

GWE JOINT COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE



Date of meeting

6 December 2023

SUBJECT

Item 5: AUDIT WALES – GWE AUDIT PLAN 223

DECISION

To accept and approve the Audit Plan 2023.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is a statutory requirement for the Joint Committee's financial statements to be audited annually in order to ensure that public money is accounted for appropriately. It is essential for the Joint Committee to ensure value for money.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.

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Item 6: THE JOINT COMMITTEE'S FINAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 AND RELEVANT AUDIT

DECISION

To accept and note the report on behalf of the Auditor General for Wales, to approve the 2022/23 accounts, and to authorise the Chair to sign the letter of representation on behalf of the Joint Committee.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Section 12 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 states that a Joint Committee of more than one (local) authority is a local government body, and Section 13 of the Act requires such bodies to keep accounts which are subject to an audit by an independent auditor approved by the Auditor General for Wales.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

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Item 7: GWE BUDGET 2023/2024 - REVIEW UP TO THE END OF SEPTEMBER 2023

DECISION

- a) To accept and approve the report.
 - b) To establish a Task and Finish Group to look at the financial options for the 2024/25 financial year.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Members of the Joint Committee need to be updated on the latest financial review of the GwE Budget for the 2023/2024 financial year.

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Item 8: GWE BUSINESS PLAN 2023-2024 - QUARTER 1 & 2 MONITORING REPORT

DECISION

To accept and approve the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Joint Committee is ultimately responsible for presenting the Regional Business Plan.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

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Item 9: REVIEWING THE RISK REGISTER

DECISION

To accept the latest amendments to the Risk Register.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The GwE Risk Register is a live document and is reviewed on a regular basis. It is submitted annually to the Joint Committee, and when new risks are identified the Joint Committee needs to be aware of these.

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Item 10: GWE PROFESSIONAL LEARNING SUPPORT

DECISION

To accept and approve the content of the report and the plans to develop and evolve the Professional Learning Offer in the future.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

GwE produces a comprehensive offer of varied and broad Professional Learning that is fit for purpose and is appreciated by schools.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

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Item 11: ESTYN CONSULTATION ON INSPECTION ARRANGEMENTS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT EDUCATION SERVICES AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SERVICES

DECISION

To formally note the content of the Joint Committee's response to the Estyn consultation.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

From September 2024, Estyn will introduce new inspection arrangements for education providers in Wales. The consultation seeks the views of individuals and establishments who work in, or who interact with education and training providers, in order to assist them to navigate the best way for Estyn to develop guidance and inspection methods from 2024 onwards.

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