

Cross-Party Group Annual Report.

27th February 2018

Cross Party Group for North Wales

1. Group membership and office holders.

Chair: Llyr Gruffydd AM

Vice Chairs: Mark Isherwood AM and Ann Jones AM

Members:

(Members are invited to attend each meeting)

Sian Gwenllian, Rhun ap Iorwerth, Janet Finch-Saunders, Darren Millar, Hannah Blythyn, Jack Sargeant, Lesley Griffiths, Ken Skates, Dafydd Elis Thomas, Mandy Jones, Michelle Brown

Secretary: Stephen Jones, Regional Co-ordinator for North Wales, Welsh Local Government Association

2. Previous Group Meetings since the last AGM.

Meeting 1.

Meeting date: AGM and Inaugural Meeting, 24th May 2017

Attendees:

[Members of the National Assembly for Wales](#)

Hannah Blythyn (in the Chair), Mark Isherwood, Ann Jones, Llyr Griffiths

[Assembly Members Support Staff](#)

Josh Bell (Office of Hannah Blythyn)

[Partners](#)

Councillor Derek Butler, (Flintshire County Council) Chair of the Mersey Dee Alliance, Iwan Trefor Jones, Deputy Chief Executive of Gwynedd Council and Chief Officer for the North Wales Economic Ambition Board, Mark Livesey, Deputy Chief Executive of the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership Group.

Steve Thomas (Chief Executive, WLGA), Stephen Jones (WLGA, North Wales Regional Co-ordinator)

Speaker

Ken Skates AM, attended for part of the meeting and gave an update on the Welsh Government's economic strategy and the opportunities for developing the economy of North Wales.

Summary of issues discussed:

The inaugural Meeting discussed how to develop the economy of North Wales receiving presentations on: -

- The work of the North Wales Economic Ambition and progress in developing a North Wales Growth Bid
- The opportunities for developing the North Wales economy from a Welsh Government perspective

Meeting 2.

***Meeting date:* AGM, 27th February 2018**

Attendees:

Assembly Members

Llyr Gruffydd AM (in the chair), Mark Isherwood, Jack Sargeant, Mandy Jones and Rhun ap Iorwerth. Research Assistants from the offices of Jack Sargeant AM and Mandy Jones AM were present

Sponsor Attendance (WLGA)

Stephen Jones (WLGA Regional Co-ordinator for North Wales and Secretary of the CPG), Steve Thomas CBE, (CEO WLGA),

Guest Speakers

Councillors Aaron Shotton (Leader, Flintshire County Council) and Dyfrig Siencyn (Arweinydd, Cyngor Gwynedd) Chair and Vice Chair of the North Wales Growth Board respectively.

Ken Skates AM, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport, Welsh Government with Welsh Government officials Andrew Johnson (SPAD) and Gwenllian Roberts (Deputy Director, DET and lead official for North Wales)

Summary of issues discussed

The meeting discussed the progress of the North Wales Growth Bid and the opportunities to develop the North Wales economy.

3. Professional lobbyists, voluntary organisations and charities with whom the Group has met during the preceding year.

The following individuals and organisations attended the AGM held on the 24th May 2017: -

Cllr. Derek Butler, attending as Chair of the Mersey Dee Alliance.
Cllr. Butler is the Cabinet Member for Regeneration in Flintshire County Council, County Hall, Mold, Flintshire CH7 6NB

Iwan Trefor Jones, attending as the Lead Officer for the North Wales Economic Ambition Board working on the development of a North Wales Growth Bid. Iwan is Deputy Chief Executive of Cyngor Gwynedd, Shire Hall, Shire Hall Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1SH

Mark Livesey, Deputy Chief Executive of the Cheshire and Warrington LEP, 1st Floor, Wyvern House, The Drumber, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 1AH.

The Cheshire and Warrington LEP are working on economic development proposals that have synergy and need co-ordination with those of North Wales.

The following individuals and organisations attended the AGM on the 27th February 2018: -

Councillor Aaron Shotton, Leader Flintshire County Council, County Hall, Mold, CH7 6NB

Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn, Leader, Cyngor Gwynedd, Shire Hall, Shire Hall Street, Caernarfon, Gwynedd, LL55 1SH

Steve Thomas CBE, Chief Executive, The Welsh Local Government Association, Local Government House, Drake Walk, Cardiff CF10 4LG

Annual Financial Statement.

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Llyr Gruffydd AM

Stephen Jones, Regional Co-ordinator for North Wales, Welsh Local Government Association

Group's Expenses.	None.	£0.00
Costs of all goods.	No goods purchased.	£0.00
Benefits received by the group or individual Members from outside bodies.	No benefits received.	£0.00
Any secretariat or other support.	Translation of Group Documents into Welsh commissioned and paid for by the WLGA.	£240.00
Services provided to the Group such as hospitality.		
All refreshments paid for by the Welsh Local Government Association (£270.80).		
Date	Description and name of provider	Cost
24 th May 2017	Assembly Internal Catering Organisation for both dates	£162.25
27 th February 2018		£108.55
Total cost		£510.80