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Gogledd Cymru
North Wales
Corporate Joint Committee

MEETING:	North Wales Corporate Joint Committee
DATE:	25th September 2026
SUBJECT:	North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Petition Scheme
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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 The purpose of this report is to establish a Petition Scheme for the CJC.

2. DECISION SOUGHT

That the Corporate Joint Committee approves the petition scheme at Appendix 1.

3. REASON FOR THE DECISION

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 mandates that the CJC must make and publish a scheme setting out how it intends to handle and respond to petitions.

The draft scheme at Appendix 1 meets the requirements of the legislation, and the CJC is asked to approve it. Once approved it will become effective immediately and will be published on the CJC's website.

4. BACKGROUND AND RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed scheme details how a petition may be submitted, how and by when the CJC will acknowledge receipt, the steps it may take in response to a petition, and the circumstances in which the CJC may take no further action.

It is a legislative requirement that the CJC makes and publishes a petition scheme.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

The making and publishing of a petition scheme have no significant resource implications. If a valid petition is submitted, administrative resources would be required to respond to it in accordance with the scheme, but these are not expected to be onerous. If the CJC decides to take the action that a petition requests, this may have resource implications, but this would be considered on a case-by-case basis when the appropriate response to the petition is determined.

6. CONSULTATION

There has been no consultation, as the implementation of a scheme is a statutory requirement.

7. INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1. Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

In developing the decision sought in this report, regard has been had to the well-being duty arising under the Well-Being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 ('the Act').

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on public bodies to carry out sustainable development, meaning the process of improving the social, economic,

environmental and cultural well-being of Wales by taking action aimed at achieving the seven well-being goals of:
A prosperous Wales
A resilient Wales
A healthier Wales
A more equal Wales
A Wales of cohesive communities
A Wales of vibrant culture and thriving Welsh language
A globally responsible Wales

in a way which seeks to ensure that the needs of the present are met without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.

The implementation of a petition scheme will ensure that individuals, community groups and organisations can participate in the democratic process, by raising issues of public concern with the CJC and allowing Members to consider the need for change. It is acknowledged that petitions can have positive outcomes that lead to change or inform debate.

7.2. Equality Act 2010

There are no specific equalities implications arising from this report.

7.3. **Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011**

In accordance with the Welsh Language Standards (No.1) Regulations 2015, consideration has been given to the impact the decision sought in this report may have on opportunities for people to use and promote the Welsh Language, whether the proposals treat the Welsh Language more or less favourably than the English Language, and opportunities for increasing the positive effects, or decreasing the negative effects, of the proposals on the Welsh Language.

No negative impacts were identified which would prevent approval being sought to implement the recommendations of this report.

The petition scheme will be published bilingually and clearly states that petitions may be submitted in Welsh or English.

7.4. **Biodiversity and Resilience of Ecosystems Duty**

There are no specific biodiversity and resilience of ecosystems issues arising from this report.

8. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The CJC is obliged to make and publish a petitions scheme under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. The proposed scheme at Appendix 1 is consistent with and meets the requirements of that legislation.

9. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

10. **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Draft Petition Scheme

11. **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None

STATUTORY OFFICERS RESPONSE:

i. Monitoring Officer:

Section 42 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, as applied to corporate joint committees by regulation 31 of the Corporate Joint Committees (General) (No. 2) (Wales) Regulations 2021, requires the CJC to make and publish a petition scheme and to keep that scheme under review.

The proposed scheme addresses the statutory requirements governing the submission and acknowledgement of petitions, the steps that may be taken in response, the circumstances in which no further action may be taken, and the communication and publication of responses. The signature thresholds and allocation of the different response routes are policy choices within the CJC's discretion.

ii. Section 151 Officer:

I have no comments to add from the perspective of financial propriety.