence - Works started on site Mat 2026.	- Groundworks complete and erection of steel frame - Signing and sealing of grant funding agreement		Project has moved into delivery and works have started on site.
Clean Energy Fund (Smart Local Energy) Ambition North Wales	Project in delivery	- Continued submission of Expressions of Interest across all 3 sub funds. - First funds issued from voluntary and private sub fund. - Promotional events and engagement.	- Promotional events and engagement - Continuation of application assessment and awards 1 year review		Project is green as Full Business Case has been approved and the fund launched.
Holyhead Hydrogen Hub Menter Môn	Developing Full Business Case	- Submission of the Outline Business Case and secure planning within this timeframe. - Transferring £4.8m Department for Energy Security and Net Zero funds underway. - Planning determination granted.	- Menter Môn continued engagement to attract offtakers. - Preparation of Full Business Case.		RAG status moved to amber as project submitted Outline Business Case and secured planning within the 6 month timeframe.
Trawsfynydd Innovation, Business and Skills Centre Cyngor Gwynedd	Developing the Full Business Case	Preparation of ITT for a full service, multi disciplinary team to deliver the required packages of work to inform the FBC, as well as produce the FBC document.	- Outcome of tender process - Preparation of Full Business case. - Addressing outstanding matters recommended by the PMO including planning and land lease agreements.		Project is green as has submitted the Outline Business Case and it has been approved and now has 12 months to submit the Full Business Case.

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.



Job Creation

Current forecast: 1,342

Actual: 0



Total Investment

Current forecast: £242.84m

Actual: £1.58m

RAG Status



Programme Manager Commentary

- **Former North Wales Hospital** - GFA has been completed for Phase 1 demolition, remediation and site security works with Denbighshire County Council and works commenced in early June.
- **Parc Bryn Cegin** - Phase 1 on site works commenced in May.
- **Wrexham Gateway** - WCBC have appointed consultants to address phosphates discharging into the River Dee.
- **Freeport Gateway** - ITT process commenced in early May for the appointment of a Main Contractor for the PEBOC site.
- **Albert Gubay Business School** - FBC approved on the 12th of June.



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Project (Project Sponsor)	Project stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Former North Wales Hospital Jones Bros (Ruthin) Limited / Denbighshire County Council	Phase 1 of the Project in delivery	- Grant Funding Agreement for Phase 1 works completed and signed. - Site Clearance Works contract for Phase 1 works agreed and security works commenced in June.	- Completion of improved perimeter security fence. - Ramboll to commence surveys on the condition of buildings included in the Listed building Consent application. - Demolition and remediation works to commence.		- Substantial health and safety issues on site due to the condition of the buildings and contamination on site. - Challenging work environment and difficulty of accurately assessing cost and scope of works. - Listed Building Application to demolish remaining structures is subject to detailed discussions with CADW.
Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor Welsh Government / Ambition North Wales	Phase 1 of the Project in delivery	- Ecological mitigation works commenced in May. - Proposed variation to the JVA for Phase 2 of the project shared with WG. - Draft variations to the FBC for Phase 2 works completed.	- Groundworks and steel erecting to commence. - Final Tender from Read Construction for Phase 2 of the Project due in August. - Finalise Heads of Terms for Phase 2. - Revised and update FBC.		- Project making good progress onsite. - Possible Request for additional funding due to for cost inflation for Phase 2 works.
Wrexham Gateway Wrexham County Borough Council	Developing the Full Business Case	- Ecological surveys ongoing and solution for phosphates to be determined. - Discussions ongoing with landowners re site assembly.	- On-site ecological surveys completed and advice received from the consultant on phosphate discharges to treatment works. - Continued progress on site assembly. - Outline planning application decision.		- Site assembly, - Appointment of development partner. - Solution for phosphate discharges into the River Dee.

LAND AND PROPERTY PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

Project (Project Sponsor)	Project stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Gogledd Môn Sites and Premises Isle of Anglesey County Council	Approved not yet in delivery	- ITT process commenced in early May for the appointment of a Main Contractor for the PEBOC site. - IoACC purchased the PEBOC Site and obtaining vacant possession of the site.	- Completion of the Grant Funding Agreement. - Main Contractors appointed for PEBOC and Plot 2 Tregarnedd. - Commencement of site works.		Project on track for delivery commencing on site in Q2 FY26/27
Padeswood Transport for Wales (TfW)	Developing the Full Business Case	- Formal project meetings with TfW and Network Rail (NR) have commenced. - The formal transfer of the project from TfW to NR.	- Provision of a firm timeframe for project delivery. - Completion of MoU between Network Rail and Heidelberg Materials.		- Design and costing of Network Rail track works ongoing. - Alignment of Network Rail and Heidelberg Materials track works in programme.
Albert Gubay Business School Bangor University	Developing the Full Business Case	- Full Business Case approved by Sub Committee on 12th June - Pre-commencement planning conditions agreed. - Baseline Carbon and biodiversity assessments completed. - Final costs received from Wynne's Construction. - Request for additional funding to cover cost inflation in tender works package.	- Complete the Grant Funding Agreement. - Finalised Benefits Plan & Register. - Appointment of Main Contractor. - Enabling works commence August followed by main site works in September 2026. - Cost Inflation Reserve Fund request.		- Completion of grant funding agreement ongoing. - Planning consent granted. - Full Business Case approved. - Main Contractor to be appointed in August 2026.
Port of Mostyn Mostyn Estates	Approved not yet in delivery	Main Contractor commenced the Remedial Grounds Works Package on the Marsh Row Site.	- Confirmation of security fencing, and heavy lift pad work packages tenders. - Completion of the Grant Funding Agreement. - Commencement of Subsidy Control registration.		- Major project risks are all assessed as acceptable at present. - Project rating is green subject to completion of procurement and bespoke approach for carbon assessment.

LAND AND PROPERTY PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

Project (Project Sponsor)	Project stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Gogledd Môn Sites and Premises Isle of Anglesey County Council	Approved not yet in delivery	IoACC tender date closed and a proposed Main Contractor selected.	- Commencement of works on site. - Completion of Grant Funding Agreement.		Project making good progress with site works due to commence in Q2 FY26/27.
Freeport Gateway Isle of Anglesey County Council	Approved not yet in delivery	- ITT process commenced in early May for the appointment of a Main Contractor for the PEBOC site. - IoACC purchased the PEBOC Site and obtaining vacant possession of the site.	- Completion of the Grant Funding Agreement. - Main Contractors appointed for PEBOC and Plot 2 Tregarnedd. - Commencement of site works.		Project on track for delivery commencing on site in Q2 FY26/27
Padeswood Transport for Wales (TfW)	Developing the Full Business Case	- Formal project meetings with TfW and Network Rail (NR) have commenced. - The formal transfer of the project from TfW to NR.	- Provision of a firm timeframe for project delivery. - Completion of MoU between Network Rail and Heidelberg Materials.		- Design and costing of Network Rail track works ongoing. - Alignment of Network Rail and Heidelberg Materials track works in programme.
Albert Gubay Business School Bangor University	Developing the Full Business Case	- Full Business Case approved by Sub Committee on 12th June - Pre-commencement planning conditions agreed. - Baseline Carbon and biodiversity assessments completed. - Final costs received from Wynne's Construction. - Request for additional funding to cover cost inflation in tender works package.	- Complete the Grant Funding Agreement. - Finalised Benefits Plan & Register. - Appointment of Main Contractor. - Enabling works commence August followed by main site works in September 2026. - Cost Inflation Reserve Fund request.		- Completion of grant funding agreement ongoing. - Planning consent granted. - Full Business Case approved. - Main Contractor to be appointed in August 2026.

LAND AND PROPERTY PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

Project (Project Sponsor)	Project stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Port of Mostyn Mostyn Estates	Approved not yet in delivery	• Main Contractor commenced the Remedial Grounds Works Package on the Marsh Row Site.	• Confirmation of security fencing, and heavy lift pad work packages tenders. • Completion of the Grant Funding Agreement. • Commencement of Subsidy Control registration.		• Major project risks are all assessed as acceptable at present. • Project rating is green subject to completion of procurement and bespoke approach for carbon assessment.

AGRI-FOOD AND TOURISM PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE



Programme Aim

To build a more sustainable, vibrant and resilient foundation economy in the region, optimising opportunities for employment and prosperity through our environment and landscape.



Job Creation

Current forecast: 524
Actual: 0



Total Investment

Current forecast: £75.02m
Actual: £3.94m

RAG Status



Programme Manager Commentary

- **Responsible Adventure** – The Business Justification Case for the Slate Explorer element has been endorsed by Programme and Portfolio members to move forward to EWBS, marking a key milestone as the project progresses.
- **Academi Croeso** – The Business Justification Case for the Dylan's Spoke has been endorsed by Programme and Portfolio members to move forward to EWBS, following their appointment as a new delivery partner.
- **Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub** – Procurement has progressed for the Sustainable Dairy Development element. Construction of the Sheep Milk Wales element is underway and remains on track for completion in early 2027. Engagement with planning stakeholders continues to support development of the hub.
- **Venue Cymru Futures** – The updated Outline Business Case has been approved by the Economic Well-being Sub-committee. Work is now focused on detailed design, business planning and stakeholder engagement ahead of the Full Business Case.



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AGRI-FOOD AND TOURISM PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

Project (Project Sponsor)	Project stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	Sheep Milk Wales in delivery. Sustainable Dairy – BJC approved. Hub developing FBC	- Value engineering nearing completion for main contract for the Sustainable Dairy Development. - Technical Meetings conducted with Natural Resources Wales (NRW) and GLLM regarding planning to the Hub.	- Remaining Procurement work for Sheep Milk Wales element. - Complete procurement process for Sustainable Dairy element. - Delegated approval and move into delivery for Sustainable Dairy. - Drafting of Full Business Case. - Planning for Hub to be submitted.		- Planning risk for Hub - Project costs due to inflation - Incomplete Procurement - Hub Project timescales
Academi Croeso Grŵp Llandrillo Menai	Project in delivery	- Dylan's Restaurant Limited confirmed as replacement spoke - Project engagement with other spokes - Replacement spoke BJC endorsed by Programme and Portfolio board.	- Signing of back-to-back Funding Agreement with Zip World. - Advance procurement for Zip World and Dylan's spokes - BJC Approval, signing back-to-back funding agreement and move into delivery for Dylans spoke.		- Pending Economic Well-being Sub-Committee approval - Back-to-back agreements - Incomplete procurement activity. - underspend on current profile - Timeline risk for development of hub
Venue Cymru Futures Conwy County Borough Council	Developing the Full Business Case	- Updated OBC approval. - Ongoing procurement activity - Tourist Information service moved into a temporary location within Venue Cymru	- Begin planning surveys and engagement. - Finalise seating plan design for the auditorium reconfiguration. - Development of Full Business Case - Submission of planning application		- Planning consent. - Not securing full funding package. - Procurement delays.

AGRI-FOOD AND TOURISM PROGRAMME PERFORMANCE

Project (Project Sponsor)	Project stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Responsible Adventure ZipWorld	Developing BJC/Full Business Case	• Slate Explorer Business Justification Case endorsed by Programme and Portfolio board • Continued engagement with Consenting authorities with consenting across different elements of the project	• Complete two large procurement processes • Slate Explorer Business Justification Case approval • Commence build at Llechwedd for the Slate Explorer. • Planning approval for Slate Explorer • Prepare remaining Business Cases • Continue with stakeholder/community engagement • Share first draft of the Grant Funding Agreement		• Economic Well-being Sub-Committee approval pending • Planning consent challenges. • Procurement risk due to project uniqueness • Timescales delays.

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

- The Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre has completed the refurbishment of the OpTIC Centre in St Asaph, including procurement activities for the Hydrogen Lab, and continues to deliver training on newly installed equipment.
- The Centre for Environmental Biotechnology has progressed into the design and procurement phase for the additional works funded through the reallocation of project underspend.
- Society 5.0 continues to procure and install equipment in line with project delivery plans.
- Project Prince Knauf continues to progress through the planning process. Securing planning consent remains complex, with Environmental Permit requirements representing a key challenge. Extensive stakeholder engagement, support, and option appraisal activities are ongoing. A two-phase planning approach has been adopted, covering both the remediation works and the vertical build, with applications for both phases now submitted.
- The Wrexham University Business Gateway has awarded the contract for the first phase of works and continues to progress development of the Full Business Case.



Job Creation

Current forecast: 594
Actual: 21



Total Investment

Current forecast: £228.41m
Actual: £14.94m



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Programme Manager



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INNOVATION IN HIGH VALUE MANUFACTURING PROGRAMME

PERFORMANCE

Project (Project Sponsor)	Project stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre Wrexham University	Project in delivery	- Waterjet cutter installed and actively being used for internal projects. - Hosted Maltese Trade Delegation seeking to work with local companies. - Upgrade of equipment such as a scanning electron microscope. - Training on new equipment such as the infra red system - Completion of the OpTIC renovation.	- Approval of Business Justification Case for Plas Coch equipment. - Procurement for hydrogen lab. - Draft BJC for Hydrogen lab.		- Project nearing full completion. - No significant issue within project, project progressing well. Slight delay to project due to procurement/contract finalisation. - Benefits being realised.
Centre for Environmental Biotechnology Bangor University	Project in delivery	- CEB hosted the annual meeting of the UKRI Engineering Biology Mission Hub Project. - Additional works design completed and procurement process began. - Training on new equipment	- Procurement activity completed for underspend additional works. - Commissioning of the large bioreactor for the CEB +scale up facility.		- Project nearing completion of delivery stage. - Benefits being realised - Slight delay to additional works but - Low risk project.
Society 5.0 Wrexham University	Project in delivery	- All 3D printers installed. Bamboo 3D printer used for outreach activities to increase next generation STEM talent pool. - All purchase orders raised for every equipment	- Progress all purchase orders for internal University approval. - Claim full expenditure of project.		- Equipment only project. - Ample testing of market conducted for remaining equipment. - Short project life span from start to completion of delivery. - Delay in claiming.

INNOVATION IN HIGH VALUE MANUFACTURING PROGRAMME

PERFORMANCE

Project (Project Sponsor)	Project stage	Key Milestones (this quarter)	Key Milestones (next quarter)	RAG Status	RAG Rationale
Project Prince Knauf	Developing the Full Business Case	• Planning submission on Vertical Build • Environmental permit application submitted. • Significant critical stakeholder discussion in order to obtain planning consent. • Detailed design proceeding to RIBA stage four. • Rented offices at the TATA site for the Knauf Engineering and site team to set up and be operational.	• Planning committee meeting 15th July - on site remediation • Site remediation / ground preparation and move into delivery. • Continued engagement on environmental issues to obtain Planning consent for Vertical Build. • Share first draft of the Grant Funding Agreement		• Complex Planning and Environmental process to obtain consent, but ample stakeholder engagement being made to mitigate as much risk.
Business Gateway Wrexham University	Developing the Full Business Case	• Awarded contract for first phase of work. • Design development and cost planning for the Nick Whitehead component substantially complete.	• Workshop with Welsh Government stakeholders. • Progress Phase 1 through the PCSA stage. • Prepare for the JCT Design and Build contract for Catrin Finch Centre works. • Procure contractor for the second phase.		• Progression towards FBC going well. • Grant Funding Agreement being drafted. • Procurement activity alignment with Ambition North Wales processes.

JOBS AND INVESTMENT PROFILE

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				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
4G+	Consenting requirements TBC				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
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	✓	✓	✓	✓								
Trawsfynydd Business, Innovation and Skills	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Former North Wales Hospital	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Wrexham Gateway	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Gogledd Môn Sites and Premises	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Freeport Gateway	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Padeswood	No consenting requirements (TBC)				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Albert Gubay Business School	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Port of Mostyn	No planning consent required.				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Academi Croeso	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Responsible Adventure	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Venue Cymru Futures	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Centre for Environmental Biotechnology	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Enterprise Engineering and Optics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Society 5.0	No planning required				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Project Prince	✓				✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Business Gateway	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓			

JOBS AND INVESTMENT PROFILE

PROJECTS IN DELIVERY

Programme	Project	Rag Status	Jobs		Growth Deal		Total Investment	
			Target	Actual	Allocation (£m)	Actual (£m)	Target (£m)	Actual (£m)
Digital Connectivity	Digital Signal Processing Centre (DSP)		40	25	2.96	2.58	3.08	2.76
Low Carbon Energy	Cydnherth (Morlais)		253	8	8.87	8.87	15.99	8.87
	Clean Energy Fund		186	2	24.63	0.70	102.5	0.75
Land and Property	Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh - Phase 1		0	0	2.00	0.00	5.00	0.00
	Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor		83	0	7.49	0.83	8.84	0.83
Agri-food and Tourism	Academi Croeso		68	0	4.43	2.20	19.28	3.94
Innovation in High Value Manufacturing	Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre		109	13	11.99	11.11	18.82	12.25
	Centre for Environmental Biotechnology		67	8	2.96	2.19	3.46	2.69
TOTAL			806	56	65.33	28.48	176.97	32.09

PROJECTS APPROVED NOT IN DELIVERY

Programme	Project	Rag Status	Jobs		Growth Deal		Total Investment	
			Target	Actual	Allocation (£m)	Actual (£m)	Target (£m)	Actual (£m)
Digital Connectivity	Advanced Wireless		173	0	19.54	0.02	30.31	0.02
	4G+		39	0	6.17	0.24	8.20	0.24
	LPWAN		20	0	1.14	0.04	1.14	0.04
Low Carbon Energy	Egni		63	0	3.94	0.00	10.01	0.00
Land and Property	Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh - Phase 1		70	0	4.94	0.00	80.85	0.00
	Gogledd Môn Sites and Premises		95	0	7.00	0.29	10.44	0.75
	Freeport Gateway		223	0	3.48	0.00	19.09	0.00
	Albert Gubay Business School		90	0	7.3	0.00	20.45	0.00
	Port of Mostyn		299	0	4.0	0.00	14.70	0.00
Innovation in High Value Manufacturing	Society 5.0		19	0	1.5	0.21	3.0	0.21
Agri-food and Tourism	Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub		106	0	11.82	0.00	19.30	0.00
TOTAL			1,197	0	70.83	0.80	217.49	1.26

APPENDIX A - 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.
	4G+ (Connected Key Sites and Corridors)	Ambition North Wales	This project will improve 4G mobile connectivity at key economic sites in the region, targeting transport routes, business and tourism hubs while supporting the further deployment of 5G network coverage in these areas.
	Advanced Wireless (Connected Campuses)	Ambition North Wales	The Advanced Wireless project will support private and public sector organisations adopt the latest wireless technologies to support improved service delivery, business efficiencies, innovation and growth, particularly through the use of internet of things applications.
	LPWAN (Connected Campuses)	Ambition North Wales	This project aims to deliver extensive and accessible LoRaWAN (Long Range Wide Area Network) network coverage throughout the region, providing businesses and public sector users with a cost effective solution for adopting internet of things applications and supporting innovation.
Low Carbon Energy	Cydnerth (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	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.
	Trawsfynydd Business Innovation and Skills Centre	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.
Land and Property	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
	Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor	Ambition North Wales	Provide industrial floor space to meet known demand for units.
	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.
	Gogledd Môn Sites and Premises	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.
	Freeport Gateway	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.
	Padeswood	Transport for Wales	Rail line enhancements to remove constraints and address access/egress for rail freight into the Padeswood Cement Works
	Port of Mostyn	Port of Mostyn	Upgrading berth and regeneration of former industrial site.
	Albert Gubay Business School	Bangor University	Construction of the Albert Gubay Business School at Bangor University.
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.
	Academi Croeso (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.
	Venue Cymru Futures	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.
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 (SMEs) and large businesses to work in partnership with Wrexham Glyndwr University on commercially driven research and development in optics, composites and hydrogen fuel cells.
	Society 5.0 Manufacturing & Capability Project	Wrexham University	Enhance the Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre to enable industry to access further world-class high precision engineering resources.
	Project Prince	Knauf	Construction of 110kt rock mineral wool plant with submerged arc furnace (SAF), primarily to serve the UK and Ireland markets.
	Wrexham University Business Gateway	Wrexham University	Serving as a bridge between Wrexham University and local industry, fostering collaboration, innovation, job creation and inclusive economic growth.