

**GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE
GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020)

30 June 2022

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Medwyn Hughes, Huw Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Jina Gwyrfai, Meryl Roberts, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Angela Russell, John Brynmor Hughes, Richard Glyn Roberts and Rob Triggs,

Lay Members:

Sharon Warnes, Hywel Eifion Jones, Clare Hitchcock and Rhys Parry

Officers:

Dewi Morgan (Head of Finance Department), Ffion Madog Evans (Senior Finance Manager), Caren Rees Jones (Group Accountant - Capital and Management), Luned Fôn Jones (Audit Manager), Delyth Jones-Thomas (Investment Manager), Caleb Lewis (Professional Trainee - Finance) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer)

Others invited:

Councillor Ioan Thomas (Cabinet Member for Finance)
Alan Hughes and Yvonne Thomas (Wales Audit)
Dewi Jones (The Council's Business Support Service Manager)

Apologies:

Councillor Menna Baines

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SUBJECT

Item 1: ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR 2022-23

DECISION:

To elect Mrs Sharon Warnes as Chair of the Committee for 2022-23

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	10
Against	2
Abstentions	2

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 2: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR 2022-23

DECISION:

To elect Mr Eifion Jones as Vice-chair of the Committee for 2022-23

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	9
Against	2
Abstentions	3

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 7: FINAL ACCOUNTS 2021/22 – REVENUE OUT-TURN

DECISION:

**To accept the report
To note the relevant risks
To support the Cabinet's decision (14 June 2022)**

Note: Suggest that issues of overspending and realising savings in the Municipal field are scrutinised. Propose to refer the suggestion to the Language and Scrutiny Unit for Members of the Communities Scrutiny Committee to consider as a potential field to scrutinise at their annual workshop.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 8: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2021 - 22 - END OF YEAR REVIEW (situation as at 31 March 2022)

DECISION:

**To accept the report
To note the relevant risks
To support the Cabinet's decision (14 June 2022)**

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

ITEM 9: FINAL ACCOUNTS OF GWYNEDD HARBOURS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

DECISION

To accept the report

To approve:

- Revenue Income and Expenditure Account 2021/22
- Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2022, subject to audit by Audit Wales

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

ITEM 10: GWYNEDD COUNCIL'S ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2021-22

DECISION

To accept the report

To approve the statement

To recommend that the Council Leader and the Chief Executive sign the statement

Note:

A suggestion to establish a sub-group to review the risks and challenge the headings

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

ITEM 11: TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2021/22

DECISION

Accept the report and note the information

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

ITEM 12: OUTPUT OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT SECTION

DECISION

To accept the information

To support the actions that have already been agreed with the relevant services

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

ITEM 13: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT 2020-21

DECISION

To accept the annual report in accordance with the requirements of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards for the 2021/22 financial year.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

ITEM 14: INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

DECISION

To accept the report and approve Internal Audit Charter

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

ITEM 15: INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY AND THE ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN 2022/23

DECISION

To accept the report

To approve the Strategy and the Internal Audit Plan 2022/23

Note: Psychological Safety Audit - the Committee recommends, as part of the discussions with the Corporate Support Department, the need to adopt a procedure of holding exit interviews.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT**ITEM 16: WALES AUDIT REPORT - QUARTER 4 UPDATES**

DECISION**To accept the report and note the information**

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT**ITEM 17: 2022 AUDIT PLAN - GWYNEDD COUNCIL AND VARIOUS JOINT COMMITTEES**

DECISION**To accept the report and note the information**

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

**ITEM 18: RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS OF EXTERNAL
AUDIT REPORTS**

DECISION

To accept the report

That the Committee is satisfied that appropriate arrangements are in place to ensure that improvement proposals which arise from external audit reports are implemented

Note: Request to review the key to the conclusions and set a timetable for the reports that are 'in progress'

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
