



GWE JOINT COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

Date of meeting

13 July 2022

SUBJECT

Item 1: ELECTION OF CHAIR

DECISION

To elect Councillor Julie Fallon as Chair of the Committee for the year 2022-2023.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is a statutory requirement to elect the Chair of the Joint Committee on an annual basis.

**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT
DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.



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Item 2: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

DECISION

To elect Councillor Gill German as Vice-chair for 2022-2023.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is a statutory requirement to elect the Vice-chair of the Joint Committee on an annual basis.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.



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Item 7: GWE ANNUAL REPORT 2021-2022

DECISION

To accept and approve the Annual Report for 2021-2022.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is a requirement according to the GwE Inter Authority Agreement, for GwE to report annually on the performance of the service in delivering the Service Functions and Key Aims.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.



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Item 8: 2021-2022 GWE BUSINESS PLAN: QUARTER 4 MONITORING REPORT

DECISION

To approve the Report to monitor quarter 4 of the GwE Regional Business Plan 2021-2022.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

There is a requirement to report quarterly to the Joint-Committee on progress against the priorities of the Regional Business Plan.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

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Item 9: 2021-2022 GWE REVENUE OUT-TURN ACCOUNTS

DECISION

To note and accept the Revenue Income and Expenditure Account for 2021-2022 submitted in Appendix 1 as the final financial position.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The final report was provided to the members of the Joint Committee, noting the revenue out-turn at the end of the 2021-2022 financial year.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

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Item 10: STATEMENT OF THE ACCOUNTS 2021-2022.

DECISION

To receive and approve GwE's Statement of Accounts (subject to audit) for 2021-2022.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

A Statement of the Accounts was provided, in a 'statutory' format, certified for the Joint Committee for information, as required under Section 12 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004. It was explained that the accounts are subject to an audit by an independent auditor authorised by Audit Wales by Section 13 of the Act.

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Item 11: AUDIT WALES – GwE AUDIT PLAN 2022

DECISION

To receive and approve the 2022 Audit Plan and commit to work towards achieving the statutory duties.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is a statutory requirement for the committee's financial statements to be audited annually in order to ensure that public money is accounted for appropriately. It is essential for the committee to ensure value for money.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

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Item 12: 2021-2022 GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

DECISION

To accept and approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2021-2022.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is a requirement for the Joint Committee to review and approve the statement of internal control.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE JOINT COMMITTEE

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Item 13: TO APPROVE THE GwE BUSINESS PLAN 2022-2023.

DECISION

To approve the GwE Regional Business Plan for 2022-2023.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Business Plan was submitted, noting that it highlighted the service's vision, values and behaviour, as well as the fields of improvement and priority across the region. In addition, it was reiterated that the Business Plan gave attention to the strategic priorities of the Welsh Government and Local Authorities, which were within the GwE remit.

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Item 14: 2022-2023 RISK REGISTER.

DECISION

To note and accept the contents of the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The GwE risk register is a live document which is amended often. It is presented to the Joint-Committee annually and when new risks are recognised and the Joint Committee members need to be aware of them.

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Item 15: SCHOOLS IMPROVEMENT GUIDELINES: FRAMEWORK FOR EVALUATION, IMPROVEMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY.

DECISION

To note and accept the contents of the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The need to present information to the members on the national guidelines and the effects on processes and regional systems was noted. The national guidelines offer a referral point to schools, referral units, local authorities, diocesan authorities, regional consortiums and Estyn and outline their duties imposed upon them by the Welsh Government in line with their wider legal duties.

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The GwE Management Board was consulted along with representatives from the local authorities. A consultation and discussion on the regional Headteachers' Strategic Forums, following the publication of the document on 28 June 2022.



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Item 16: 2022-2023 AUDIT PLAN.

DECISION

To approve the Internal Audit Charter and Internal Audit Plan for 2022-2023.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) makes it a requirement for the Audit Chief Executive (Audit Manager) to develop a risk-based scheme to determine the priorities for Internal Audit's activities. This year, these include: Training, Staff Recruitment and Retention Arrangements and Absence Management.

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