

**NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE
DECISION NOTICE
Rule 20(3) of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations
2021)**

25 September 2026

Virtual Meeting

Present: Chairman: Councillor Mark Pritchard (Wrexham County Borough Council).

Councillors: Dave Hughes (Flintshire County Council), Nia Jeffreys (Cyngor Gwynedd), Nicola Roberts (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Chris Cater (Conwy County Borough Council), Hugh Evans (Denbighshire County Council), and Ifor Glyn Lloyd (Chair of Eryri National Park Authority).

Chief Officers of Constituent Councils: David Fitzsimon (Flintshire County Council), Helen White (Denbighshire County Council), Rhun ap Gareth (Conwy County Borough Council), Alwyn Jones (Wrexham County Borough Council), Dylan Williams (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Dafydd Gibbard (Gwynedd Council), and Jonathan Cawley (Eryri National Park Authority).

Other officers present: Alwen Williams (CJC Chief Executive), Hedd Vaughan-Evans (Portfolio Director - Ambition North Wales), Dewi Morgan (Chief Finance Officer – Cyngor Gwynedd), Sian Pugh (Assistant Head of Finance – Cyngor Gwynedd), Sara Jane Jones (Senior Accountant - Cyngor Gwynedd), Mark Watkins (Head of Legal Services / Interim Monitoring Officer - Ambition North Wales), Helen Edwards (Deputy Monitoring Officer - Ambition North Wales), David Hole (CJC Implementation Programme Manager), Adam Graham (Senior Transport Officer - Ambition North Wales), Yvonne Thomas (Audit Manager - Audit Wales), Siwan Glyn (Audit Wales), Elen Wyn Owen (Corporate Support Officer – North Wales Ambition), Rhodri Jones (Democracy Services Officer – Cyngor Gwynedd), and Sera Whitley (Democracy Services Officer – Cyngor Gwynedd).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from:

- Councillor Julie Fallon (Conwy County Borough Council) with Councillor Chris Cater deputising
- Councillor Gary Pritchard (Isle of Anglesey County Council) with Councillor Nicola Roberts deputising
- Neal Cockerton (Flintshire County Council) with David Fitzsimon deputising
- Ffion Williams (Senior Operations Officer – North Wales Ambition)

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SUBJECT

ITEM 3: ELECTION OF A VICE-CHAIR FOR 2026/27

DECISION:

Cllr Gary Pritchard was elected as Vice-Chair of the Joint Committee for 2026/27.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	6
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

There were no declarations of personal interest or any protocol matters.

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ITEM 6: GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2025/26

DECISION:

The Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 in Annex 1 was approved as the statement of the Joint Corporate committee on internal control for the purposes of Regulation 5 of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended).

The Governance Improvement Plan for 2026/27 contained in the Statement was noted and approved.

To authorise the Chair and the Chief Executive to sign the Annual Governance Statement.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	6
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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ITEM 7: NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE'S STATEMENT OF
ACCOUNTS FOR 2025/26 AND RELEVANT AUDIT

DECISION:

To consider and approve the ISA 260 report by Audit Wales for the CJC.

To consider and approve the CJC's Final Statement of Accounts (post-audit) for 2025/26.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	6
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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ITEM 8: 2026/27 REVENUE AND CAPITAL POSITION – END OF JULY 2026 REVIEW

DECISION:

Resolved:

- To note and accept the revenue end of July 2026 review for the CJC (Appendix 1), including a maximum of £39,874 to be transferred from the reserve (in addition to the £624,590 that was approved in the 2026/27 budget) to leave a neutral position (with the final figure to be confirmed when the 2026/27 out-turn report is presented).
 - To note and accept the revenue and capital end of July 2026 review for the Growth Deal (Appendix 2), including the reserves position (Appendix 3).
 - To note and accept the Growth Deal's revised capital expenditure profile (Appendix 4).
 - To note and accept the revenue end of July 2026 review for the Investment Zone (Appendix 5), including the use of the interest on Investment Zone balances to leave a neutral position for 2026/27.
 - To note and accept the revenue end of July 2026 review for the RSP (Appendix 6).
 - To approve the virements for the CJC, Growth Deal and Investment Zone budgets noted in Appendix 7.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTES

In favour	6
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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ITEM 9: MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY AND PLAN 2026 / 27 - 2029 / 30

DECISION:

To provide guidance to officials on the CJC's appetite towards the use of reserves when preparing the budget for 2026/27.

To ask officers to provide a hybrid option using 80% of the estimated usable reserves available at 31 March 2027 as a basis, which would mean presenting an option that falls between option 3 and option 4 to Members at the next meeting of the CJC.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	6
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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ITEM 10: ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DECISION MAKING FOR IN-YEAR MANAGEMENT OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT FUND

DECISION:

To delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Chair of the Strategic Transport Sub-Committee, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Finance Officer and relevant local authority transport leaders, to approve and submit regional change requests to the Welsh Government in respect of the in-year management of the Regional Transport Fund.

It was noted that the Welsh Government will continue to make the final grant decisions in relation to the Regional Transport Fund.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	5
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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ITEM 11: ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

DECISION:

As the meeting was no longer quorate, it was resolved to postpone the decision.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	0
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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ITEM 12: TRANSFORMATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE

DECISION:

As the meeting was no longer quorate, it was resolved to postpone the decision.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	0
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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ITEM 13: NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE PETITION SCHEME

DECISION:

As the meeting was no longer quorate, it was resolved to postpone the decision.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	0
Abstentions	0
Against	0

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ITEM 14: ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

DECISION:

As the meeting was no longer quorate, it was resolved to postpone the decision.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	0
Abstentions	0
Against	0

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ITEM 15: CHANGES TO CJC SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP AND APPOINTMENT OF LAY MEMBER

DECISION:

As the meeting was no longer quorate, it was resolved to postpone the decision.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	0
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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