

DECISION NOTICE
NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE
(Rule 20(3) of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations
2021)

6 September 2024

Virtual Meeting

Present: Chair: Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn (Gwynedd Council).

Councillors: Gary Pritchard (Anglesey County Council), Dave Hughes (Flintshire County Council), Charlie McCoubrey (Conwy County Borough Council), Mark Pritchard (Wrexham County Borough Council) and Edgar Owen (Eryri National Park Authority).

Chief Officers: Dylan Williams (Anglesey County Council), Matthew Georgiou (Conwy County Borough Council), Neal Cockerton (Flintshire County Council), Linda Roberts (Wrexham County Municipal Council) and Iwan Jones (Eryri National Park Authority).

Statutory Officers

Dewi Morgan (Chief Finance Officer) and Iwan G Evans (Monitoring Officer).

Other officers present

Alwen Williams (Interim Chief Executive of the CJC), David Hole (Corporate Joint Committee Implementation Programme Manager), Sian Pugh (Assistant Head of Finance), Iain Taylor (AMION Consulting Consultant), Claire Inledon (Solicitor), Jack Latkovic (Corporate Joint Committee Democracy Officer) and Sioned Mai Jones (Democracy Team Leader).

Apologies:

- Councillor Jason McLellan (Denbighshire County Council)
- Dafydd Gibbard (Cyngor Gwynedd)
- Rhun ap Gareth (Conwy County Borough Council) with Matthew Georgiou deputising.

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SUBJECT

Item 5: CJC ESTABLISHMENT UPDATE AND PROPOSED GOVERNANCE MODEL

DECISION:

1. To accept the update on the progress made to prepare for the proposed transfer of the Growth Deal, its funding and the PMO into the CJC.
 2. To support the suggested governance structure as a basis for discussion with partners pending a further report subject to adapting the elected membership of the proposed Economic Well-being Sub-committee to Council Leaders representation.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	5
Abstaining	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

There were no declarations of personal interest or any protocol matters.

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Item 6: CONSTITUTIONAL UPDATES

DECISION:

1. To adopt:
 - i) Sections 1 - 3
 - ii) the scheme of delegation
 - iii) financial procedure rules

2. To delegate to the Monitoring Officer the power to make the following minor variations to the Constitution:
 - (a) legal or technical amendments that do not materially affect the Constitution;
 - (b) changes required to be made to remove any inconsistency, ambiguity or typographical error;
 - (c) wording so as to put into effect any decision of the CJC or its sub-committees or officer exercising delegated powers;
 - (d) changes required to reflect any changes to job or role titles.

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In favour	5
Abstaining	0
Against	0

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Item 7: FLINTSHIRE AND WREXHAM INVESTMENT ZONE

DECISION:

1. To authorise the Interim Chief Executive to continue to work collaboratively with Welsh Government, UK Government, Flintshire and Wrexham Councils and local stakeholders to prepare the remaining Gateway documents in draft form, under the direction and advice of the proposed Investment Zone's Senior Responsible Officer, the CJC's Interim Chief Executive. The appointment of the SRO will be formalised in Gateway 3 which will be presented to the CJC in due course.
 2. To support, in principle, the proposed Governance Model which sets out the proposed form of the decision-making structures for the Investment Zone.
 3. To submit the proposed Gateway documentation for approval, by the CJC at its November meeting, prior to the formal submission to UK and Welsh Governments.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	5
Abstaining	0
Against	0

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Item 8: NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE PROJECTED EXPENDITURE
2024/25

DECISION:

To accept the Corporate Joint Committee's projected expenditure for 2024/25 as
submitted in *Appendix 1*.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	5
Abstaining	0
Against	0

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Item 9: REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN: PROGRESS UPDATE AND RECOMMENDATIONS

DECISION:

1. To note that, in accordance with CJC approval given on 21 June 2024, the following have been appointed by the CJC Monitoring Officer as co-opted members of the Transport Sub-Committee:
 - Cllr Goronwy Edwards (Conwy County Borough Council)
 - Cllr Barry Mellor (Denbighshire County Council)
 - Cllr Dave Hughes (Flintshire County Council)
 - Cllr Dafydd Meurig (Cyngor Gwynedd)
 - Cllr Dafydd Rhys Thomas (Anglesey County Council)
 - Cllr David A Bithell (Wrexham County Borough Council)
 2. To note the update included in *Appendix 1* which includes a copy of the draft:
 - North Wales Regional Transport Plan Vision statement
 - SMART objectives
 - Cross-cutting themes
 3. To agree that the next phase of work to develop the RTP will be guided by the Transport Sub-committee and will include recommendations on the above and following components required to progress the RTP:
 - Detailed project plan (building on the RTPs Implementation Plan)
 - Integrated Well-being Appraisal (Statutory Assessments) Scoping Report
 - Stakeholder Engagement Plan
 - List of policies, programmes, and projects
 - Preparation for public consultation
 4. To agree to hold the inaugural meeting of the CJC's Transport Sub-Committee on the 1st October. A comprehensive timetable and forward plan will be presented at this Sub-committee meeting. The Sub-Committee is responsible for key policy development and preparation of the RTP, which delivers a co-ordinated joined-up and integrated strategic transportation service in North Wales. The Sub-Committee will report its recommendations regularly to the CJC on:
 - steps taken to develop the Regional Transport Plan;
 - timetable and progress towards its submission to Welsh Ministers for approval;
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- development of policy aligned to the Wales Transport Strategy and the Regional Transport Delivery Plan for implementation by the local transport authorities;
 - monitoring and review of the Regional Transport Plan and other strategic regional functions as set out in its terms of reference.
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Abstaining	0
Against	0

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Item 10: THE WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS COMPLIANCE NOTICE

DECISION:

1. To accept Welsh Language Standards that have been set for the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (CJC) (*Appendix 2*).
 2. To request that the interim Chief Executive develop a proposal that sets out the options and costs to commission officer resource required for implementation, monitoring and reporting on the Welsh Language standards.
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Abstaining	0
Against	0

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Item 11: INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL FOR WALES (IRPW) – REMUNERATION OF LAY MEMBERS OF CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEES

DECISION:

1. To note the Determination of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW).
 2. To adopt an hourly rate for the payment of claims by lay members.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	5
Abstaining	0
Against	0

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