

Business Bulletin

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The South Wales and West Wales Chambers have now merged as a result of a unanimous decision at a West Wales extraordinary general meeting (EGM) - a historic moment in Welsh Chamber history.

The merger will create a stronger more vibrant Chamber of Commerce for South Wales, one that will have stronger representation throughout the region.

Businesses in South Wales will now have a powerful and effective business voice through the Chamber for the challenging environment we are working in – one that speaks to both the public and private sectors. There will be tangible benefits to local business supported at a regional and national level – creating an infrastructure for local business unlike any other organisation in Wales.

Over 100,000 employees and over 1000 businesses ranging from manufacturing, distribution, construction, accountants, IT, HR, and retail have amalgamated. A pan South Wales accredited chamber means a variety of new opportunities for our new and existing members.

In a letter to the president of the West Wales Chamber, Minister for Economy and Transport, Ieuan Wyn Jones welcomed the merge by saying: "...a new pan South Wales Chamber will bring considerable benefits to the membership, and so serve to strengthen and support the business community across the whole of the area.

"A larger, stronger organisation will have the ability to promote Welsh business more robustly both within the UK and internationally."

Graham Morgan, Director of the South Wales Chamber of Commerce, said:
“Having recently come on board as director it is fantastic we have had an opportunity to join forces with another chamber and be in a position to offer a wider variety of coordinated benefits to businesses.

“The union of the two chambers will provide businesses with contacts further afield and in turn strengthen welsh working and business relationships. As we move forward with a strategy to incorporate wider resources over a vast area we will ultimately help reinforce the Welsh economy.”