
GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE 29/09/26

Attendance: Vice-chair: Dewi Lewis

Councillors: Menna Baines, Elwyn Jones, Edgar Owen, Geraint Parry, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Angela Russell, 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), Luned Fôn Jones (Internal Audit Manager), Delyth Jones-Thomas (Investment Manager), Caren Rees Jones (Group Accountant - Capital and Management), Gwion Elis Jones (Senior Accountant - Cyngor Gwynedd) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democracy Services Officer).

Others invited:

Cllr Huw Wyn Jones (Cabinet Member for Finance)
Yvonne Thomas (Audit Wales)

Item 8: Cllr Nia Jeffreys (Council Leader), Cllr Menna Trenholme (Deputy Council Leader/Cabinet Member for Children and Supporting Families), Cllr Dewi Jones (Cabinet Member for Education), Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive), Dylan Owen (Statutory Director of Social Services), Iwan Evans (Head of Legal Service and Monitoring Officer), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education), Alison Halliday (Assistant Head of School Support), Llion Williams (Quality, Safeguarding and Well-being Lead), Ian Jones (Head of Corporate Services), Catrin Love (Assistant Head of Corporate Services), Ffion Mai Jones (Senior Executive Manager) and Lois Owens (Senior Executive Officer).

1. ELECT CHAIR

RESOLVED TO ELECT MR DEWI LEWIS AS CHAIR OF THIS COMMITTEE FOR 2026-2027

2. ELECT VICE CHAIR

RESOLVED TO ELECT MRS CARYS EDWARDS AS VICE-CHAIR OF THIS COMMITTEE FOR 2026-2027

3. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Huw Rowlands and Wendy Cleaver.

4. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

None to note

5. URGENT ITEMS

None to note

6. MINUTES

The Chair accepted the minutes of the previous meetings of this committee held on 9 July 2026 as a true record.

7. IMPLEMENTING THE DECISIONS OF THE COMMITTEE

A report was presented providing an outline of how the Council's departments had responded to the decisions of the Governance and Audit Committee so that Members could be assured that their decisions were being addressed. It was noted that the report gave Members an opportunity to consider the decision made with the intention of removing the item / decision when the action had been completed.

The members thanked the officer for the report.

Observations arising from the ensuing discussion:

- Meeting on 13-11-2025 - Improving Council Tax Collection Arrangements - it appeared that no update on this matter had been included on the Committee's forward programme for 2026/2027.
- Capital Bids – Scheme to Extend Ysgol y Faenol Car Park.
Whilst accepting that the slippage in the scheme had derived from complex legal matters and an increase relating to the substantial parking provision requirements, compared to the original plans, the Local Member expressed disappointment that the costs of the slippage had not been highlighted. The member reiterated that it was good to see the work progressing but wished to see the matter being included on the list of actions until a resolution to the financial question had been found. The member noted that this was a capital bid and a company had been appointed by tender to carry out the work.

RESOLVED

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

Note:

- Improving Council Tax Collection Arrangements – need to schedule an update on the matter in the Committee's forward programme for 2026/2027
- Capital Bids – Scheme to Extend Ysgol y Faenol Car Park. A request from the Local Member for the costs associated with the slippage

8. UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE RESPONSE PLAN: OUR BRAVERY BROUGHT JUSTICE

During the Leader's presentation and subsequent observations from the Chief Executive, it emerged that Members and Officers present at the meeting did not have a network connection. The lack of connection made it very difficult to follow the discussion and therefore a decision was made at 10:45 to take a break for half an hour in an attempt to resolve the issue.

Following discussions between the Chair, Chief Executive, Head of Finance, Monitoring

Officer and Head of Corporate Services, the Chief Executive informed the Committee that the instances where any formal meeting had to be postponed due to technical issues were very rare, but since there were several important items on the agenda, which required the Committee's observations and full approval, the decision was made to postpone the meeting to another date as it was not possible to continue due to the technical problems. He reiterated that should information regarding the issue come to hand, that he would share the information with Members.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and concluded at 11.15 am

CHAIRMAN