



Tuag at Ragoriaeth
Towards Excellence



Meeting

GWE JOINT COMMITTEE

Date and Time

10.30 am, WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 2020

Location

Virtual Meeting

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GWE JOINT COMMITTEE

MEMBERSHIP OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE

Voting Members

Councillors

Councillor Julie Fallon	Conwy County Borough Council
Councillor Meirion Jones	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Councillor Huw Hilditch-Roberts	Denbighshire County Council
Councillor Ian Roberts	Flintshire County Council
Councillor Phil Wynn	Wrexham County Borough Council
Councillor Cemlyn Rees Williams	Gwynedd Council

Co-opted Non-voting Members

Rosalind Williams	Church of Wales
Claire Armitstead	Secondary School Representative
Richard Collet	Primary Schools Representative
Jonathan Morgan	Special Schools Representative
Alison Fisher	Governor Representative

Non-voting Officers

Dr Lowri Brown	Conwy County Borough Council
Claire Homard	Flintshire County Council
Garem Jackson	Gwynedd Council
Rhys Howard Hughes	Anglesey County Council
Karen Evans	Wrexham County Borough Council
Geraint Davies	Denbighshire County Council

Officers in Attendance

Dafydd L. Edwards	Host Authority
Sion Huws	Host Authority
Susan Owen Jones	GwE Business Manager
Annwen Morgan	Isle of Anglesey County Council
Arwyn Thomas	GwE Managing Director
Alwyn Jones	GwE Assistant Director
Gareth Williams	GwE Advisory Board Chairman

Observer

AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR

To elect a Chair for 2020/21.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

To elect a Vice-Chair for 2020/21.

3. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declaration of personal interest.

5. URGENT ITEMS

To note any items that are a matter of urgency in the view of the Chairman for consideration.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

5 - 12

(copy enclosed)

7. GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS : INTERNAL AUDIT

13 - 16

Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director, to present & request the approval of the Joint Committee with regard to internal audit arrangements.

8. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS

17 - 25

Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director, to share relevant audit reports conducted by the region's local authorities on the Pupil Development Grant & the Regional Consortia School Improvement Grant.

9. RISK REGISTER

26 - 29

Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director, to present the latest GwE Risk Register to the Joint Committee.

10. BUDGET - QUARTER 2 MONITORING

30 - 34

Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director and Dafydd L Edwards, Gwynedd Council Head of Finance to update Joint Committee members on the latest financial review of GwE's budget for the 2020/21 financial year.

11. ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

35 - 56

Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director, to present the self-assessment tool to members of the Joint Committee which will assist Local Authorities in assessing their readiness for implementing the reforms as outlined in the Draft Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Code for Wales.

12. INDEPENDENT REVIEW - QUALIFICATIONS 2020 57 - 98

Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director, to hold a discussion in the Joint Committee on the Independent Review of awarding Qualifications in Wales in 2020 following the Minister for Education's announcement on 10 November 2020.

13. BLENDED LEARNING RESOURCES 99 - 102

Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director, to share information with Joint Committee members regarding our strategy and the support available to schools to ensure continuity of learning.

14. WELLBEING REPORT 103 - 105

Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director, to share information with the Joint Committee members in relation to the regional approach in supporting the well-being of our children and our workforce.

15. ESTYN THEMATIC REVIEW 106 - 115

Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director, to update Joint Committee members in relation to the Estyn Thematic Review

16. SCHOOLS IN CATEGORY 116 - 119

Arwyn Thomas, GwE Managing Director, to update Joint Committee members on the current situation in relation to schools in Estyn Statutory Category and Estyn Review Category.