

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Governance and Audit Committee</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>10 October 2024</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>North Wales Corporate Joint Committee establishment of Governance and Audit Sub Committee</b>
<b>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</b>	<b>To Nominate members for the Governance and Audit Sub Committee</b>
<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>	<p><b>1. That the Committee nominates one councillor to serve on the Governance &amp; Audit Sub Committee of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee and one councillor to act as a substitute for that member.</b></p> <p><b>2. That the Committee decides whether it wishes to nominate a Lay Member to the Governance &amp; Audit Sub Committee of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee.</b></p>
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## **1. Background**

1.1. The report is about the establishment of a Governance and Audit Sub Committee ('GAC') for the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee ('the NWCJC') and the nomination of members to serve on it. The Council has been asked to nominate members of the Committee to serve on the GAC of the NWCJC. The reason for this report is to seek nominations from the Committee.

## 2. Report details

- 2.1. The North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021 ('the Regulations') provided for the creation of the NWCJC in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 ('the 2021 Act').
- 2.2. The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 provided that every principal council in Wales should have an Audit Committee. These committees were later renamed by the 2021 Act as Governance and Audit Committees.
- 2.3. The Regulations provide that the NWCJC must have its own GAC. The GAC must have one third of its membership made up of lay members.
- 2.4. The NWCJC has resolved to create a GAC. There are to be nine members of the GAC. The membership is to consist of six councillors, one from each of the constituent councils, and three lay members. The quorum for the GAC will be seven. A quorum will exist when there is a councillor from each of the constituent councils plus one lay member in attendance.
- 2.5. The GAC is expected to meet quarterly and each meeting is expected to last for approximately two hours. Meetings will take place remotely.
- 2.6. The NWCJC wishes to appoint members from the existing Governance and Audit Committees of the constituent councils. Each of the constituent councils has been asked to nominate a councillor from its own Governance and Audit Committee as its principal nominee plus a second councillor to act as a substitute in order that a quorum can be achieved when the principal nominee is unavailable.
- 2.7. The has also asked each of the constituent councils whether it would wish to nominate a lay member to serve on the GAC. The Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales has resolved that lay members may be paid an allowance in the same way as lay members of other Governance and Audit Committees. The work that they undertake. e The NWCJC has resolved to pay lay members an hourly ratel.
- 2.8. If there are more nominations from across the constituent councils than the three required, then the NWCJC will select lay members based upon their resumés.

2.9. There is appended to this report as Appendix 1 a document produced on behalf of the NWCJC which contains a role description for lay members together with a terms of reference for the GAC.

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