
**EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE
20/03/26**

Attendance:

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

Councillors: Dave Hughes (Flintshire County Council), Medwyn Hughes (Cyngor Gwynedd), Gary Pritchard (Isle of Anglesey County Council), Jason McLellan (Denbighshire County Council).

Chief Officers: Dylan Williams (Isle of Anglesey County Council).

Other officers present: Alwen Williams (Chief Executive of the Corporate Joint Committee), Sandra Evans (Human Resources Advisory Team Leader – Cyngor Gwynedd), Sera Whitley (Democracy Services Officer – Cyngor Gwynedd).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Councillor Julie Fallon (Conwy County Borough Council)
- Councillor Nia Jeffreys (Cyngor Gwynedd) with Councillor Medwyn Hughes deputising
- Rhun ap Gareth (Conwy County Borough Council)
- Helen White (Denbighshire County Council)
- Neal Cockerton (Flintshire County Council)
- Alwyn Jones (Wrexham County Borough Council)
- Dafydd Gibbard (Cyngor Gwynedd)

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

No declarations of personal interest were recorded at the meeting.

3. URGENT ITEMS

None to note.

4. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 12, Section 4, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972.

It was noted that this paragraph was relevant as the report included information about specific individuals who had the right to privacy. There was no public interest that called for disclosing personal information about these individuals. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

5. INTERVIEWING APPLICANTS FOR THE POST OF NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE PORTFOLIO DIRECTOR

- a) The order of the day was confirmed with the Members. One applicant had withdrawn their application due to personal circumstances.
- b) Two applicants were interviewed for the position of Portfolio Director of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee.
- c) The applicants were invited to give a 10-minute presentation on the topic 'What do you see as the main opportunities and challenges facing the North Wales economy – how do you see the Growth Deal prioritising and responding to these opportunities and challenges?'

They responded to six formal questions asked by the Leaders, along with follow-up questions.

- d) Alwen Williams reported on the results of psychometric tests completed by the applicants, together with feedback from the assessment centre, as part of the appointments process.

It was confirmed that the scoring matrix had been used at the assessment centre. The Leaders scored both applicants on their presentations and answers to the six formal questions, and both applicants were given an average score.

- e) It was proposed and seconded that the post be offered to Hedd Vaughan-Evans.

A vote was taken on the proposal.

RESOLVED TO APPOINT HEDD VAUGHAN-EVANS TO THE ROLE OF NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE PORTFOLIO DIRECTOR

Everyone was thanked for their time and contributions during this interview process.

The meeting commenced at 09:30 and concluded at 12:45

(Chair)