



# NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE

### 28 November 2025

TITLE: North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Annual Return 2024/25

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#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1. The purpose of this report is to obtain approval for the CJC's revised Annual Return for 2024/25 following audit by Audit Wales.

#### 2. DECISION SOUGHT

2.1. To approve the CJC's revised Annual Return for 2024/25 (post external audit). It has been duly completed and certified by the Statutory Finance Officer for the CJC (Appendix 1).

#### 3. REASON FOR THE DECISION

- 3.1. The final version (post external audit) of the Annual Return for 2024/25 is presented here. An amendment has been made to the creditors and cash and investment balances on the return as transactions classified as cash in transit as at 31 March 2025 had been recognised as creditors.
- 3.2. After receiving approval from the CJC, the Auditor General for Wales will certify the return.

#### 4. BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1. The 2024/25 Annual Return (subject to audit) was presented to the CJC on 18 July 2025, where it was scrutinised accordingly.
- 4.2. The revised Annual Return presented here to the CJC on 28 November 2025 has been audited by Audit Wales.
- 4.3. A report on the Revenue and Capital out-turn position for 2024/25 was presented to the CJC on 13 June 2025. The report was more useful for internal / management purposes, while the Annual Return is more suited for external / governance purposes.

## 5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1. As defined in the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended), the Corporate Joint Committee, due to its turnover not exceeding £2.5m in 2024/25, is required to prepare an annual return and this must be prepared in accordance with proper practices as stipulated by legislation.



# APPENDICES:

**Appendix 1:** Final Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2025

# STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:

i. Monitoring Officer:

No observations to add in relation to propriety.

ii. Statutory Finance Officer:

Report author.