

| ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL Scrutiny Report Template | |
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| Committee: | Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee |
| Date: | 20th September, 2021 |
| Subject: | North Wales Economic Ambition Board Progress Report - Quarter 1: 2021/22 |
| Purpose of Report: | Present the Quarter 1: 2021/22 Growth Deal Progress Report in accordance with the Final Deal Agreement |
| Scrutiny Chair: | Cllr Gwilym Owen Jones |
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| Local Members: | Applicable to all Scrutiny Members |

1 - Recommendation/s

The Committee is requested to:

R1 scrutinise progress to date with the Growth Deal

R2 note progress made during Quarter 1 (2021/22).

2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

The North Wales Growth Deal is linked to Objective 1 of the 2017/22 Council Plan:

- Ensure that the people of Anglesey can thrive and realise their long term potential – Jobs and work opportunities
- Work with other North Wales Councils to attract investment to ensure that key projects that offer local employment opportunities go ahead.

3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members

To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-

3.1 Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [focus on customer/citizen]

3.2 A look at the efficiency & effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality [focus on value]

3.3 A look at any risks [focus on risk]

3.4 Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [focus on performance & quality]

3.5 Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:

- Long term

- Prevention
- Integration
- Collaboration
- Involvement

[focus on wellbeing]

4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

1. To what extent is the Scrutiny Committee assured with the progress made and reported on Quarter1: 2021/22?
2. What are the local issues or risks that should be highlighted to the regional Economic Ambition Board?

5 – Background / Context

1. Background

- 1.1 In December, 2020 the North Wales Economic Ambition Board and the Welsh and UK Governments agreed the Final Deal Agreement for the North Wales Growth Deal
- 1.2 Regular reporting on progress against the North Wales Growth Deal is a requirement of the Final Deal Agreement. The North Wales Growth Deal Quarter 1: 2021/22 Performance Report is attached (**Appendix 1**)

2. Quarter 1 Progress

- 2.1 The Quarter 1 performance report provides an overview of progress on the Growth Deal programmes and projects. This quarter saw the first Outline Business Case (OBC) considered and approved by the North Wales Economic Ambition Board and the assurance process for the project has since been approved by Welsh Government. The Morlais tidal energy project run by Anglesey social enterprise Menter Môn will now move to the next phase and submit a Full Business Case for consideration once the consenting process has been completed.
- 2.2 Two further Outline Business Cases – the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub led by Grŵp Llandrillo Menai and the Digital Signal Processing Centre led by Bangor University – have started the approval process. Both have completed their independent Gateway Reviews and are scheduled to be presented to the North Wales Economic Ambition Board in July.
- 2.3 The majority of programmes and projects are currently reporting as **Amber** following revising the business case development timetables resulting in a delay compared to the timetable outlined in the Portfolio Business Case. This is primarily due to the business case development process and our internal assurance and approvals process taking longer than originally estimated. The process we follow is robust and in-line with the relevant guidance and will ultimately ensure that only business cases of the highest quality are approved to deliver for North Wales. The delays are not considered to represent a risk to the overall delivery of the Growth Deal benefits but may impact on exact timing of benefits realisation.

2.4 The following projects are currently reporting as **Red** due to either risks to the project scope or significant delays to project timescales:

- **Full Fibre at Key Sites and Connected Campuses** (Digital Programme) – The business case development timetable has been pushed back to allow programme capacity to focus on initial two Portfolio Management Office projects
- **Key Strategic Site, Bodelwyddan** (Land and Property Programme) – outline planning consent on the site has lapsed and the project will need to be reviewed when the new planning policy is established for the site
- **Holyhead Gateway** (Land and Property Programme) – scope of the project is under review due to concerns about the cost of the project and the commercial case.

2.5 A number of procurement activities have been completed to support the work of the team. We have welcomed a new strategic communications partner – Ateb Cymru – who have been appointed to support our communications and marketing activities while Hatch Regeneris are appointed to provide general business case consultancy to the Portfolio Management Office. We also commissioned Wavehill to support the development of an economic case for the Smart Local Energy Project and Real Wireless to deliver a scoping study to support the Connected Corridors project within the Digital Programme.

2.6 At this stage, no project Full Business Cases have been approved and therefore the only expenditure to date relates to the drawdown against the 1.5% allocation for the Portfolio Management Office costs.

3. Portfolio Risk Register – July, 2021

3.1 The Portfolio Risk Register is updated on a regular basis by the Portfolio Management Office and reviewed by the Portfolio Board (Executive Officers Group) and the North Wales Economic Ambition Board on a quarterly basis.

3.2 The risk register has been fully updated with a number of changes recorded in the documents including revised risk descriptions, revised scoring and mitigating actions and the commentary has been updated for all risks.

3.3 The overall risk profile of the Growth Deal is stable. However, the risk on affordability has increased as construction costs have increased significantly in recent months. This is impacting on other City and Growth Deals and is being kept under review. There remain some significant risks associated with a couple of individual projects and securing the required private sector investment in the Growth Deal.

6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]

Not applicable

7 – Financial Implications

No financial implications arising directly from this progress report. The quarterly performance report provides an overview of the expected capital expenditure profile of

Growth Deal funding. At this stage, no project business cases have been approved and therefore the only expenditure to date relates to the drawdown against the 1.5% allocation for Portfolio Management Office costs. Further iterations of the report will include reporting on financial expenditure following project business case approval.

8 – Appendices:

North Wales Growth Deal Quarter 1: 2021/22 Performance Report

9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):

North Wales Growth Deal

2021-22 Quarter 1

(April to June 2021)

Performance Report



Bwrdd Uchelgais Economaidd Gogledd Cymru
North Wales Economic Ambition Board



Llywodraeth Cymru
Welsh Government



UK Government
Llywodraeth y DU

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This quarter saw the first **Outline Business Case (OBC)** considered and approved by the **North Wales Economic Ambition Board** and the assurance process for the project has since been approved by Welsh Government. The Morlais tidal energy project, run by Anglesey social enterprise, Menter Môn will now move to the next phase and submit a Full Business Case for consideration once the consenting process has been completed.

Two further Outline Business Cases: the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub, led by Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, and the Digital Signal Processing Centre led by Bangor University, **have started the approval process.** Both have completed their independent Gateway Reviews and are scheduled to be presented to the North Wales Economic Ambition Board in July. This demonstrates the significant progress since the signing of the Final Deal with Government partners in December 2020.

However, we must also note that some of our original project development timescales, as set out in the final deal agreement, have slipped. This is primarily due the **business case development process and our internal assurance and approvals process taking longer than originally estimated.** The process we follow is robust and in-line with the relevant guidance and will ultimately ensure that only business cases of the highest quality are approved to deliver for North Wales.

The **Portfolio Management team further strengthened during this quarter**, with Sara Jones joining us as Procurement and Social Value Manager, Thomas Boome as Land and Property Project Manager, Catherine Evans as Digital Project Officer, Cath Morris-Roberts as the Skills and Employability Project Manager and Angharad Elin Evans as the Skills and Employability Graduate Project Manager.



A number of procurement activities have been completed to support the work of the team.

- We have welcomed a new strategic communications partner, Ateb Cymru, who have been appointed to support our communications and marketing activities.
- While Hatch Regeneris are appointed to provide general business case consultancy to the Portfolio Management Office.
- We also commissioned Wavehill to support the development of an economic case for the Smart Local Energy project
- Additionally, Real Wireless to deliver a scoping study to support the Connected Corridors project within the Digital Programme.

In May we welcomed a visit from the **Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Wales, Minister David T.C. Davies MP** and members of his team. It was the first face to face visit for the Minister since the easing of Covid rules. The Minister had the opportunity to visit a couple of Growth Deal project sites and meet key stakeholders.

Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn and I also met with the newly appointed **Minister for Economy, Vaughan Gething, MS** and the newly appointed **Minister for Rural Affairs and North Wales, Lesley Griffiths, MS** to update them on the Growth Deal and the wider opportunities for the economy in North Wales.

Finally, the North Wales Economic Ambition Board **held its Annual General Meeting on 18th June** with Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn confirmed as Chair and Councillor Mark Pritchard confirmed as Vice-Chair for the 2021-22 year.

Alwen Williams
Alwen Williams, Portfolio Director

| Themes | RAG Status | Commentary |
|------------------------------|------------|--|
| Portfolio Business Case | Green | The Portfolio Business Case was approved as part of the Final Deal Agreement in December 2020. The business case is to be updated annually, with the first update scheduled for August 2021. Work has now commenced on the annual update with the updated business case scheduled for consideration by the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (hereafter referred to as "Economic Ambition Board" or "the Board") in September. |
| Delivery Pipeline | Yellow | The timetable for development of project business cases has slipped with a number of projects now forecasting delays of 3-6 months. This is primarily due to the business case development process, assurance and approvals process taking longer than originally forecast and is not considered a significant risk to the delivery of the Growth Deal. The Portfolio Management Office has put in place a robust assurance process to ensure business cases are of the required standard and as a result the improved quality of business cases will benefit the region in the longer term providing greater certainty on costs and benefits. |
| Governance | Green | The Portfolio, Programme and Project Management Framework is now established with the Portfolio Board and five Programme Boards in operation. Governance Agreement 2 was approved by all partners in December 2020. The Conflicts of Interest process has been rolled out to the Business Delivery Board, Portfolio Board and Programme Boards and is currently being rolled out to Project Boards. |
| Assurance | Green | The agreed assurance process between the NWEAB, UK Government and Welsh Government is working well. Three projects have now completed Gateway 2 reviews including the Morlais project, the Digital Signal Processing Centre project and the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub project. |
| Resource and Capacity | Yellow | Only two posts remain vacant in the Portfolio Management Office and these posts are currently being advertised (July 2021). While capacity within the Portfolio Management Office has been significantly improved, the capacity of the wider NWEAB partnership to support the various programmes and projects is area of concern due to the volume of work associated with the Growth Deal. |
| Finance | Green | The Grant Offer Letter has been received and signed and the first tranche of funding (£16million) was received in March 2021. As no projects have reached Full Business Case stage yet, the only expenditure to date relates to the drawdown against the 1.5% allocation for Portfolio Management Office costs. The Portfolio Management Office is working with UK Government and Welsh Government to understand the implications of the announcement made by UK Government Treasury in the autumn budget statement that they are accelerating funding for the North Wales Growth Deal over 10 rather than 15 years. |
| Risk | Yellow | The overall risk profile of the Growth Deal is stable, however the risk on affordability has increased as construction costs have increased significantly in recent months. This is impacting on other City and Growth Deals and is being kept under review. There remain some significant risks associated with a couple of individual projects and securing the required private sector investment in the Growth Deal. |
| Monitoring and Evaluation | Yellow | A revised Monitoring and Evaluation Plan will be submitted to UK Government and Welsh Government as part of the annual update of the portfolio business case and in line with the updated Benefits Realisation Plan. |
| Communication and Engagement | Green | Work continues on the development of a new brand and website with our digital creative agency partner Tinit. A new strategic communications partner, Ateb Cymru has been appointed to support the work of the Economic Ambition Board. |

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Digital Programme:

| Programme Aim | Job Creation Target | GVA Investment Target | Total Investment Target |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 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. | 380 | £158m | £41.7m |

| RAG Status | Programme Manager Commentary |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resources to support the Digital Programme are now in place with a Digital Project Manager and a Digital Project Officer in post. An Outline Business Cases has been prepared for the Digital Signal Processing Centre, with a Gateway Review undertaken this quarter with outcome of Amber-Green (second highest rating of assurance). Project Boards are now in place for three projects with the remaining two to be established in Quarter 2 and Quarter 3. Delivery of Outline business cases for Last Few % and Connected Corridors projects has been slightly delayed. The Connected Corridors project board identified a requirement to undertaking further scoping work on the project to support the development of the business case. Last few % project Outline Business Case will now be completed when outcome of recently announced Welsh Government 'Open Market Review' of broadband deployment is available in Quarter 3. |



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Lead Member



Steve Bayley
Senior Responsible Owner



Stuart Whitfield
Programme Manager

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| Project (Project Sponsor) | Project Stage | Key Milestones (this quarter) | Key Milestones (next quarter) | RAG Status | RAG rationale |
|---|---------------------------------------|---|---|------------|---|
| Digital Signalling Processing Centre Bangor University | Outline Business Case ready | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway Review completed Business Delivery Board, Programme Board reviews completed Portfolio Management Office review of the business case completed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the approval process: NWEAB consideration of the OBC in July. Initiation of first phase of procurement Full Business Case development | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Extensive review of OBC has refined the plan for the project and a clearer procurement route has been identified. No issues affecting completion of Full Business Case as scheduled. |
| Connecting the last few % North Wales Economic Ambition Board | Developing the Outline Business Case | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A range of commercial and technical options have been identified Project board membership increased and broadened with new members from private and third sector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline Business Case drafted Gateway Review Programme Board and Business Delivery Board reviews Appoint Deputy Senior Responsible Owner | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay to business case development due to need to assess outcome of WG Open Market review in Q2 |
| Connected Corridor North Wales Economic Ambition Board | Developing the Strategic Outline Case | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of a Scoping Study to refine Strategic Outline Case Deputy project Senior Responsible Owner appointed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline Business Case drafted Programme Board and Business Delivery Board reviews | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delay to business case development due to need to conduct further scoping work for Strategic Outline Case |
| Full Fibre at Key Sites North Wales Economic Ambition Board | Developing the Strategic Outline Case | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish the project board and appoint Senior Responsible Owner Develop Strategic Outline Case | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case development pushed back to allow programme capacity to focus on initial two projects |
| Connected Campuses North Wales Economic Ambition Board | Developing the Strategic Outline Case | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not applicable | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish the project board and appoint Senior Responsible Owner Develop Strategic Outline Case | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case development pushed back to allow programme capacity to focus on initial two projects |

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Low Carbon Energy Programme:

| Programme Aim | Job Creation Target | GVA Investment Target | Total Investment Target |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 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. | 980 | £530m | £668.5m |

| RAG Status | Programme Manager Commentary |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good progress made in establishing project governance arrangements across the programme. • Morlais Full Business Case under development following approval of the Outline Business Case. Full Business Case assurance and review schedule agreed with Menter Mon with funding decision scheduled from the NWEAB on 10th December • Low Carbon Energy Centre of Excellence Outline Business Case under development and running 3-6 months behind schedule • Development of Smart Local Energy Project Strategic Outline Case on track with consultant support successfully procured • Transport Decarbonisation Strategic Outline Case drafted with slight delays to Outline Business Case delivery expected as the Project Board to progress discussions regarding coordination between Holyhead and Deeside Hubs and the role of hydrogen in supporting regional decarbonisation. |



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| Project (Project Sponsor) | Project Stage | Key Milestones (this quarter) | Key Milestones (next quarter) | RAG Status | RAG rationale |
|---|--|--|--|------------|--|
| Morlais Menter Môn | Project is developing the Full Business Case (FBC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline Business Case (OBC) approved by the NWEAB on the 14th May and assurance process subsequently approved by Welsh Government Good progress made in addressing the recommendations from the gateway review Supply chain and skills working groups established Berth reallocation process completed with seven turbine developers assigned berths in the demonstration zone | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop Full Business Case (FBC) Prepare funding agreement and draft contract Project consent decisions expected in October 2021 Menter Môn to complete procurement of civils and drilling contractors | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3-6 months behind baseline schedule Key risks & issues associated with consenting and Government revenue support mechanisms for tidal energy being managed by project board |
| Transport Decarbonisation North Wales Economic Ambition Board | Project is developing the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) and Project Manager in place. Inaugural Project Board meeting scheduled for July Draft Deeside Hydrogen Hub Strategic Outline Case produced by Jacobs Discussions with Menter Môn and Welsh & UK Government regarding potential coordination between Holyhead and Deeside projects Draft report into wider regional opportunities resulting from the development of hydrogen hubs developed by Element Energy. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inaugural meeting of the Project Board in July Project Board to consider coordination between Holyhead and Deeside Hubs and the role of hydrogen in supporting regional decarbonisation Project Board to oversee completion of the Strategic Outline Case and progression of the Outline Business Case | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-3 months behind baseline schedule for Outline Business Case development Strategic decisions required from project board regarding the integration / coordination between proposed hydrogen hubs |

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| Low Carbon Centre of Excellence Bangor University | Project is developing the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of Outline Business Case progressing Internal workshops held to develop the scope of the project and the project risk register Plans in place to establish an industrial advisory board to support project delivery | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continue Outline Business Case development process including business case workshops Arrange Gateway 2 Review and confirm Outline Business Case delivery schedule | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1-3 months behind baseline schedule for Outline Business Case development Project delivery schedule to be developed (eg. consenting, procurement & construction) |
| Smart Local Energy North Wales Economic Ambition Board | Project is developing the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Senior Responsible Owner (SRO) appointed and Project Board established. Stakeholder analysis and risk workshops delivered. Strategic case drafted. Consultant appointed to assist with the economic case. Community Renewal Fund applications for feasibility studies into smart energy systems submitted via Isle of Anglesey, Denbighshire, Wrexham and Gwynedd Councils. Draft Pen Llyn Multi vector study report received from Aquatera | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of draft Strategic Outline Case and if necessary, schedule Gateway 1 Review Share finalised Pen Llyn Multi vector study with key stakeholders and plan next steps based on report recommendations. Commence delivery of Community Renewal Fund projects (if successful) | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project on track with no significant risks / issues |
| Trawsfynydd Power Station Cwmni Eginio | Project business case process expected to commence in 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment of Cwmni Eginio announced by Welsh Government 1st October 2020. Company was incorporated and registered in June 2021 Economic impact assessment of siting of a Small or Advanced Modular Reactor at Trawsfynydd completed Portfolio Management Office representative attending the Welsh Government Trawsfynydd Programme Board | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appointment of Cwmni Eginio CEO and the development of project work plan Engagement between Cwmni Eginio and Portfolio Management Office regarding project business case development schedule and objectives for Growth Deal funding Benefits Realisation workshops | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project on track against indicative high-level schedule agreed with Welsh Government Delays in appointing Cwmni Eginio personnel could impact development of project business case |

Land and Property Programme:

| Programme Aim | Job Creation Target | GVA Investment Target | Total Investment Target |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 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. | 2,280 | £1.29bn | £355.4m |

| RAG Status | Programme Manager Commentary |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Economic Ambition Board’s position statement on reductions in operational and embodied carbon and bio-diversity enhancement is being assessed for the impact on projects. • A Project Board is in the course of being established for the Western Gateway, Wrexham with Wrexham Borough Council and Welsh Government Highways. • Warren Hall, Broughton will require a revised Statement of Common Ground for submission into the Local Development Plan Examination in Public. • A project team is being established to assess whether the Key Strategic Site, Bodelwyddan is viable and deliverable in light of possible changes to the Local Development Plan policy for the site. • The draft Outline Business Case for the former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh is in the process of being drafted. • Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor project is to be developed by the Portfolio Management Office in line with the Economic Ambition Board’s position on climate change and biodiversity. • A team of officers to develop the linked business case for the land reclamation and the breakwater refurbishment at Holyhead harbour is being established. |



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| Western Gateway, Wrexham North Wales Economic Ambition Board | Project is developing the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Team evolving into a formal Project Board. Welsh Government (WG) A483 Junction Improvement Project Director included in the team. Development dependencies, issues, constraints and indicative timelines assessed. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint a Senior Responsible Owner (SRO). Project Board established and membership strengthened. Agree outline programme of works. Identify revenue funding sources to support development. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Local Development Plan adoption scheduled for late 2021 and the A483 junction upgrade programme will dictate timescales for project delivery. |
| Warren Hall, Broughton North Wales Economic Ambition Board | Project is developing the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Local Development Plan (LDP) Examination in Public (EiP) commenced Airbus' Hawarden Airfield Safety Case raised in the EiP. Dialogue with Airbus, Welsh Government, Flintshire Council and Portfolio Management Office is ongoing on impact of safety case onto the proposed development. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Airbus' Hawarden Airfield Safety case impact finalised. Revised Statement of Common Grounds submitted to the Examination in Public | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Local Development Plan Adoption timescale is scheduled for late 2021. |
| Key Strategic Site Bodelwyddan North Wales Economic Ambition Board | Project is developing the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline planning consent lapsed in March 2021 and the developer withdrew from the project. Dialogue with Local Planning Authority for the scope of the possible project allowing for the evidence being collected for Local Development Plan review | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meetings to review project in light of probable change in Local Development Plan policy. Review development assumptions and indicative costs to assess deliverability/ viability. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Local Development Plan policy to be reviewed by 2023 and new policy adopted. Scope of project likely to be substantially changed. Development viability a concern |

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| Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh North Wales Economic Ambition Board | Project is developing the Outline Business Case (OBC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outline Project Business Case is being drafted Green Recovery Initiative Funding secured to provide additional substation on site Heads of Terms for intervention funding in negotiation. Planning application biodiversity case being finalised by development partner. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning application considered at Planning Committee Draft Outline business case issued. Business case development workshops completed and Gateway 2 Review scheduled. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Uncertainty on development cost and level of site contamination. Planning consents, phasing, S106 agreement, funding, business case, transfer of title to be approved. |
| Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor North Wales Economic Ambition Board | Project is developing the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed development by private sector for advance employment premises considered but did not meet board's aspirations on climate change and biodiversity. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agree with Welsh Government the scope of a project for the delivery of a new low carbon employment premises to meet the board's position statement on low carbon. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Delivery of original scope of will be subject to availability of sufficient funding and agreeing a specification for a low carbon employment unit. |
| Holyhead Gateway Stena Line | Project is developing the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A draft outline business case for the breakwater refurbishment is being developed. A team of officers to develop a business case to take forward funding options to deliver both the land reclamation and the breakwater safeguarding including Stena, Welsh Government, Isle of Anglesey County Council and the Portfolio Management Office. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop the Strategic Outline Case for the investment into the port for both land reclamation and the breakwater refurbishment. Scope out funding options to deliver the linked breakwater and land reclamation. Consenting process for the breakwater refurbishment to commence. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding to deliver the scope of the project is substantial. Business case to justify investment and deliver outputs Robust commercial case is subject to many dependencies. |

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Agrifood and Tourism Programme:

| Programme Aim | Job Creation Target | GVA Investment Target | Total Investment Target |
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| To build a more sustainable, vibrant and resilient foundation economy in the region, optimising opportunities for employment and prosperity through our environment and landscape. | 380 | £281m | £41.3m |

| RAG Status | Programme Manager Commentary |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project managers in place for the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub, Llysfasi Net Zero Farm and the Tourism Talent Network Workshops completed for the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub and underway for the Llysfasi Net Zero Farm Outline business case drafted for the Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub and underway for the Llysfasi Net Zero Farm The Whole System Business Research & Innovation for Decarbonisation (WBRID) business innovation competition with Coleg Cambria Llysfasi has provided a solid foundation for the Net Zero Farm project. Progress on match funding bids in support of the Tourism Talent Network through the Welsh Government 21st Century Schools programme and the UK Community Renewal Fund. |



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Lead Member



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Senior Responsible Owner



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| Project (Project Sponsor) | Project Stage | Key Milestones (this quarter) | Key Milestones (next quarter) | RAG Status | RAG rationale |
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| Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub Grŵp Llandrillo Menai | Outline Business Case (OBC) ready for Economic Ambition Board decision | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft Outline Business Case reviewed by Portfolio Management Office and Business Delivery Board Gateway 2 review completed with Amber rating due to project needing to secure planning permission. Commitment secured from Grŵp Llandrillo Menai to invest in the enabling Infrastructure and Ecology Analysis to mitigate the planning risk. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete the approval process – Economic Ambition Board consideration of the Outline Business Case in July 2021. Identification of ‘preferred location and access’ from options appraisal. In principle views on preferred location and access option. Intermediate outcomes of ongoing environmental reports | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case development is running behind original schedule. Planning permission to be secured. |
| Llysfasi Net Zero Farm Coleg Cambria | Project is developing the Outline Business Case (OBC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Manager appointed and trained in Better Business Case approach Stakeholder engagement and business case workshops | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deliver business case workshops Draft Outline Business Case Prepare for Gateway 2 review and approval process | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case development is running behind original schedule. No other issues. |
| Tourism Talent Network Grŵp Llandrillo Menai | Project is developing the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Collaborative presentation to UK Government Minister with business leaders Precursor UK Community Renewal Fund bid submitted for Innovation Spoke in Llandudno and project enabling resources Project Manager appointed | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COVID-related review of ‘spoke’ element with view to expanding partners 21st Century Schools bid under development for Hub element | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Private sector role needs development given COVID sector pressures Multiple related bids being managed for success |

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- Delivery significantly behind schedule and/or significant issues to address (urgent action required)

Innovation in High Value Manufacturing Programme:

| Programme Aim | Job Creation Target | GVA Investment Target | Total Investment Target |
|--|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 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. | 180 | £114m | £39.5m |

| RAG Status | Programme Manager Commentary |
|------------|--|
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project managers in place for the Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre and Centre for Environmental Biotechnology Business case development workshops completed for the Glyndwr Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre and underway for the Bangor Centre for Environmental Biotechnology Outline business case drafted for the Glyndwr Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre, pending reviews and approval The Bangor Centre for Environmental Biotechnology project is working on refining project scope in line with emerging regional and national biotechnology priorities. |



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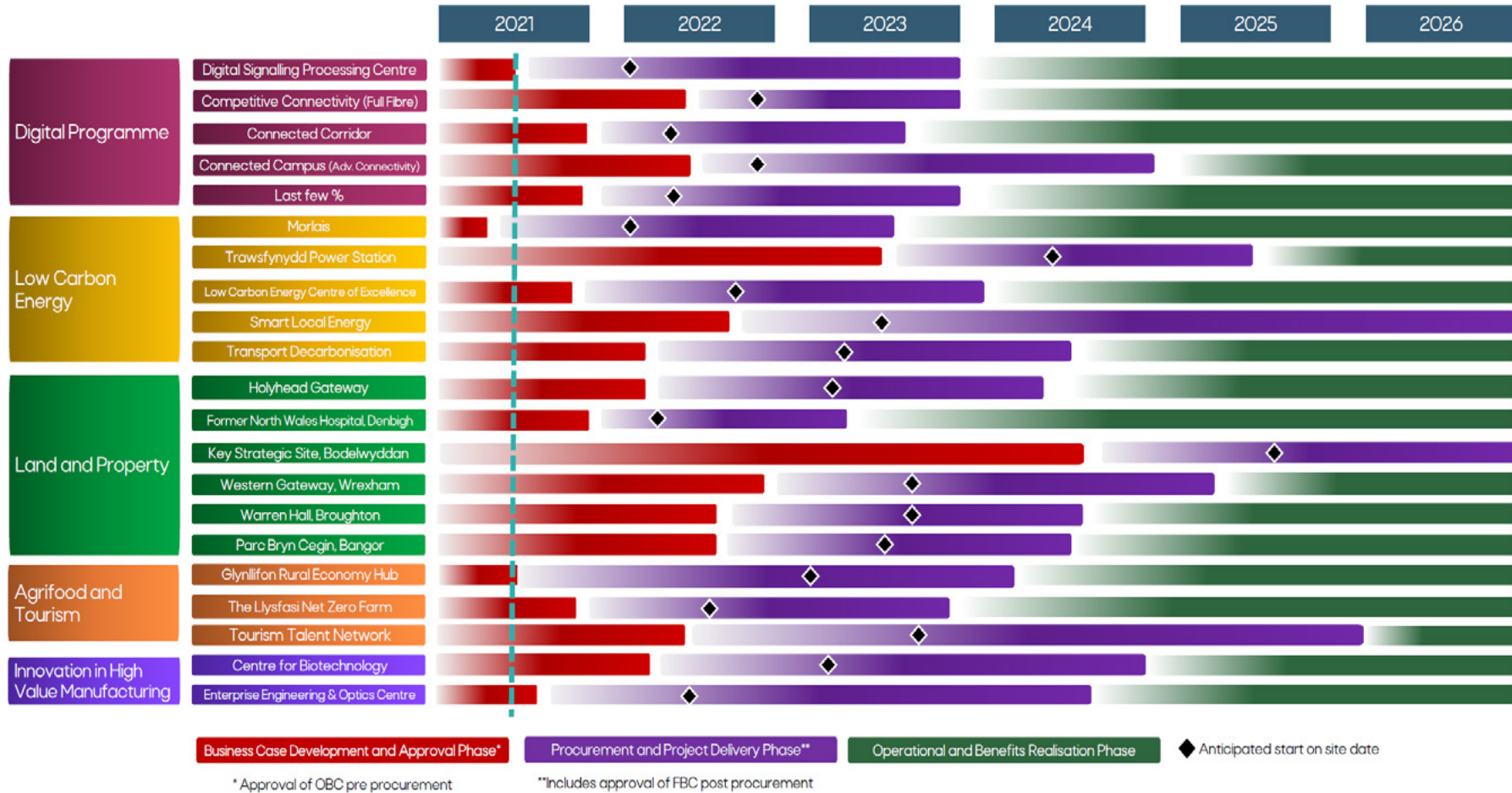


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| Project (Project Sponsor) | Project Stage | Key Milestones (this quarter) | Key Milestones (next quarter) | RAG Status | RAG rationale |
|---|--|--|--|---------------|---|
| Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre Glyndwr University | Project is developing the Outline Business Case (OBC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case workshops completed Draft Outline Business Case reviewed by Portfolio Management Office Gateway 2 Review planning and preparations complete | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gateway 2 Review Final Outline Business Case review by Portfolio Management Office Complete the approval process - Economic Ambition Board consideration of the Outline Business Case in September 2021. | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business case development is running behind original schedule. Risk register under development |
| Centre for Environmental Biotechnology Bangor University | Project is developing the Strategic Outline Case (SOC) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project Board in place and meeting regularly Workshop 1 completed effectively On-going internal discussions to narrow project scope in line with emerging regional/national biotechnology priorities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued stakeholder engagement Draft Strategic Outline Case Prepare for Gateway 1 review Deliver business case workshops | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project board actively engaged and Project Manager driving project development Further work required to define project scope, leading to minor delay |

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| | | Portfolio Business Case 2020 Targets | | | Approved Project Business Case Targets | | | | Difference | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------|------------------------|--|-----------|--------------|------------------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|
| | | GVA (£M) | Jobs Created | (£M) Total Investment* | OBC/FBC** | GVA (£M) | Jobs Created | (£M) Total Investment* | GVA (£M) | Jobs Created | (£M) Total Investment* |
| Digital | Digital Signal Processing Centre (DSP) | 50 | 80 | 73 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Connecting the last few % | 35 | 150 | 4 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Connected Corridor | 25 | 0 | 2.2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Full fibre at Key Sites | 20 | 120 | 7.2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Connected Campuses | 35 | 0 | 21 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Low Carbon Energy | Morlais | 50 | 100 | 36 | OBC | 79 | 210 | 34 | +29 | +110 | - 2 |
| | Transport Decarbonisation | 60 | 90 | 28.6 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Low Carbon Energy Centre of Excellence | 20 | 20 | 97.7 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Smart Local Energy | 120 | 180 | 106.2 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Trawsfynydd Power Station | 230 | 510 | 400 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Land and Property | Western Gateway, Wrexham | 220 | 360 | 43.4 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Warren Hall, Broughton | 235 | 440 | 70 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Key Strategic Site, Bodelwyddan | 125 | 250 | 82 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh | 20 | 50 | 74 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor | 30 | 50 | 6 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Holyhead Gateway | 545 | 930 | 80 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Agrifood and Tourism | Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub | 25 | 40 | 13 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Llysfasi Net Zero Farm | 215 | 310 | 15.4 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Tourism Talent Network | 20 | 0 | 12.9 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Innovation in High Value Manufacturing | Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre | 45 | 70 | 29.9 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| | Centre for Environmental Biotechnology | 60 | 90 | 9.6 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Growth Deal Portfolio Total | | 2,185 | 3,830 | 1,146 | 1 OBC | 79 | 210 | 34 | +29 | +110 | - 2 |

* Total investment includes 1.5% Portfolio Management Office costs

** OBC - Outline Business Case, FBC - Full Business Case

| Programme | Project | Project Sponsor | 2012/22 £m | 2022/23 £m | 2023/34 £m | 2024/25 £m | 2025/26 £m | Total £m |
|---|--|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Digital | Digital Signal Processing Centre | Bangor University | 1.72 | 0.99 | 0.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.96 |
| | Connecting the Last Few % | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.99 | 2.95 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 3.94 |
| | Connected Corridor | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.99 | 1.18 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.17 |
| | Full Fibre at Key Sites | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.00 | 3.45 | 3.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6.70 |
| | Connected Campuses | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.00 | 3.94 | 5.90 | 5.91 | 4.93 | 20.68 |
| Low Carbon Energy | Morlais | Menter Môn | 2.46 | 4.93 | 1.48 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8.87 |
| | Transport Decarbonisation | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 1.97 | 3.94 | 7.88 | 7.88 | 4.93 | 11.23 |
| | Low Carbon Energy Centre of Excellence | Bangor University | 0.00 | 4.74 | 6.71 | 5.23 | 4.00 | 20.68 |
| | Smart Local Energy | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.00 | 3.94 | 7.88 | 7.88 | 4.93 | 24.63 |
| | Trawsfynydd Power Station | Cwmni Eginio | 0.00 | 4.92 | 9.85 | 4.93 | 0.00 | 19.70 |
| Land and Property | Western Gateway, Wrexham | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.00 | 4.03 | 4.93 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8.96 |
| | Warren Hall, Broughton | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.00 | 0.49 | 0.99 | 5.91 | 7.38 | 14.77 |
| | Key Strategic Site, Bodelwyddan | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.49 | 0.99 | 5.41 | 2.96 | 0.00 | 9.85 |
| | Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.99 | 0.99 | 0.98 | 0.98 | 0.00 | 3.94 |
| | Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.25 | 2.7 | 2.96 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 5.91 |
| | Holyhead Gateway | Stenaline | 0.00 | 11.331 | 13.78 | 9.36 | 0.00 | 34.47 |
| Agrifood and Tourism | Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub | Grŵp Llandrillo Menai | 0.49 | 4.68 | 4.68 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9.85 |
| | Llysfasi Net Zero Farm | Coleg Cambria | 0.00 | 4.92 | 4.68 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9.85 |
| | Tourism Talent Network | Grŵp Llandrillo Menai | 0.00 | 1.48 | 1.48 | 1.47 | 0.00 | 4.43 |
| Innovation in High Value Manufacturing | Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre | Glyndwr University | 8.28 | 1.57 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 9.85 |
| | Centre for Environmental Biotechnology | Bangor University | 0.00 | 1.48 | 1.48 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2.96 |
| Portfolio Management Office Costs (1.5%) | | | | | | | | 3.60 |
| Total | | | | | | | | 240.00 |

| Programme | Project | Project Sponsor | Profile 21/22 (£m) | Actual YTD (£m) | Variance (£m)* | Rationale |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|----------------|---|
| Digital | Digital Signal Processing Centre | Bangor University | 1.72 | 0.00 | -1.72 | No Full Business Cases have been approved: expenditure needs to be updated in line with revised timescales. |
| | Connecting the Last Few % | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.99 | 0.00 | -0.99 | |
| | Connected Corridor | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.99 | 0.00 | -0.99 | |
| | Full Fibre at Key Sites | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | Connected Campuses | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Low Carbon Energy | Morlais | Menter Môn | 2.46 | 0.00 | -2.46 | No Full Business Cases have been approved: expenditure needs to be updated in line with revised timescales. |
| | Transport Decarbonisation | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 1.97 | 0.00 | -1.97 | |
| | Low Carbon Energy Centre of Excellence | Bangor University | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | Smart Local Energy | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | Trawsfynydd Power Station | Cwmni Eginio | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Land and Property | Western Gateway, Wrexham | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | No Full Business Cases have been approved: expenditure needs to be updated in line with revised timescales. |
| | Warren Hall, Broughton | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | Key Strategic Site, Bodelwyddan | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.49 | 0.00 | -0.49 | |
| | Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.99 | 0.00 | -0.99 | |
| | Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor | North Wales Economic Ambition Board | 0.25 | 0.00 | -0.25 | |
| | Holyhead Gateway | Stenaline | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Agrifood and Tourism | Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub | Grŵp Llandrillo Menai | 0.49 | 0.00 | -0.49 | No Full Business Cases have been approved: expenditure needs to be updated in line with revised timescales. |
| | Llysfasi Net Zero Farm | Coleg Cambria | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| | Tourism Talent Network | Grwp Llandrillo Menai | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Innovation in High Value Manufacturing | Enterprise Engineering and Optics Centre | Glyndwr University | 8.28 | 0.00 | -8.28 | No Full Business Cases have been approved: expenditure needs to be updated in line with revised timescales. |
| | Centre for Environmental Biotechnology | Bangor University | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | |
| Portfolio Management Office Costs (1.5%) | | | 0.384 | 0.058 | -0.326 | Expenditure in line with budget |
| Total | | | 19.014 | 0.058 | -18.956 | See above |

* Variance is the difference between the planned profile and the Actual Year to Date (YTD) expenditure. YTD figures up to end of June 2021.

| Programme | 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. |
| | Connecting the last few % | Economic Ambition Board | The project will accelerate the development of infrastructure for 19 key regional economic sites. |
| | Connected Corridor | Economic Ambition Board | This project targets universal superfast coverage across North Wales, which have yet to be served by other means and cannot obtain speeds of at least 30Mbps (download). |
| | Full Fibre at key sites | Economic Ambition Board | This project will deliver full fibre connectivity (gigabit capable) to 28 key business sites across North Wales. |
| | Connected Campuses | Economic Ambition Board | To introduce high bandwidth mobile coverage on transport networks (road & rail) with deployment in step with or in advance of UK Government 2027 target for 5G coverage. Delivery of coverage to include A55, A483 and A5. |
| Low Carbon Energy | Morlais | Menter Môn | Investing in the infrastructure that connects the Morlais Zone with the electricity grid system, and preparing the site for private sector developers who will lease parts of the zone for deploying their tidal energy technologies. |
| | Transport Decarbonisation | Economic Ambition Board | Support delivery of a demonstrator project involving the production of green hydrogen from low carbon energy sources and its use within regional transport networks. |
| | Low Carbon Energy Centre of Excellence | 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 | Economic Ambition Board | 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. |
| | Trawsfynydd Power Station | Cwmni Eginio | The site is uniquely placed for a 'First of A Kind' deployment of a Small Modular Reactor (SMR) or Advanced Modular Reactor (AMR). Alongside the public and private sector the Growth Deal will contribute funding towards enabling infrastructure for this development. |

| Programme | Project | Sponsor | Summary |
|--|--|-------------------------|---|
| Land and Property | Western Gateway, Wrexham | Economic Ambition Board | Delivery of primary services to enable the site to be brought to the market for sale and development. |
| | Warren Hall, Broughton | Economic Ambition Board | Delivery of primary services to enable the 65-hectare mixed use site to be bought to the market for sale and then development by the private sector. |
| | Key Strategic Site, Bodelwyddan | Economic Ambition Board | Delivery of primary services to enable the mixed-use commercial and residential development site to be brought to the market for development. |
| | Parc Bryn Cegin, Bangor | Economic Ambition Board | Provide industrial floor space to meet known demand for units. |
| | Former North Wales Hospital, Denbigh | Economic Ambition Board | 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 |
| | Holyhead Gateway | Stena Line | Future proof the Holyhead Port by providing new deep-water heavy loading and cruise facilities, improved vehicular access, guaranteeing the future of the breakwater and providing for the demands of regional energy projects. |
| Agrifood 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. |
| | Llysfasi Net Zero Farm | Coleg Cambria | The Llysfasi Net Zero Farm aims to lead North Wales to a resilient future where carbon neutral land management is at the centre of a developing renewable energy sector supporting a sustainable, thriving and healthy community covering the rural/urban mix of the region. |
| | 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. |
| 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 | Glyndwr 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 (SME's) and large businesses to work in partnership with Wrexham Glyndwr University on commercially driven research and development in optics, composites and hydrogen fuel cells. |