

North Wales Governance and Audit Sub-Committee

Background information for Independent (lay) Members

The North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (NWCJC) is a new public regional body established by the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021 further to the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The NWCJC's membership is comprised of 6 Council Members, one for each local authority in NW Wales, and a member from Eryri National Park Authority.

The NWCJC has responsibility for preparing Strategic Development Plans, Regional Transport Plans, and for doing whatever is deemed necessary to enhance or promote the economic well-being of the area.

NWCJC is looking for three independent members to join our new Governance and Audit Sub-Committee for a term of 4 years.

The Governance and Audit Sub-Committee will be a key component of NWCJC's corporate governance. The purpose of the Governance and Audit Sub-Committee will be to review and scrutinise the NWCJC's financial affairs and to provide an independent focus on the audit, assurance, performance and reporting arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards.

The Governance and Audit Sub-Committee will have 9 members, including 6 Councillors and 3 independent (lay) members. The meetings are held quarterly in any calendar year, and are currently on-line.

Please find enclosed:

- The Sub-Committee's terms of reference - it will operate with due regard to the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) good practice guidance.
- A role description and person specification – we are looking for independent-minded professionals, willing to support the Sub-Committee through their accumulated personal knowledge and experience in areas relevant to its role.

Whilst a detailed knowledge of local government is not necessary it would be expected that potential candidates would be interested in matters relating to the public sector and audit. Induction training will be provided to all new members. The Governance and Audit Sub-Committee will be chaired by a Lay Person, so a willingness and ability to fulfil this role is desirable.