

The North Wales Growth Board

*North Wales, the economy of the future: **Smart, Resilient, Connected**, where economic growth is powered by innovation in high value economic sectors*

Status Report on the North Wales Growth Deal, 15th December 2017

The Shadow Joint Committee established by the six local authorities in North Wales to manage the North Wales Growth Deal met for the first time on the 15th December 2017.

The Shadow Joint Committee replaces the former Leader and Chief Executives Meetings which were managing the Growth on behalf of the six Councils. The membership of the Shadow Joint Committee includes the Leaders and Chief Executive of each Council. They are joined by three non-voting members representing Higher Education, Further Education and the Private Sector.

Higher Education will be represented by Maria Hinfelaar and John Hughes (vice chancellor of Wrexham Glyndwr and Bangor Universities respectively) on an alternating basis.

Further Education will be represented by Dafydd Evans and David Jones (Chief Executives of Grwp Llandrillo Menai and Coleg Cambria respectively) on an alternating basis.

The Business Community will be represented by Ashley Rogers, the current Chair of the North Wales and Mersey Dee Business Council.

The meeting decided that the Shadow Joint Committee and subsequent Joint Committee Meetings will be known as the **North Wales Growth Board** and will develop a separate identity from the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.

The Board agreed to support the Transport Cabinet Members from each Council in establishing a Transport Joint Committee that will operate as a sub-committee of the Growth Board and take forward the transport proposals in the Growth Bid.

The Board agreed to: -

- Facilitate an event for Welsh Assembly Members to promote the Growth Bid and the work of the Board
- Invite Ministers from the UK and Welsh Governments to meet the Shadow Joint Committee and work through an agenda set by the Board.

The Board asked officers to report to the next meeting on: -

- Progress in appointing a Bid Development Team to undertake detailed work on project development
- A Project Plan setting out timescales for key tasks
- Sample Project Initiation Documents
- A Communications Strategy

A press release launching the Growth Bid and the new Growth Board was agreed and circulated prior to Christmas.