

MEETING	Governance and Audit Committee
DATE	9 July 2026
TITLE	North Wales Corporate Joint Committee - nomination of a Lay Member for the Governance and Audit Sub Committee
RECOMMENDATION	That the Committee decides whether it wishes to nominate a Lay Member to the Governance & Audit Sub Committee of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee.
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1. Background

1.1. A Governance and Audit Sub Committee ('GAC') has been established for the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee ('the NWCJC'). The Council has been asked to nominate a lay member of the Committee to serve on the GAC of the NWCJC. The reason for this report is to seek a nomination 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 resolved to create a GAC with nine members. 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 are 7 committee members present, with at least 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 has appointed members from the existing Governance and Audit Committees of the constituent councils. Each of the constituent councils has nominated 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. Cyngor Gwynedd has already appointed its members.
- 2.7. Each constituent councils was also asked whether it would wish to nominate a lay member to serve on the GAC. 3 lay members were originally nominated to the committee.
- 2.8. Lately, one of the original lay members has stood down from the committee. Therefore, there is a vacancy for one lay member in the committee.
- 2.9. If there are more nominations from across the constituent councils than required, then the NWCJC will select lay members based upon consideration of the role description and person specification, and other background/supporting information.
- 2.10. 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 NWCJC has resolved to pay lay members an hourly rate.
- 2.11. Appended to this report are documents produced by the NWCJC which contains additional information, a role description for lay members together with a terms of reference for the GAC.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee nominates one Lay Member to the Governance & Audit Sub Committee of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee.