

# Cross-Party Group Annual Report

## Cross Party Group Details

### Cross Party Group Title:

Cross Party Group for North Wales in the Senedd

## Group membership and office holders

### Name of Group Chair:

Mark Isherwood MS

### Names of other Members of the Senedd:

Mabon ap Gwynfor MS, Vice-Chair

Carolyn Thomas MS, Vice-Chair

Rhun ap Iorwerth MS

Hannah Blythyn MS

Gareth Davies MS

Janet Finch-Saunders MS

Lesley Griffiths MS

Llyr Griffiths MS

Siân Gwenllïan MS

Darren Millar MS

Sam Rowlands MS

Jack Sargeant MS

Ken Skates MS

**Name of Secretary and Organisation:**

Lucy Sweet, Welsh Local Government Association

**Names of other external members and organisations represented:**

Members of Parliament for North Wales:

- Sarah Atherton MP, Wrexham
- Simon Baynes MP, Clwyd South
- Virginia Crosbie MP, Ynys Môn
- Dr. James Davies MP, Vale of Clwyd
- Rt. Hon. David Jones MP, Clwyd West
- Robin Millar MP, Aberconwy
- Liz Saville Roberts MP, Dwyfor Meirionnydd
- Rob Roberts MP, Delyn
- Mark Tami MP, Alyn and Deeside
- Hywel Williams MP, Arfon

North Wales local authority leaders:

- Cllr Jason McLellan, Denbighshire
- Cllr Llinos Medi Huws, Anglesey
- Cllr Charlie McCoubrey, Conwy
- Cllr Mark Pritchard, Wrexham
- Cllr Ian Roberts, Flintshire
- Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn, Gwynedd

## Other meetings of the Group since the last AGM

### Meeting 1

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#### Date of Meeting:

28 January 2022

#### Attendees:

Senedd Members: Mark Isherwood MS, (in the Chair) Carolyn Thomas MS, Ken Skates MS, Janet Finch Saunders MS, Rhun ap Iorwerth MS, Darren Millar MS, Gareth Davies MS and Sam Rowlands MS Members of Parliament: Mark Tami MP. Local Authority Leaders: Councillors Huw Evans and Ian Roberts Officials: Chris Llewelyn, CEO of the WLGA, Stephen Jones (WLGA) Group Secretary and Bryn Richards, Welsh Government Regional Economic Team Speakers: Bryn Richards (as above).

#### Summary of the issues discussed:

This meeting mainly focused on the future work programme and priorities of the group and included the AGM. There was also a presentation from the Welsh Government on the North Wales Regional Economic Framework.

### Meeting 2

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#### Date of Meeting:

19 May 2022

#### Attendees:

Senedd Members: Mark Isherwood MS (Chair), Llyr Gruffydd MS, Ken Skates MS, Gareth Davies MS, Dan Rose (for Carolyn Thomas MS) Members of Parliament: Liz Savile-Roberts MP and Rob Roberts MP Local Authority Leaders: Councillor Charlie McCoubrey Officials: Stephen Jones, (WLGA / Group Secretary), Chris Llewelyn (WLGA Chief Executive), Bryn Richards (Welsh Government) and Lee Robinson (Transport for Wales) Speaker: Lesley Griffiths MS, Minister for Rural Affairs, North Wales and Trefnydd

#### Summary of the issues discussed:

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The Minister for North Wales, Lesley Griffiths MS, attended the meeting for the first time since taking over from Ken Skates MS- she spoke about the role and her priorities. Members then had a discussion focused on the issues of Energy and tourism

### Meeting 3

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#### Date of Meeting:

1 July 2022

#### Attendees:

Senedd Members: Mark Isherwood MS (Chair), Gareth Davies MS, Llyr Gruffydd MS, Sam Rowlands MS, Janet Finch-Saunders MS, Rhun ap Iorwerth MS, Dan Rose for Carolyn Thomas MS Members of Parliament: Mark Tami MP Local Authority Leaders: Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (Gwynedd), Cllr Mark Pritchard (Wrexham), Cllr Ian Roberts (Flintshire), Cllr Jason McLellan (Denbighshire), Cllr Charlie McCoubrey (Conwy) Officials: WLGA Lucy Sweet (new Secretary), Stephen Jones (outgoing Secretary), Chris Llewelyn (Chief Executive), Daniel Hurford (Head of Policy, Improvement and Governance), Dilwyn Jones (Public Affairs and Communications Manager), Glesni Haf Parry (Communications Officer, Social Media). *Welsh Government* Bryn Richards Wyn Roberts

#### Summary of the issues discussed:

The focus of the meeting was Small Modular Reactors for North Wales. Mark Salisbury of Rolls-Royce SMR gave a presentation and members then discussed the issues raised.

### Meeting 4

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#### Date of Meeting:

11 November 2022

#### Attendees:

Senedd Members: Mark Isherwood (Chair), Mabon ap Gwynfor (Vice Chair), Carolyn Thomas (Vice Chair), Sam Rowlands, Siân Gwenllian, Darren Millar. Local Authority Leaders: Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (Gwynedd), Cllr Charlie McCoubrey (Conwy), Cllr Jason McLellan (Denbighshire). Speakers: Jim McKirdle (WLGA Housing Policy Officer), Mark Harris (Home Builders Federation), Ned Michael (Anglesey Council), Ffrancon Williams (Adra). Officials: WLGA: Chris Llewelyn (Chief Executive), Lucy Sweet (Group Secretary), Stephen Jones (previous Secretary), Leroi Hanniford (Communications Officer). *Welsh Government*: Elin Gwynedd Bryn Richards

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**Summary of the issues discussed:**

The main focus of the meeting was meeting housing demand in North Wales, with a panel of representatives from local government, the registered social landlord sector and the federation of home builders.

**Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities the Group have met during the previous year.**

**Name of Organisation:**

The Group had no contact with professional lobbyists. The group met representatives of:

- The Welsh Government
- The Welsh Local Government Association
- The North Wales Economic Ambition Board
- The Mersey Dee and North Wales All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG)
- Council Leaders of North Wales Local Authorities
- Rolls Royce SMR

**Name of Group:**

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## Annual Financial Statement

**Cross Party Group Title:**

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**Date:**

01/12/22

**Name of Chair:**

Mark Isherwood MS

**Name of Secretary and Organisation:**

Lucy Sweet, Welsh Local Government Association

Title	Description	Amount
<b>Group's Expenses</b>	None	£0.00
<b>Costs of all goods</b>	No goods bought	£0.00
<b>Benefits received by the group or individuals members from external bodies</b>	No benefits received.	£0.00
<b>Any financial support or other support.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Translation of group documents into Welsh commissioned and paid for by WLGA.</li> </ul>	£400
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Simultaneous translation commissioned and paid for by WLGA</li> </ul>	£400
<b>Total</b>		<b>£800</b>

Services provided to the Group, such as hospitality.

All hospitality paid for [include the name of the group/organisation].

<b>Date</b>	<b>Name and description of provider</b>	<b>Costs</b>
		£0.00
<b>Total</b>		<b>£0.00</b>