

CYNGOR GWYNEDD
GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

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

12 October 2023

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Elwyn Jones, Edgar Wyn Owen, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Rob Triggs and Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn

Lay Members:

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

Officers:

Dewi Morgan (Head of Finance Department), Ffion Madog Evans (Assistant Head of Finance Department - Accountancy and Pensions), Sian Pugh (Assistant Head of Finance Department - Sustainability and Developments), Delyth Jones-Thomas (Investment Manager), Caren Rees-Jones (Group Accountant - Capital and Management), Caleb Lewis (Cynllun Yfory - Finance and Accountancy Professional Trainee), Bleddyn Rhys (Audit Leader), Eva Chan Williams (Audit Leader) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer)

Others invited:

Councillor Ioan Thomas (Cabinet Member for Finance)

Item 11: Alan Hughes and Yvonne Thomas (Wales Audit), Dewi Jones (Council Business Service Support Manager) and Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Services Manager)

Apologies:

Councillor Menna Baines and Councillor Jina Gwyrfai.

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SUBJECT

Item 5: IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

DECISION:

To accept the report

Note: That the complaints item and the output of the internal audit item will remain on the list for now.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
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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Item 6: CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2022-23

DECISION:

To accept and approve the statement for the Council Leader and the Chief Executive to sign the statement.

Note:

- There was a need to consider service continuity - impact of one field on another
 - A suggestion together with the annual statement, that a mid-year report is submitted to the Committee to give an update of the situation.
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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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Item 7: SAVINGS OVERVIEW: PROGRESS REPORT ON REALISING SAVINGS SCHEMES

DECISION:

To accept the report and note the situation and relevant risks in the context of the Savings Overview

Note: To recommend to the Cabinet that detailed challenge was required on unrealised schemes - need to ensure regular review of those schemes.

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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Item 8: REVENUE BUDGET 2023/24 - END OF August 2023 REVIEW

DECISION:

- 1. To accept the report and note the situation and relevant risks in the context of the budgets of the Council and its departments**
- 2. Agree with the recommendation to the Cabinet:**
 - To transfer of £3.275k of underspend on corporate budgets to the Council's Financial Strategy Reserve.**
 - Work had already been commissioned by the Chief Executive to have a better understanding of the exceptional overspend by the Adults, Health and Well-being Department setting a clear programme in response to the situation.**

To note that there was significant overspend by the Adults, Health and Well-being Department, Education Department, Highways, Engineering and YGC Department and the Environment Department.

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: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 - END OF AUGUST 2023 REVIEW

DECISION:

To accept the report and note the situation and risks in the context of the Council's capital programme.

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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Item 10: TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE

DECISION:

To accept the report for 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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Item 11: AUDIT WALES REPORTS

Update on the reports recently published by Audit Wales, 'Review of Scrutiny Effectiveness - Cyngor Gwynedd'.

DECISION

To accept the report

Note: Need to consider the procedure for the work of the Governance and Audit Committee to inform the Scrutiny system.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	12
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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Item 12: INTERNAL AUDIT OUTPUT

DECISION:

- **To accept the report on the work of Internal Audit for the period 1 April 2023 to 30 September 2023**
 - **To support the actions that have already been agreed with the relevant services**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	12
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
