

MEETING: **North Wales Corporate Joint Committee**
DATE: **14 January 2022**
SUBJECT: **Standing Orders and Constitution**
AUTHOR : **Iwan G D Evans – Monitoring Officer Gwynedd Council**

DECISION SOUGHT:

- 1. To adopt the Standing Orders for the Corporate Joint Committee and accept the proposed direction for the Constitution**
 - 2. Delegate the power to the Monitoring Officer to make editorial changes to the Standing Orders for their Publication**
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REASON FOR THE DECISION

1. The North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021 requires the Corporate Joint Committee (“CJC”) to make Standing Orders to regulate its proceedings and business.
2. There is an intention in the draft Corporate Joint Committees (Wales) Regulations 2022 that there will be a requirement on the CJC to prepare and publish a Constitution.
3. The aim of this report is to establish initial Standing Orders in a template which can be extended to create a Constitution which meets the requirements but which is proportionate to the nature and size of the CJC.

BACKGROUND

4. Including the Regulations establishing the North Wales CJC on the 1st of April 2021 there are already 3 sets of governance Regulations in force. In addition to the establishing regulations there are 2 sets of General Regulations with number 2 coming into extensive effect on the 3rd of December 2021. The consultation on the General Regulations (No 3) closed just before Christmas and it is anticipated that they will come into force in the Spring. It is likely that there will be a further set.
5. It can be appreciated therefore that establishing the governance arrangements for the CJC has to respond and develop against a legal situation which is still evolving. Some aspects such as Overview and Scrutiny has just been the subject of consultation. By the same token the arrangements for the Code of Conduct and Standards Committee is to be confirmed. These are in *italics* in the Standing Orders on the assumption that the arrangements will reflect the consultation but this has not been confirmed.

6. The Regulations in existence thus far combine two elements, arrangements which are specific to CJC's and regulations which extend duties and requirements placed on Principle Councils to CJC's. These include matters which you will find in the Local Government and Elections (Wales) ACT 2021.
7. The aim of the recommendation is to create an initial set of Standing Orders which will allow the CJC sustain its activities in a way which meets the core statutory requirements and creates a practical and flexible platform which can develop as the establishment moves forwards.

8 . STATUTORY OFFICERS

Monitoring Officer

To be provided at the meeting

Finance Officer

To be provided at the meeting