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Growth Track 360 welcomes breakthrough on rail services to Manchester and urges Chancellor to invest £20 million in improving vital railways linking North Wales, Cheshire, Wirral and Liverpool

Business and local authority leaders from North Wales, the Wirral and Cheshire West and Chester in the Growth Track 360 partnership have welcomed the agreement between Transport for the North (TfN) and the UK Government on a new and improved rail timetable for Manchester from December 2022 which will see direct trains continuing to connect Manchester Airport with North Wales, Chester and Liverpool.

Growth Track 360 Vice Chair and Leader of Flintshire Council, Councillor Ian Roberts, said:

"Growth Track 360 responded vigorously in March to the consultation on future rail services to and from Manchester and, in particular, its airport which is the key aviation gateway for North Wales and Cheshire. We are delighted with the news of the progress being made and will continue to engage with all parties as the final train timetable is refined.

"GT360 will work with Transport for the North to seek the infrastructure investments that will enable improved rail access to central Manchester and the Airport for all parts of the North including North Wales and the Mersey Dee cross border area."

Growth Track 360 Business Representative, Ashley Rogers, Commercial Director of the North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council said:

"The welcome news on progress with rail access to Manchester serves to highlight the need for major improvements to rail capacity in our region to enhance the speed, frequency and reliability of trains. This is why Growth Track 360 has made a renewed call to the Chancellor of the Exchequer for a 3-year, £20 million development fund with which to make rapid and tangible progress on three key rail projects:

1. *Wrexham to Liverpool Transformation: Twenty-First Century Travel in a Corridor of World Class Industries;*

2. *North Wales Coast Mainline: Developing Low Carbon Energy and Expanding Overseas and British Tourism Sustainably in an Area of Extraordinary Beauty; and*

3. *Chester Station Modernisation: A Millennial Gateway for a City of Millennia."*

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Notes for Editors:

1. Growth Track 360 is a public-private partnership established in 2016 uniting North Wales, the Wirral and Cheshire West and Chester. Its goal is improving cross-border transport connectivity with specific emphasis on rail.

2. Growth Track 360 works closely with key stakeholders, their policies and objectives including the Welsh Government, Transport for the North, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, Mersey Dee Alliance, North Wales Economic Ambition Board, Transport for Wales, the West and Wales Transport Forum and the private sector.

3. The news release from TfN on rail services in Manchester may be viewed here: https://transportforthenorth.com/press-release/high-performing-rail-timetable-announced-for-manchester/.

4. The Chancellor of the Exchequer will announce the results of his Spending Review in the House of Commons on 27 October 2021. The full submission from Growth Track 360 may be viewed here: https://cogitamus.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/300921-Growth-Track-360-CSR-Submission.pdf

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Datganiad Newyddion

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I'w ddefnyddio ar unwaith

Mae Growth Track 360 yn croesawu'r datblygiadau ar wasanaethau trenau i Fanceinion ac yn annog y Canghellor i fuddsoddi £20 miliwn i wella'r cysylltiad rheilffyrdd hanfodol rhwng Gogledd Cymru, Swydd Gaer, Cilgwri a Lerpwl

Mae arweinwyr busnesau ac awdurdodau lleol o Ogledd Cymru, Cilgwri, Gorllewin Swydd Gaer a Chaer yn y bartneriaeth Growth Track 360 wedi croesawu'r cytundeb rhwng Transport for the North (TfN) a Llywodraeth y DU ar amserlen reilffyrdd newydd a gwell ar gyfer Manceinion o fis Rhagfyr 2022 a fydd yn gweld trenau uniongyrchol yn parhau i gysylltu Maes Awyr Manceinion ag ardaloedd Gogledd Cymru, Caer a Lerpwl.

Meddai'r Cynghorydd Ian Roberts, Is-gadeirydd Growth Track 360 ac Arweinydd Cyngor Sir y Fflint:

"Ymatebodd Growth Track 360 yn frwd ym mis Mawrth i'r ymgynghoriad ar wasanaethau rheilffyrdd yn y dyfodol i Fanceinion ac yn ôl, yn enwedig i'w faes awyr, sy'n borth hedfan allweddol i ogledd Cymru a Swydd Gaer. Rydym wrth ein boddau gyda'r newyddion am y cynnydd sy'n cael ei wneud a byddwn yn parhau i ymgysylltu â'r holl bartïon perthnasol wrth i'r amserlen drenau derfynol gael ei mireinio.

“Bydd GT360 yn gweithio gyda Transport for the North i chwilio am y buddsoddiadau seilwaith a fydd yn galluogi mynediad gwell ar reilffyrdd i ganol Manceinion a'r Maes Awyr ar gyfer pob rhan o'r Gogledd gan gynnwys Gogledd Cymru ac ardal drawsffiniol Merswy Dyfrdwy.”

Meddai Ashley Rogers, Cyfarwyddwr Masnachol Cyngor Busnes Gogledd Cymru a Merswy Dyfrdwy:

“Mae'r newyddion calonogol am y gwelliannau i gysylltiadau trên i Fanceinion yn pwysleisio'r angen am welliannau mawr i gapasiti rheilffyrdd yn ein rhanbarth er mwyn gwella cyflymder, amlder a dibynadwyedd trenau. Dyma pam mae Growth Track 360 yn galw o'r newydd ar Ganghellor y Trysorlys am gronfa ddatblygu gwerth £20 miliwn dros dair blynedd i wneud cynnydd cyflym a chadarn ar dri phrosiect rheilffordd allweddol:

1. *Trawsnewid Wrecsam i Lerpwl: Cludiant yr unfed ganrif ar hugain ar hyd coridor o ddiwydiannau o'r radd flaenaf;*

2. *Prif linell Arfordir Gogledd Cymru: Datblygu ynni carbon isel ac ehangu diwydiant twristiaeth dramor a Phrydeinig yn gynaliadwy mewn ardal o harddwch naturiol eithriadol; a*

3. *Moderneiddio gorsaf Caer: Porth milflwyddol ar gyfer dinas milenia.”*

- DIWEDD -

Nodiadau i Olygyddion:

1. Partneriaeth gyhoeddus-breifat a sefydlwyd yn 2016 sy'n uno Gogledd Cymru, Cilgwri a Gorllewin Swydd Gaer a Chaer yw Growth Track 360. Ei nod yw gwella cysylltedd trafnidiaeth trawsffiniol gyda phwyslais penodol ar drenau.
2. Mae Growth Track 360 yn gweithio'n agos gyda rhanddeiliaid allweddol, eu polisïau a'u hamcanion gan gynnwys Llywodraeth Cymru, Transport for the North, Liverpool City Region Combined Authority, Cynghrair Mersi a'r Ddyfrdwy, Bwrdd Uchelgais Economaidd Gogledd Cymru, Trafnidiaeth Cymru, West and Wales Transport Forum a'r sector preifat.

3. Mae datganiad newyddion gan TfN ar wasanaethau rheilffyrdd ym Manceinion ar gael yma: https://transportforthenorth.com/press-release/high-performing-rail-timetable-announced-for-manchester/.

4. Bydd Canghellor y Trysorlys yn cyhoeddi canlyniadau ei Adolygiad o Wariant yn Nhŷ'r Cyffredin ar 27 Hydref 2021. Mae cyflwyniad llawn Growth Track 360 ar gael yma: https://cogitamus.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/300921-Growth-Track-360-CSR-Submission.pdf.

Dolenni cyswllt

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