

Report to	Governance and Audit Committee
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Title	Nomination of members to the Governance and Audit Committee of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee

1. What is the report about?

- 1.1. The report is about the establishment of a Governance and Audit Committee ('GAC') for the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee ('the CJC') and the nomination of members to serve on it.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

- 2.1. The Council has been asked to nominate members of the Committee to serve on the GAC of the CJC. The reason for this report is to seek nominations from the Committee.

3. What are the Recommendations?

- 3.1. That the Committee nominates one councillor to serve on the Governance & Audit Committee of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee and one councillor to act as a substitute for that member.
- 3.2. That the Committee decides whether it wishes to nominate a Lay Member to the Governance & Audit Committee of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee.

4. Report details

- 4.1. The North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Regulations 2021 ('the Regulations') provided for the creation of the CJC in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 ('the 2021 Act').
- 4.2. 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.
- 4.3. The Regulations provide that the CJC must have its own GAC. The GAC must have one third of its membership made up of lay members.
- 4.4. The CJC has resolved to create a GAC. There are to be nine members of the GAC. 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 is a councillor from each of the constituent councils plus one lay member in attendance.
- 4.5. The GAC is expected to meet quarterly and each meeting is expected to last for approximately two hours. Meetings will take place remotely.
- 4.6. The CJC wishes to appoint members from the existing Governance and Audit Committees of the constituent councils. Each of the constituent councils has been asked to nominate 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.
- 4.7. The has also asked each of the constituent councils whether it would wish to nominate a lay member to serve on the GAC. The CJC has resolved to pay lay members the hourly rate prescribed by the Independent Remuneration panel for Wales for the work that they undertake.
- 4.8. If there are more nominations from across the constituent councils than the three required, then the CJC will select lay members based upon their resumés.

4.9. There is appended to this report as Appendix 1 a document produced on behalf of the CJC which contains a role description for lay members together with a terms of reference for the GAC.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Plan 2022 to 2027: The Denbighshire We Want?

5.1. The decision has no direct impact upon the Corporate Plan.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

6.1. The costs of the GAC will be borne by the CJC, although the CJC budget is provided by the six councils.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

7.1. An assessment is not required for this report.

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

8.1. There have been no consultations in respect of this report.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

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10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

10.1. There is a risk that the GAC of the CJC will be inquorate if no nominations are made.

11. Power to make the decision

11.1. Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021