

Policy Forum for Wales Keynote Seminar: Delivering the Growth Deal for North Wales

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 24th January 2019

Venue: North Wales

Draft agenda subject to change

- 8.30 - 9.00 Registration and coffee
- 9.00 - 9.05 **Chair's opening remarks**
Mark Isherwood AM, Shadow Minister for North Wales and Local Government and Social Justice, Equality and Housing
- 9.05 - 9.35 **Next steps for growth in North Wales: the Welsh Government perspective**
Ken Skates AM, Cabinet Secretary for Economy and Transport, Welsh Government
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 - 9.45 **Meeting the skills needs to support local growth**
Professor Jo Rycroft-Malone, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research & Impact), Bangor University
- 9.45 - 10.35 **A vision for growth: supporting key sectors and future commercial priorities**
Iwan Trefor Jones, Corporate Director, Gwynedd Council and Lead Director, North Wales EAB
Sasha Davies, Head of Strategic Development Wales, Horizon Nuclear Power
Rhian Elston, Investment Director, Development Bank of Wales
Senior speaker confirmed from **Mersey Dee Alliance**
Questions and comments from the floor with **Professor Jo Rycroft-Malone**, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Research & Impact), Bangor University
- 10.35 - 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Mark Isherwood AM, Shadow Minister for North Wales and Local Government and Social Justice, Equality and Housing
- 10.40 - 11.10 Coffee
- 11.10 - 11.15 **Chair's opening remarks**
Ian Lucas MP
- 11.15 - 11.25 **Priorities for implementing the Growth Deal**
Councillor Aaron Shotton, Chair, North Wales Leaders Group for Economic Growth and Leader, Flintshire County Council
- 11.25 - 12.25 **Developing the infrastructure to support growth: next steps for transport, digital connectivity and inward investment**
James Price, Chief Executive Officer, Transport for Wales
Professor Stuart Cole, Emeritus Professor of Transport, University of South Wales
Alwen Williams, Director Wales/Cyfarwyddwraig Cymru, BT Group
Henry Dixon, Chairman, North Wales Tidal Energy
Nigel Wilcock, Executive Director, Institute of Economic Development
Questions and comments from the floor with **Councillor Aaron Shotton**, Chair, North Wales Leaders Group for Economic Growth and Leader, Flintshire County Council
- 12.25 - 12.55 **The future for the North Wales Growth strategy**
Senior speaker to be announced
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Ian Lucas MP
Peter van Gelder, Director, Policy Forum for Wales



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