

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

Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972

9 July 2026

Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Vice-chair: Dewi Lewis

Councillors: Menna Baines, Wendy Cleaver, Elwyn Jones, Geraint Parry (item 13 only), Arwyn Herald Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Ioan Thomas and Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn

Lay Members: Peter Barnes, Carys Edwards, Eifion Jones and Paul Millar-Mills

Officers: Dewi Morgan (Head of Finance), Ffion Madog Evans (Assistant Head of Finance - Accounting and Pensions), David Lloyd Williams (Group Accountant), Delyth Jones-Thomas (Investment Manager), and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer)

Others invited:

Item 7: Cllr Nia Jeffreys (Council Leader), Dewi Wyn Jones (Council's Business Support Service Manager) and Sioned Mai Jones (Leadership Team Executive Officer)

Item 9: Sioned Owen (Audit Wales)

Item 11: Dylan Owen (Corporate Director – Social Services)

Item 12: Dewi Wyn Jones (Council's Business Support Service Manager) and Mari Wynne Jones (Head of Adults, Health and Well-being Department)

Item 13: Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Services Manager)

Apologies:

Chair Rhys Parry and Councillors Edgar Wyn Owen, Huw Rowlands, Meryl Roberts and Angela Russell

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SUBJECT

Item 5: IMPLEMENTATION OF COMMITTEE DECISIONS

DECISION:

To accept the contents of the report.

Note: Capital bids (the plan to extend Ysgol y Faenol car park) – full information to be submitted at the September 2026 meeting.

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: CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2025/26

DECISION:

- **To accept an adjustment to an increase in the probability score (from 3 to 4) in the Engagement risk.**
- **To accept the (draft) Annual Governance Statement.**
- **To approve the Statement and recommend that the Council Leader and Chief Executive sign it.**

Note:

- Include in the work programme that the Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee be invited to attend the Governance Arrangements Assessment Group where relevant.
- Consider re-scoring the Lawfulness area following a recent court case. A need to add a clause on the Article 4 case in the statement
- Consider dividing the Finance area risks into two separate categories, 'Overspending due to underfunding or lack of financial control' to 'a) Overspending due to underfunding b) lack of financial control'
- Reference to an internal review to improve Council Tax collection arrangements – a request was made for an update to the Committee.
- Apprenticeship Scheme – a request for a report that would include information on the success of the scheme. Assurance is needed that the scheme contributes to future workforce plans.
- Request for the Monitoring Officer to attend the meetings.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 7: CYNGOR GWYNEDD SELF-ASSESSMENT 2025/26

DECISION:

To accept a draft report of the 2025/26 CYNGOR GWYNEDD SELF-ASSESSMENT

Observations:

- That the content of the self-assessment is good, but there is room for improvement.
- A need to insert a reference to legal challenges to which the Council is exposed.
- Education Transport Policy 'being developed': a risk that the delay will have an impact on pupil attendance along with the practical shortcomings of school bus route problems.
- The reference to the Visitor Levy highlights that the decision has been made despite the consultation period not having ended.
- Those statements that are outdated need to be verified, e.g. the Language Policy has been approved and is not 'out for consultation'.
- It needs to be highlighted that funding for the Pupil Immersion Units is challenging – lobbying is needed to ensure that the Units are fully funded by the Government.
- Infrastructure in the rural areas of Dwyfor and Meirionnydd - note the challenge of trying to attract funding to improve the infrastructure.
- Introducing a council tax premium – note the challenge of coping with the extra work of collecting and implementing the premium.
- Improving Council Tax collection arrangements – note the challenge to improve performance compared to other Councils.
- A need to evaluate educational achievements in literacy and numeracy. What is the challenge that has been set to achieve this?
- Apprenticeship Scheme - assurance was needed that the scheme contributes to future workforce plans.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

**Item 8: CYNGOR GWYNEDD STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR
ENDING 31 MARCH 2026 (SUBJECT TO AUDIT)**

DECISION:

- **To accept and note the Council's Statement of Accounts (subject to audit).**

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 9: THE GWE JOINT COMMITTEE'S ACCOUNTS 2025/26 FOR THE PERIOD OF TWO MONTHS TO 31 MAY 2025 - OUT-TURN REPORT, STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS SUBJECT TO AUDIT AND THE GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

DECISION:

- To note and accept the GwE Revenue Income and Expenditure Account 2025/26 in the form of an out-turn report for the period of two months to 31 May 2025.
 - To note and accept the GwE Statement of Accounts 2025/26 (subject to audit) for the two months to 31 May 2025.
 - To approve to extend the period of the Annual Governance statement for 2024/25 to cover the first two months of 2025/26 to 31 May 2025, in order to comply with statutory requirements.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 10: TREASURY MANAGEMENT

DECISION:

- **To accept the report and note the information.**
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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: ESTYN INSPECTIONS AND CARE INSPECTORATE WALES REPORT

DECISION:

- **To accept the report and note the information.**
- **To welcome that the improvements are going in the right direction.**

Note:

That the Committee receives an update on the work of the Our Bravery Brought Justice response plan; to include updates on disciplinary matters and the additional impact on staff as a result of the uncertainty surrounding this issue.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

**Item 12: RECOMMENDATIONS AND IMPROVEMENT PROPOSALS OF EXTERNAL
AUDIT REPORTS**

DECISION:

To accept the report and note the 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 13: NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE – NOMINATION OF A LAY MEMBER FOR THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE

DECISION:

To nominate Dewi Lewis as a Lay Member for the Governance and Audit Sub-committee of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee.

Note:

Request that the Corporate Joint Committee consider a delegation arrangement for Lay Members as has been arranged for Elected Members.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 14: THE COMMITTEE'S FORWARD PROGRAMME

DECISION:

- **To accept the Work Programme for July 2026 - July 2027.**
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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.
