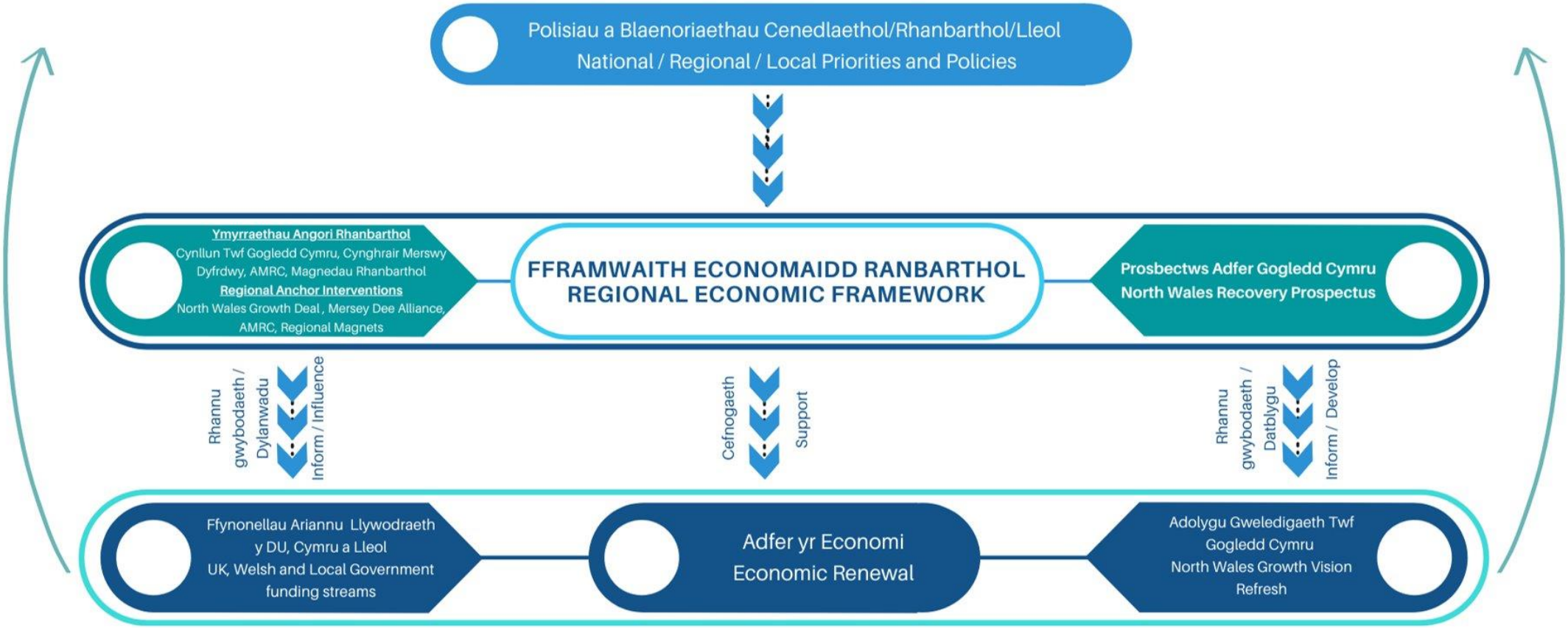Appendix 1 – The Regional Economic Framework in Context