



## Minutes

### Gadbrook Park AGM Meeting

**Meeting:** Gadbrook Park AGM  
**Date:** Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2026  
**Time:** 12:00pm  
**Location:** WR Partners

| Name                          | Company                   | Name                 | Company             |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Chris McLaughlin (CM) (Chair) | MIS Ltd                   | George Miller        | Mploy Solutions     |
| Julie Senior (JS)             | Npors                     | Paul Moloney         | Turnkey Instruments |
| Fran Johnson (FJ)             | WR Partners               | Tom Newman           | Butcher Barlow LLP  |
| Mike Roberts (MR)             | Frank Roberts & Sons Ltd  | Hayley Owen          | CWAC                |
| Tom Henderson (TH)            | Weaver Vale Housing Trust | Collette Murphy      | Careers Hub         |
| Gill Williams (GW)            | CWAC                      | Mark Henshaw         | CWAC                |
| Elliot Baron                  | Air IT                    | Jane Hough (JH)      | Groundwork CLM      |
| Warren Hamlin                 | JFM Workplace             | Adam Gerrard (AG)    | Groundwork CLM      |
| Jayne Carroll                 | Docan                     | Hugh Shields (HS)    | Groundwork CLM      |
| Andrew Close                  | TrinityBridge             | Stephanie Leese (SL) | Groundwork CLM      |

#### Apologies:

Mike Bracegirdle (MB) (Vice-Chair) - Butcher-Barlow LLP  
 Louise Blackham (LB) – RMG  
 Dave Brooks (DB) - Turnkey Instruments

| Agenda                                     | Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Actions |
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| <b>Welcome</b>                             | <p>CM welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped everyone was keeping well. CM thanked WR Partners for hosting the meeting.</p> <p>Apologies were received from LB, MB and DB.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |         |
| <b>Hayley Owen – CWAC<br/>- Devolution</b> | <p>HO presented on the Cheshire &amp; Warrington Combined Authority and the Mayoral elections and priorities. There will be a £650m investment over 30 years. Powers and Policy making will be brought to a local level to make decisions for local areas. Focus points will be transport, housing, skills, investment and growth and strategic regional planning. In March 2027 a Local Transport Authority will be created. The first Mayoral Election for Cheshire and Warrington will be held in May 2027. Until the Mayor is in place, certain aspects can't be devolved. The mayor will work with the three local authorities. There will be powers over transport, housing strategies, skills and business support and planning. An Independent Economic Review will be conducted looking at the region's economy which will inform the mayor's actions.</p> <p>MR – will the mayor have the responsibility of the Police and Crime Commissioner? - HO – the boundaries currently don't align. HO will find out. JH – there are two mayoral candidates at present.</p> |         |

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|                                                               | TH – are there any funding bids for housing retrofits? HO – not at present. No money will be spent until the mayor is in place but there will be lots of funding opportunities coming out.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |
| <b>What the BID has delivered over 25/26</b>                  | HS and SL outlined what the BID has delivered over 25/26 including Theme One - Safe & Secure, Theme Two – Business Support and Theme Three – Greener and Cleaner. SL outlined the finances for 25/26 with the total income and expenditure and the surplus remaining to go forward for 26/27. There were no questions on the finances or report.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |  |
| <b>Executive Board Ballot</b>                                 | Those present voted on the ballot to approve the executive board for another year. The board were unanimously voted in with 12 votes for and 0 against.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| <b>Colette Murphy – Cheshire &amp; Warrington Careers Hub</b> | CMu presented on the Cheshire & Warrington Careers Hub. The hub works across Cheshire & Warrington to make connections easier, more meaningful and more sustainable. CMu discussed what employers need and what needs to be solved. The Careers Hub helps match the need to the correct place. There is a support offer for businesses – the Open Access with toolkits, templates and guidance (this is an information service). Employer members network to support business priorities with careers education. Finding out the needs of businesses and finding out what skills are required and how this can be aligned with local schools. Cornerstones – by invitation is the third tier. Business feedback is that basic skills are lacking, such as communication, future talent recruitment and enticing people to do that work – looking for machine operators but people don't want to do this. There were no questions. CM thanked CMu for presenting. |  |
| <b>Mark Henshaw – CWAC Zero cost recruitment</b>              | MH introduced himself and the areas the scheme covers. Connect to Work helps people get in to work and is a form of employment support programme. This all zero cost to businesses. MH offered his support to any businesses who were in need.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |
| <b>AOB</b>                                                    | <p>Elliot Baron - Air IT – asked about the residential developments on the park. HS gave an update on Barclays and Article 4 regarding Permitted Development. AG – there is currently an occupier on a 9 year lease. Article 4 should hopefully stop any buildings being converted via permitted development. The owner is currently trying to sell.</p> <p>CM closed the meeting and thanked all for attending.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |