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Annwyl Weinidogion,

We write to you in our collective role in leading the regional economic growth agenda as part of Growing Mid Wales to formally submit our proposition document for consideration, which formally sets out our ambition and vision for developing the Growth Deal in Mid Wales alongside attracting further critical investment in the region.

The document has received the endorsement of the Growing Mid Wales Board (Joint Committee) and has formal backing from both Local Authorities, the Economic Strategy Group and regional partners.

The document has been developed following extensive engagement across the region, and communicates the shared priorities and opportunities that were reflective of both the economic challenges and opportunities here in Mid Wales.

The Coronavirus pandemic has inevitably re-focused our priorities collectively in the short term as a society, with inevitable concerns and uncertainty about the future impacts on our communities and economy.

As Local Authorities, we are seeing the impact of the virus on the Mid Wales our first-hand on our people, businesses and communities. Collectively, we have responded flexibly and quickly to the task of mitigating the worst of the impacts locally through close co-operation and support from both Governments.

Whilst we are still very much responding to the pandemic as it unfolds, we are heartened by the response of the business community across the region to the crisis. From their ability to respond to urgent deployments of field hospitals, supply of equipment and responding to research and development challenges – we are proud that Mid Wales has and continues to play a strong role in battling the virus.

In the short term, we will continue to work quickly and flexibly with Government to ensure are businesses have the right tools and support to enable them to survive and adapt. We are also heartened by the optimism and confidence we have seen from

businesses about the future beyond the virus, as thoughts shift from crisis to opportunity - and what medium to long-term opportunities could instigate positive change in Mid Wales

Collectively, we have considered the document in light of the current circumstances and feel it is right to formally submit our broad proposals at this stage for detailed conversations with you on the next steps. Whilst the economic baseline outlined in the document has undoubtedly changed overnight, we strongly believe the approach we have set out is still valid in setting out a collaborative way of working that brings together regional partners together with Governments to work for the betterment of the Mid Wales economy.

We have invested the time and effort to establish the right governance and management arrangements to support our ambition and to have a clear mechanism by which we can identify and respond to issues quickly and decisively. Strong working relationships have been established and grown with a range of partners in the region, and sets Mid Wales on a strong footing to work with and alongside Government to lead and enable the economic recovery and growth of Mid Wales.

We understand that our office has been in touch in regards to seeking a formal meeting with you both in early June to discuss the next steps. We look forward to discuss this agenda further with you then.

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