

## **REPORT TO THE NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE**

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**Title:** North Wales Corporate Joint Committee's Statement of Accounts for 2021/22.

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### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 This report presents the statutory Statement of Accounts for the 2021/22 financial year, which provides details of the Joint Committee's financial activities during the year which ended on 31 March 2022.

### **2. Decision Sought**

- 2.1 **Members are asked to approve the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee's (CJC) Statement of Accounts for 2021/22.**

### **3. Reasons for the Decision**

- 3.1 Originally, as there were no transactions for the North Wales CJC in the financial year 2021/22, no accounts or audit appeared to be necessary. It recently became clear that a formal annual statement would be required. Hence, as a 'formality', this report confirms that no transactions were incurred within the financial year 2021/22 in respect of the North Wales CJC, and the annual statement is attached for the Joint Committee's approval, in order to comply with the relevant statutory requirements. A related audit fee is not expected.
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#### **4. Background and Relevant Considerations**

- 4.1 The North Wales CJC was formally constituted on 14 January 2022, and on 28 January 2022 the North Wales CJC confirmed a budget of no expenditure for 2021/22.
- 4.2 In 2021/22, Cyngor Gwynedd received a grant of £250k from Welsh Government to support the North Wales Region with the establishment and implementation of the North Wales CJC.
- 4.3 The statement attached confirms that the North Wales CJC incurred no transactions during 2021/22.

#### **5. Legal Implications**

- 5.1 Section 12 of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 states that a joint committee of two or more (local) authorities is a local government body, and Section 13 of the Act requires such bodies to maintain accounts subject to audit by an external auditor approved by the Auditor General for Wales.
- 5.2 The Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended) require all Joint Committees to prepare year-end accounts. Where the turnover is less than £2.5m the joint committee is deemed to be a “small joint committee” and an annual return must be prepared in accordance with proper practices as stipulated by legislation.

#### **6. Appendix**

Appendix 1 – CJC’s Statement of Accounts for 2021/22.

#### **STATUTORY OFFICERS’ RESPONSE:**

**i. Monitoring Officer – Accountable Body:**

No observations to add in relation to propriety.

**ii. Statutory Finance Officer – Accountable Body:**

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