

# 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)

5 September 2024

## Virtual Meeting

### Attendance:

**Councillors:** Elwyn Jones, Edgar Wyn Owen (from item 12 onwards), Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Rowlands, Angela Russell, Ioan Thomas 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), Delyth Thomas Jones (Investment Manager), Caren Rees Jones (Group Accountant - Capital and Management), Ceri Williams (Assistant Accountant), David Lloyd-Williams (Senior Auditor – Internal Audit) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer)

### Others invited:

Councillor Paul Rowlinson (Cabinet Member – Finance) and Geraint Owen (Corporate Director)

Items 9 and 10: Alan Hughes and Yvonne Hughes (Audit Wales) and Dewi Jones (Council Business Support Service Manager)

Item 11: Marian Parry Hughes (Head of Children and Supporting Families Department) and Stephen Wood (Gwynedd and Anglesey Youth Justice Service Manager)

Item 12: Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (Council Leader), Cllr Nia Jeffreys (Deputy Council Leader) and Dewi Jones ( Council Business Support Service Manager)

### Apologies:

Councillors Rob Triggs, Menna Baines and Arwyn Herald Roberts

**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)**

<b>Date of GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE Meeting</b>	5 September 2024
---	---------------------

---

**SUBJECT**

**Item 5: IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL**

---

**DECISION:**

**To accept the contents of the report.**

Note:

Add to the decision notice:

- That an information session on the field of homelessness needs to be held for Committee members to better understand the field and to understand the reasons why costs in the field are so high.
  - The Committee's desire to receive Ffordd Gwynedd training.
- 

**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

---

**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

---

**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)**

<b>Date of GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE Meeting</b>
---

5 September 2024
---------------------

---

**SUBJECT**

**Item 6: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS**

---

**DECISION:**

To accept the report

To approve:

- Revenue Income and Expenditure Account 2023/24.
- Annual Return for the Year ending 31 March 2024, subject to audit by Audit Wales

Staff were thanked for completing the accounts accurately and in a timely manner.

---

**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

---

**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

---

**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)**

<b>Date of GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE Meeting</b>	5 September 2024
---	---------------------

---

**SUBJECT**

**Item 7: CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2023/24**

---

**DECISION:**

**To accept the report**

**To approve the Annual Governance Statement and recommend that it is signed by  
the Council Leader and Chief Executive.**

Note:

Need to re-consider the Lawfulness likelihood score.

Need to consider reviewing the questions and adapting the document to be clear to  
Gwynedd residents - although compliant with CIPFA guidelines, a suggestion to consider  
combining with the assessment of governance arrangements which is included in  
Gwynedd Council's Self-Assessment to avoid duplication of work

---

**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

---

**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

---

**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)**

<b>Date of GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE Meeting</b>
---

5 September 2024
---------------------

---

**SUBJECT**

**Item 8: TREASURY MANAGEMENT 2023/24**

---

**DECISION:**

To accept the report for information

---

**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

---

**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

---

**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)**

<b>Date of GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE Meeting</b>
---

5 September 2024
---------------------

---

**SUBJECT**

**Item 9: AUDIT WALES - QUARTER 1 UPDATE**

---

**DECISION:**

**To accept the report**

Note:

Performance Audit Work of 'Local Project – Waste and Recycling' – need to press on confirming timetable.

---

**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

---

**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

---

**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)**

<b>Date of GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE Meeting</b>
---

5 September 2024
---------------------

---

**SUBJECT**

**Item 10: AUDIT WALES – CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S ANNUAL AUDIT SUMMARY 2023  
AND DETAILED AUDIT PLAN 2024**

---

**DECISION:**

**To accept the 2023 Summary  
To accept the Detailed Plan**

---

**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted

---

**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

---

**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)**

<b>Date of GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE Meeting</b>
---

5 September 2024
---------------------

---

**SUBJECT**

**Item 11: REPORT ON THE INSPECTION OF GWYNEDD AND YNYS MÔN YOUTH  
JUSTICE SERVICE**

---

**DECISION:**

- **To accept the report on the outcome and recommendations of the inspection.**
- **Congratulate the Service on the results of the inspection.**

---

**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

---

**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

---



**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)**

<b>Date of GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE Meeting</b>
---

5 September 2024
---------------------

---

**SUBJECT**

**Item 12: CYNGOR GWYNEDD ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND SELF-ASSESSMENT (draft) 2023/24**

---

**DECISION**

**To accept the Annual Performance Report and Self-assessment (draft) 2023/24.**

Note:

Need to consider appropriate consultation arrangements for the future to ensure Gwynedd residents' input in the process.

Need to involve the Committee earlier in the process – a suggestion to hold a workshop with Members so that the Committee has input and a better opportunity to offer recommendations.

When presenting data – need to ensure a full explanation e.g., avoiding linguistic categories in secondary schools.

Increasing Housing Supply for Local People - need to highlight the impact and not numbers only.

Gwynedd Yfory Projects

- Modernisation of Buildings and Learning Environment – to add that a RAC inspection had been undertaken.
  - Promoting the Well-being of Children and Young People – to add that schemes / campaigns are in place by the Education Department to improve pupil attendance.
  - Extending Opportunities for Play and Socialising – to add that additional financial support has been provided by the Council to Byw'n Iach Centres – this has been a positive decision.
- 

**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

---

**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

---

**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)**

<b>Date of GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE Meeting</b>	5 September 2024
---	---------------------

---

**SUBJECT**

**Item 13: THE COMMITTEE'S FORWARD PROGRAMME**

---

**DECISION:**

**To accept the Work Programme for September 2024 - September 2025**

Note:

Consider when it would be suitable to review the Committee's Self-Assessment Work Programme

---

**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

---

**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

---