

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
Senior speaker confirmed from **Mersey Dee Alliance**
Senior representative, nuclear project
Senior representative, investment
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**
Senior Assembly Member
- 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
Senior representative, industry
Senior representative, investment
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 Parliamentarian
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 - 13.00 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Wales closing remarks**
Senior Assembly Member
Peter van Gelder, Director, Policy Forum for Wales