

NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

(Rule 20(3) of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No.2) (Wales) Regulations 2021)

9 October 2026

Virtual Meeting

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

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

Chief Executives of Constituent Councils: David Fitzsimon (Flintshire County Council), Gary Williams (Denbighshire County Council), and Dylan Williams (Isle of Anglesey County Council).

Other officers present: Alwen Williams (CJC Chief Executive), Sian Pugh (Assistant Head of Finance – Cyngor Gwynedd), Mark Watkins (Head of Legal Services / Interim Monitoring Officer – Ambition North Wales), Helen Edwards (Deputy Monitoring Officer – Ambition North Wales), David Hole (Corporate Joint Committee Implementation Programme Manager), Ffion Williams (Senior Operations Officer – Ambition North Wales), Lowri Evans (Democracy Services Officer – Cyngor Gwynedd), and Sera Whitley (Democracy Services Officer – Cyngor Gwynedd).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from:

- Rhun ap Gareth and Jenny Williams (Conwy County Borough Council)
- Helen White (Denbighshire County Council) with Gary Williams deputising
- Neal Cockerton (Flintshire County Council) with David Fitzsimon deputising
- Dafydd Gibbard (Cyngor Gwynedd)
- Jonathan Cawley (Eryri National Park Authority)
- Dewi Morgan (Chief Finance Officer – Cyngor Gwynedd)
- Hedd Vaughan-Evans (Portfolio Director – Ambition North Wales)

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SUBJECT

ITEM 4: ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

DECISION:

The Annual Report for 2025/26 was approved.

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 5: TRANSFORMATION AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME UPDATE

DECISION:

The progress and challenges of the 2026/27 programme were identified.

In the context of transformation and change, that the CJC should not meet the costs of any additional roles, functions, or responsibilities conferred on it from its own financial resources.

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: NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE PETITION SCHEME

DECISION:

The Petition Scheme was approved.

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 7: ESTABLISHMENT OF A STANDARDS SUB-COMMITTEE

DECISION:

The Terms of Reference for the Standards Sub-committee were agreed.

It was agreed that the constituent authorities and the National Park Authority would be asked to nominate members of the sub-committee as set out in paragraph 4.5 below.

It was agreed that the CJC would conduct a public external recruitment campaign as required, and that the constituent authorities would be notified so that they could alert the independent members of their Standards Committees in case any of them was eligible and interested in applying.

The timetable and recruitment process for Independent Members were agreed as set out in paragraphs 4.6 and 4.7 of this report, and the Monitoring Officer was authorised to a) amend it if necessary and b) establish and appoint an appointment panel in accordance with regulation 15 of the Standards Committees (Wales) Regulations 2001, as amended.

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

DECISION:

It was noted that Councillor Hugh Evans, as Leader of Denbighshire County Council, was a member of the CJC and its Economic Well-being Sub-committee by virtue of that office.

The appointments of the Monitoring Officer were noted under the delegation dated 21 June 2024, namely Councillor James Elson to the Strategic Transport Sub-committee and Councillor Geraint Lloyd Williams to the Strategic Planning Sub-committee.

Dewi Lewis was appointed as a lay member of the Governance and Audit Sub-committee for a period of four years from the effective date of appointment, subject to completion of the relevant co-option agreement.

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.