

CYNGOR GWYNEDD GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

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

08 February 2024

Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Councillors: Menna Baines, Jina Gwyrfai, Elwyn Jones, Edgar Wyn Owen, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Huw Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Rob Triggs and Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn.

Lay

Sharon Warnes (Chair), Hywel Eifion Jones, Clare Hitchcock, Carys Edwards and Rhys Parry.

Members:

Officers: Dewi Morgan (Head of Finance Department), Ffion Madog Evans (Assistant Head of Finance Department - Accountancy and Pensions), Delyth Thomas Jones (Investment Manager), Caren Rees Jones (Group Accountant - Capital and Management), Heledd Gwilym (Senior Accountant – Resources and Corporate), 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 – Finance) and Geraint Owen (Corporate Director).

Item 5: Alan Hughes (Audit Wales) and Dewi Jones (Council Business Service Support Manager)

Item 6: Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education) and Alan Hughes (Audit Wales)

Items 7 and 8: Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (Council Leader), Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive) and Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer).

Apologies:

Councillor Richard Glyn Roberts.

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SUBJECT

Item 4: IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

DECISION:

- **To accept the report**
- **To welcome feedback from the responses received by the Cabinet (23/01/24) to observations presented by the Committee on the Revenue Budget 2023/24 item.**

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	16
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**Item 5: RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS OF EXTERNAL
AUDIT REPORTS**

DECISION:

- **To accept and note that the arrangements and processes were in place to ensure that the improvement proposals were being implemented.**

Note:

- Response to Recommendation 5 'Time for Change - Poverty in Wales' - To provide a number of those the Council had engaged with.
- To adapt the report's format in the future so that the recommendations are consistently included.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	16
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 6: ESTYN INSPECTION OF CYNGOR GWYNEDD EDUCATION SERVICES

DECISION:

- To accept the contents of the Estyn report on education services in Cyngor Gwynedd
- To accept and note the arrangements to scrutinise the Education Department's arrangements to respond to the report's recommendations in a timely manner.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	16
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 7: 2024/25 SAVINGS PLAN

DECISION:

- Reasonable steps, under challenging circumstances, had been taken to draw up the Savings Plan
- That the savings proposed are reasonable and achievable
- That the risks and implications of the decision are clear
- That the report was adequate to enable the Cabinet to make a decision on the Savings Plan
- To present observations from the discussion on the report to the Cabinet for their consideration when discussing the 2023/24 Savings at its meeting on 20/2/24

Note:

That a clear communication plan is in place.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	16
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 8: BUDGET 2024/25

DECISION:

- To accept the report and note the content.
- To accept the financial propriety of the proposals and the relevant risks.
- To present observations from the discussion on the report to the Cabinet for their consideration when discussing the 2023/24 Budget at its meeting on 20/2/24.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 9: CAPITAL STRATEGY 2024/25 (INCLUDING INVESTMENT AND BORROWING STRATEGIES)

DECISION:

- To accept the report and to note the information and relevant risks.
- To support the Cabinet Member for Finance's intention to submit the Strategy to the Full Council for approval on 7 March 2024.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 10: MID-YEAR UPDATE ON THE CYNGOR GWYNEDD GOVERNANCE RISKS

DECISION

- To accept the report, for information.
- To support the increase in the FINANCE risk score of 10 (Medium Risk) to 20 (Very High Risk) to reflect the Council's actual financial situation.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.