

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD  
GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE**

**Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972**

**16 January 2025**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Attendance:**

**Councillors:** Menna Baines, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Elwyn Jones, Edgar Wyn Owen, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Rowlands, Angela Russell, Ioan Thomas and Rob Triggs.

**Lay Members:** Carys Edwards (Chair), Sharon Warnes, Eifion Jones and Rhys Parry

**Officers:** Dewi Morgan (Head of Finance), Ffion Madog Evans (Assistant Head of Finance - Accounting and Pensions), Caren Rees Jones (Group Accountant - Capital and Management), Gwyn Llŷn Parry (Group Accountant - Accounting and Financial), Geraint Owen (Corporate Director), Eleri Jones (Senior Executive Officer) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer)

**Others invited:**

Councillor Huw Wyn Jones (Cabinet Member - Finance)

Item 6: Dylan Owen (Statutory Director of Social Services), Aled Davies (Head of Adults, Health and Well-being Department) and Lois Owens (Senior Executive Officer)

Item 9: Alan Hughes (Audit Wales) and Dewi Wyn Jones (Council Business Service Support Manager)

**Apologies:**

Councillor Dafydd Meurig

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**SUBJECT**

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

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**DECISION:**

- **To accept the contents of the report**
- **Freedom of Information Requests Audit - request for a report setting out Council arrangements to deal with Freedom of Information matters**

**Note:**

Waste and Recycling – WRAP review to be shared with Members

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 6: REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 – END OF NOVEMBER 2024 REVIEW**

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**DECISION:**

- **To accept the report and note the situation and relevant risks in the context of the Council's budgets and its departments**
- **Agree with the recommendations to Cabinet:**

**Note:**

- Work commissioned by the Chief Executive to gain a better understanding of overspend in the Adults, Health and Well-being Department - a request for the Cabinet to challenge the timetable for this work – assurance needed that this work is in place in order to set the budget
  - Work commissioned by the Chief Executive to clarify the detailed situation in Children's care, to gain a better understanding of the issues and a clear programme of response.  
– need to submit a more detailed analysis of the work to the Committee
  - Request for information on how Gwynedd's financial projections compare with other Councils
  - Information on higher income from the death bereavement service, lack of parking income and per capita funding details to be shared directly with Councillor Angela Russell
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 7: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024/25 – END OF NOVEMBER 2024 REVIEW**

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**DECISION:**

**To accept the report and note the situation and risks in the context of the Council's capital programme.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 8: SAVINGS OVERVIEW: PROGRESS REPORT ON REALISING SAVINGS SCHEMES**

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**DECISION:**

- To accept the information and note the position and the relevant risks arising from slippages in the savings.
- Support the Cabinet approval of the deletion of one savings scheme worth £146,910 relevant to 2025/26 in the field of waste in the Environment Department, using the provision set aside in the budget in order to do so.
- Thank you to everyone involved with the report - very challenging work presented in an understandable way

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted

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**Item 9: AUDIT WALES REPORTS**

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**DECISION:**

- **To accept the National and Local report**
- **To accept the Council's response to the recommendations**

Note:

- Following the receipt of CIPFA support and guidance, the response Work Programme to be submitted to the Committee by March 2026
  - Performance Reports to be submitted to Scrutiny Committees to demonstrate that the statutory requirements are being addressed
  - To correct the translations of place names in the reports
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously accepted.

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**Item 10: THE COMMITTEE'S FORWARD PROGRAMME**

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**DECISION:**

**To accept the Work Programme for February 2025 – January 2026**

Request to add:

- Committee Development Programme
- Internal Audit Forward Programme
- Audit Priorities – follow-up to recommendations
- Further information about Ffordd Gwynedd
- Follow-up information on the financial position of the Adults, Health and Well-being Department and the Children and Supporting Families Department
- The need for a conversation between the relevant departments to discuss the future impact of rejecting affordable housing schemes on Gwynedd schools

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

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