

CYNGOR GWYNEDD
GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972

9 October 2025

Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Chair: Carys Edwards
Vice-chair: Rhys Parry

Councillors: Menna Baines, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Elwyn Jones, Edgar Wyn Owen, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Rowlands, Angela Russell and Ioan Thomas

Lay Members: Dewi Lewis, Peter Barnes and Paul Millar-Mills

Officers: Dewi Morgan (Head of Finance), Ffion Madog Evans (Assistant Head of Finance - Accountancy and Pensions), Luned Fôn Jones (Internal Audit Manager), Delyth Jones-Thomas (Investment Manager), Caren Rees Jones (Group Accountant - Capital and Management), David Lloyd Williams (Group Accountant), and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer)

Others invited: Cllr Huw Wyn Jones (Cabinet Member for Finance) and Yvonne Thomas (Audit Wales)

Item 6: Ffion Mai Jones (Senior Executive Officer)

Item 8: Dewi Wyn Jones (Council Business Support Service Manager)

Item 11: Cllr Nia Jeffreys (Leader of the Council), and Dewi Wyn Jones (Council Business Support Service Manager)

Apologies:

Councillor Dafydd Meurig, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Meryl Roberts and Eifion Jones, Cllr Wendy Cleaver was experiencing technical problems and had been unable to join.

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SUBJECT

Item 5: IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

DECISION:

- To accept the contents of the report.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 6: MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

DECISION:

To accept the information and note the situation and relevant risks in relation to the Council's financial position.

Note:

Paragraph 2.10 of the Plan. Request to share information / county's population reduction figures

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 7: SAVINGS OVERVIEW: PROGRESS REPORT ON REALISING SAVINGS SCHEMES

DECISION:

- **To accept the report**
 - **To note the progress towards realising the savings schemes for 2025/26 and previous years**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**Item 8: RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS OF EXTERNAL
AUDIT REPORTS**

DECISION:

To accept the report

Note:

To accept the 'Flow Out of Hospital' Investigation progress report, Spring 2026

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

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Item 9: TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE

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.

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Item 10: OUTPUT OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT SECTION

DECISION:

- **To accept the report**
- **To support the actions that had already been agreed with the relevant services**

Note:

- A request to reconsider better terms to attract more workers to the Care field
 - Create a communication pathway and consider the method of sharing the findings of internal audit in Care Homes with Care Inspectorate Wales
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 11: INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2025/26

DECISION:

To accept the report and note progress against the 2025/26 Audit 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.

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Item 12: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26 – END OF AUGUST 2025 REVIEW

DECISION:

To accept the report and agree on the recommendations for the Cabinet to consider

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 13: CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND SELF-ASSESSMENT 2024/25

DECISION:

To accept the draft report

Note:

- To consider the impact of a reduction in the numbers of young people and an increase in the County's older population on the Council's services.
 - To refer to work being done to increase the responses to the staff survey.
 - To include examples and evidence to provide substance to some sentences in the report.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 14: THE COMMITTEE'S FORWARD PROGRAMME

DECISION:

- **To accept the Work Programme for November 2025 - October 2026**
- **A request for an update on the work of the Finance Department on drawing up the policy on exceptions to the Council tax premium in relation to self-catering accommodation businesses that fail to reach the 182-day letting threshold**

Note:

Remove the Recommendations and Proposals for Improvement from External Audit Reports for November as it was discussed in October 2025

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
