

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE
GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) Regulations (Meetings) (Wales) 2020)

15 October 2020

Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Councillors: John Brynmor Hughes (Chair), Aled Evans, Alwyn Gruffydd, Medwyn Hughes, Peredur Jenkins, Aled Wyn Jones, Berwyn P Jones, Huw W Jones, Dewi Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell and Gethin Glyn Williams.

Sharon Warnes (Lay Member)

Officers:

Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Ffion Madog Evans (Senior Finance Manager), Luned Fôn Jones (Audit Manager), Delyth Jones-Thomas (Investment Manager), Siân Pugh (Group Accountant - Corporate and Projects), Caren Rees Jones (Group Accountant – Capital and Management) and Eirian Roberts (Democratic Services Officer).

Others invited:

Councillor Ioan Thomas (Cabinet Member – Finance)
Councillor Edgar Owen (Council Chairman)
Ian Howse (Deloitte)

Apologies:

Councillor Charles W. Jones

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SUBJECT

Item 1: ELECT CHAIR

DECISION

To elect Councillor John Brynmor Hughes as Chair of this committee for 2020/21.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstension	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 2: ELECT VICE CHAIR

DECISION

To elect Councillor John Pughe Roberts as Vice-chair of this committee for 2020/21.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 7: FINAL ACCOUNTS - GWYNEDD COUNCIL

DECISION

- (a) To approve the Statement of Accounts 2019/20 (post-audit), subject to further minor adjustments, in accordance to what was reported verbally at the meeting, and to delegate powers to the Chair and Head of Finance Department, in consultation with the Vice-chair and the Cabinet Member for Finance, to certify the Statement of Accounts 2019/20 and the Letter of Representation (Appendix 1 to the Deloitte report) following undertaking minor amendments to the Accounts.**
 - (b) To note and accept the 'ISA260' report by Deloitte on the Gwynedd Council accounts 2019/20.**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 8: FINAL ACCOUNTS - GWYNEDD PENSION FUND

DECISION

- (a) To approve the Gwynedd Pension Fund Statement of Accounts 2019/20 (post-audit)
 - (b) To note and accept the 'ISA260' Report by Deloitte on the Gwynedd Council Pension Fund accounts 2019/20.
 - (c) To authorise the Chairman and the Head of Finance Department to certify the Letter of Representation (Appendix 1 to the Deloitte report).
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 9: SAVINGS OVERVIEW - PROGRESS REPORT ON REALISING SAVINGS SCHEMES

DECISION

To accept the information, consider the general risks arising from slippages with some of the savings schemes, and support the Cabinet's relevant decisions.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 10: REVENUE BUDGET 2019/20 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW

DECISION

To accept the information, note the risks arising from the forecast expenditure against the budget, and support the Cabinet's decisions in the context of the budgets of the Council and its departments.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 11: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW

DECISION

To accept the information, note the risks in the context of the Council's capital programme, and support the Cabinet's relevant decisions.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 12: BUDGET STRATEGY - 2021/22

DECISION

To accept the information, to note the uncertainty in the context of the Council's budget for 2021/22, and support the strategy to balance the budget by using contingencies and reserves to mitigate resource losses in the short term, rather than to give thorough and unnecessary consideration to the lists of potential savings and service cuts during the likely second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 13: AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE WORK PROGRAMME

DECISION

To accept the forward programme, and ask the officers to consider the observations noted during the meeting that the 11 February 2021 programme was too bulky, that evidence had to be secured prior to discussing self-assessments, and the possibility of borrowing should be considered in the annual presentation of the Treasury Management Advisers on 27 January, 2021.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
