

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)

18 January 2024

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Jina Gwyrfai, Elwyn Jones, Edgar Wyn Owen, Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson and Angela Russell

Lay Members: Sharon Warnes (Chair), 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), Siân Pugh (Assistant Head of Finance Department - Sustainability and Developments), Caren Rees Jones (Group Accountant - Capital and Management), Caleb Lewis (Cynllun Yfory - Finance and Accountancy Professional Trainee), Nel Povey (Cynllun Yfory - Finance and Accountancy Professional Trainee) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer)

Others invited:

Councillor Ioan Thomas (Cabinet Member for Finance)

Item 6: Yvonne Thomas (Audit Wales)

Item 10: Ian Jones (Head of Corporate Services Department), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Services Manager), Bethan Adams (Scrutiny Advisor) and Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer)

Item 11: Alan Hughes and Lora Williams (Audit Wales), Geraint Owen (Corporate Director), Dewi Jones (the Council's Business Support Service Manager)

Apologies:

Councillors Menna Baines, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Rob Triggs and Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn

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Item 5: IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

DECISION:

To accept the report

Note:

Correction to 'Self-assessment on the Effectiveness of the Committee' - action to identify a day

Take out the Proposals of the Service Improvement Annual Report 2021/22

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
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 6: FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 AND THE
RELEVANT AUDIT**

DECISION:

- **To accept and approve the 'ISA260' Report by Audit Wales in respect of
Cyngor Gwynedd**
- **To accept and approve the Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 (post-audit) -
the Chair of the Committee to certify the Statement of Responsibilities
regarding the Statement of Accounts**
- **The Chair of the Committee and the Head of Finance Department to certify the
Letter of Representation electronically**
- **To congratulate the officers for their work of securing an unqualified
statement**

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
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
- To note the progress, the position, and the relevant risks in the context of the Savings Overview

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
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 NOVEMBER 2023 REVIEW

DECISION:

- **To accept the report on the end of November 2023 review of the Revenue Budget**
- **To consider the latest financial position regarding the budgets of each department / service**
- **To note that significant overspend is anticipated in the Adults, Health and Well-being Department, the Children and Supporting Families Department, and the Highways, Engineering and YGC Department this year.**
- **To agree with the recommendation to Cabinet (23-01-24) to approve a transfer of £4,241k of underspend on corporate budgets to the Council's Financial Strategy Reserve**

Note: The Cabinet is requested to,

- consider the timetable for the Adult Health and Well-being Department's overspend review and the Environment Department's overspend review (Integrated transport issues)
- consider the imbalance in the use of grants

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 9: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2023/24 - END OF NOVEMBER 2023 REVIEW

DECISION:

- To accept the report
- To note the situation and the relevant risks in the context of the budgets of the Council and its departments
- To agree with the recommendation to the Cabinet (23-01-24) to approve the revised financing:
 - an increase of £3,576,000 in the use of borrowing
 - an increase of £2,373,000 in the use of grants and contributions
 - an increase of £317,000 in the use of revenue contributions
 - an increase of £1,038,000 in the use of renewal and other reserves.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 10: REVIEWING SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS

DECISION:

- To accept the report
- To welcome the review of the current scrutiny arrangements carried out following Audit Wales's report
- To recommend that the Full Council approves Option 1 subject to work being carried out to improve the effectiveness and operations of the Scrutiny Committees

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	8
Against	2
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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**Item 11: AUDIT WALES REPORTS - Use Information about Performance: Perspective
and Results of Service Users**

DECISION

- **To accept the report, for information**
- **To welcome Managers' response**

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	11
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.