

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

Timing: Morning, Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019

Venue: North Wales

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- 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**  
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  
**Henry Dixon**, Chairman, North Wales Tidal Energy  
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**  
**Stuart Andrew MP**, UK Government Minister for Wales  
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



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