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ISLE OF ANGLESEY  
COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**SUMMONS AND AGENDA**

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**ORDINARY MEETING OF THE  
ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY  
COUNCIL**

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**DYDD MAWRTH  
24 MAI 2022**

**TUESDAY  
24 MAY 2022**

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**→ at 10.30 am ←**

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## **A G E N D A**

### **1. MINUTES**

To submit for confirmation, the draft minutes of the meetings of the County Council held on the following dates:-

- 10 March 2022
- 29 March 2022 (Extraordinary)
- 25 April 2022 (Extraordinary)

### **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

To receive any declaration of interest from a Member or Officer in respect of any item of business.

### **3. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

### **4. QUESTIONS RECEIVED PURSUANT TO RULE 4.1.12.4 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

### **5. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

To receive any petition in accordance with Paragraph 4.1.11 of the Constitution.

### **6. DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

To submit a report by the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee.

### **7. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

To submit a report by the Chairs of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

**ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 10 March 2022**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Glyn Haynes (Chair)  
Councillor Dafydd Roberts (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors R Dew, Jeff Evans, John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, T LI Hughes MBE, Vaughan Hughes, Llinos Medi Huws, A M Jones, Carwyn Jones, Eric Wyn Jones, G O Jones, R Meirion Jones, Alun W Mummery, Bryan Owen, Bob Parry OBE FRAGS, Gary Pritchard, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, J A Roberts, Margaret Murley Roberts, Nicola Roberts, P S Rogers, Dafydd Rhys Thomas, Ieuan Williams and Robin Williams.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Deputy Chief Executive,  
Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer,  
Director of Education, Skills and Young People,  
Interim Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,  
Head of Profession (Human Resources) and Transformation,  
Head of Housing Services,  
Head of Adult's Services,  
Head of Regulation and Economic Development,  
Head of Highways, Waste and Property,  
Human Resources Manager (CW),  
Business Manager (Social Services) (EE),  
Environmental Health Manager (TO),  
Programme, Business Policy and Performance Manager (GM),  
Housing Strategy Services Manager (EL),  
Climate Change Manager (RAW),  
Accountancy Services Manager (BHO),  
Communications Officer (GJ),  
Committee Officer (MEH).
- ALSO PRESENT:** Planning Policy Manager (RJ) (Joint Planning Policy Unit) ( in respect of Item 14).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors K P Hughes, R LI Jones, Richard O Jones.

**1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

Councillor Richard A Dew declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of Item 13 – The Renting Homes (Fees etc) (Wales) Act 2019 : Implementation Arrangements and left the meeting during discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Aled M Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of Item 13 – The Renting Homes (Fees etc) (Wales) Act 2019 : Implementation Arrangements and left the meeting during discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor R Meirion Jones declared a personal interest in respect of Item 17 – Pay Policy Statement 2022 and left the meeting during discussion and voting thereon.

The Senior Leadership Team declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 17 – Pay Policy Statement 2022 and were not present at the meeting during any discussion or voting thereon.

## **2. MINUTES**

The minutes of the following meeting of the County Council were confirmed as correct:-

- 7 December, 2021
- 21 December, 2021 (Extraordinary)
- 11 February, 2022 (Extraordinary)

## **3. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

The Chair made the following announcements:-

- Congratulation was extended to the Trearddur RNLI lifeboat crew who have been recognised for their bravery – The volunteer crew of the B Class Atlantic 85 inshore lifeboat, consisting of Helm Lee Duncan, Dafydd Griffiths, Leigh McCann and Michael Doran, had rescued a female surfer who was in trouble during gale force winds recently. Mr Duncan received a Silver Gallantry Medal in recognition of his leadership, seamanship and exemplary boat handling, while the rest of the crew received Bronze Medals in recognition of their courage during the rescue. The entire Trearddur Bay team involved in the rescue also received a Chief Executive’s Commendation.
- Congratulations was extended to Ysgol Esceifiog School who have reached the shortlist for a St Davids Award for the support given by staff to a family at the school following the terminal diagnosis given to Ania, one of the pupils of the school in October 2020. Despite the challenges of the Covid Pandemic, the school supported Ania and her 7 year old sister and did everything they possibly could to ensure that Ania was supported at school and also did everything possible to support the other children effected by the illness of their friend, helping to make memories that will stay with Ania’s sister and friends forever. Ania lost her battle in June of 2021 and even though it was almost the summer holidays, the staff at the school were a great support to the school and family by working with external agencies to offer support to Ania’s sister and friends and raising money for charities who continue to support the family and the school.

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The Chair wished to express his best wishes to the Chief Executive, Mrs Annwen Morgan on her retirement after 39 years service to the Authority. He said that she started her career with the Council at Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern and progressed to Headteacher in 2007. Mrs Morgan became the Deputy Chief Executive of the Council in 2016 and then progressed to be Chief Executive in 2019. The majority of her time as Chief Executive has been during the pandemic period and despite all uncertainties and numerous challenges

Mrs Morgan has demonstrated visible leadership and commitment in safeguarding the residents of Anglesey. The Chair wished Mrs Morgan good health and happiness in her retirement.

The Leader of the Council wished to thank Mrs Annwen Morgan for the service she has given to the County Council and for her commitment and hard work as Chief Executive and especially during the difficulty period during the pandemic. She said that Mrs Morgan was the first women appointed as Chief Executive of this Council and that it has been a privilege to work with her as a female Leader of the Council.

Members of the Council also wished to thank Mrs Morgan and wished her well on her retirement.

The Chair extended his best wishes to Mr Dylan Williams who has been appointed Chief Executive.

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The Chair said that this will be the last meeting of the County Council meeting for the present administration. He wished to thank the Elected Members and Officers for their co-operation and hard work during the last 5 years. He extended his best wishes to all Elected Members who are not standing for re-election and best wishes to all Members who are seeking re-election.

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Condolences was extended to the form Seiriol Ward Member, Mr Alwyn Rowlands and his family on the recent loss of their daughter.

Condolences were extended to any Member of the Council or Staff who had suffered a bereavement.

Members and Officers stood as silent tribute.

#### **4. PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS**

No petitions received.

#### **5. NOTICE OF MOTION PURSUANT TO RULE 4.1.13.1 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

- Submitted – the following Notice of Motion received by the Leader of the Council :-

*“We as Anglesey County Council show our support to the people of Ukraine by having the flag at the Headquarters and having the helping hand of the people of Anglesey ready to provide refuge and support to those in need.”*

Councillor R Meirion Jones seconded the Motion.

**It was unanimously agreed to approve the Motion.**

- Submitted – the following Notice of Motion received by Councillor R Meirion Jones :-

- “ 1. That Anglesey Council ask the UK Government in Westminster to devolve to the Welsh Government in Wales to the right and the power to be able to create bank holidays for Wales.*
- 2. There is a feeling amongst the people of Wales, whatever their background and tradition, that they wish to celebrate the patron saint of Wales, St David's and that they wish to do this annually on the 1<sup>st</sup> March.*
- 3. Currently, the right to create bank holidays has been given to the Scottish Government and the Government of Northern Ireland, but not to the Welsh Government. Therefore, the UK Government in Westminster are asked in the same way to devolve – through the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971 – the right to create bank holidays, to the Welsh Government.*
- 4. There is a call to establish St David's Day as a bank holiday in Wales. This has been refused by the UK Government in Westminster on a financial basis but a bank holiday would be a significant boost for Anglesey with its countryside and tourism. Fundamentally, this is not a matter of cost but is a matter of worth and principle.*
- 5. With this, we ask all the people of Anglesey to send a similar message to ours above to the UK Government in Westminster and to copy their local MP into the message.*

Councillor Peter Rogers said that such a proposal for a bank holiday on St David's Day would be a financial burden on the employers and also would result in the rate payers having to pay for the bank holiday for the staff of the Council. Councillor Rogers said that he would vote against the Motion.

Councillor Gary Pritchard said that the Motion before the Council is to ask the UK Government in Westminster to devolve to the Welsh Government in Wales to the right and the power to be able to create bank holidays for Wales as is given to the Scottish and Northern Ireland Governments. Councillor Pritchard seconded the Motion.

Following the vote it was **RESOLVED to approve the Motion.**

## **6. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW FOR 2020/21**

The report of the Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer as presented to the Executive on 3 March, 2022 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

**It was RESOLVED to accept the Annual Treasury Management Review 2020/21.**

## **7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REVIEW 2021/22**

The report of the Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer as presented to the Executive on 3 March, 2022 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

**It was RESOLVED to accept the Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2021/2022.**

## **8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT 2022/23**

The report of the Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer as presented to the Executive on 3 March, 2022 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

The Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151

**It was RESOLVED to accept the Treasury Management Mid-Year Review Report 2020/21.**

## **9. CAPITAL STRATEGY**

The report of the Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer as presented to the Executive on 3 March, 2022 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

**It was RESOLVED to accept the Capital Strategy.**

## **10. BUDGET 2022/23**

The Portfolio Holder for Finance presented the Executive's proposals for the Revenue Budget and resulting Council Tax for 2022/23 the Council's updated Medium Term Financial Strategy and the use of any one-off funds to support the budget – items 10 (a) to (ch) within the Agenda. He said that the Welsh Government settlement was significantly better than anticipated and would provide the Council with £114.549m, which is an increase in cash terms of £9.724m (9.27%), but after allowing for grants transferring into the settlement and the effect of the change in the Council's tax base, the adjusted increase was £9.677m (9.23%). The Council is now in a position to be able to invest in the services of the Council that had seen significant budget cuts during the period of austerity. £2.86m has been allocated in the final budget proposal as can be seen within 2.4 of the report. The budget proposal does not require any services to implement any budget savings for 2022/23. The Council published its budget proposals for public consultation on 26 January, 2022 and the consultation period closed on 9 February, 2022. The Scrutiny's input into the budget setting process was undertaken and no amendments to the budget was proposed. The Portfolio Member for Finance referred to some minor changes in the figures following confirmation of the final settlement and the award of an additional grant of £2,254 to Anglesey which takes the net budget to £158.367m. The proposed 2% increase in Council Tax to set a balanced budget is the lowest in North Wales and restores the Council to the position it occupied at the beginning of this Administration when it was eighteenth out of the twenty two local authorities in Wales for council tax. The second home premium will be increased from 35% to 50% with no change to the empty homes premium of 100%. The Portfolio Holder – Finance wished to acknowledged the work involved in the preparing the budget proposals and thanked the Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer and his staff for the work undertaken in respect of preparing the budget for 2022/23.

Councillor Dafydd Roberts Chair of the Finance Scrutiny Panel reported that at its meeting on 14 February, 2022 the Panel had examined the service investment proposals in detail and reported to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee meeting on 28 February confirming its recommendation of the final draft revenue budget proposals for 2022/23.

Councillor Bryan Owen said that whilst it was difficult to oppose the budget for the financial year 2022/23 which is below the inflation level. However, the increase in the Council Tax Band D will be a challenge for the elderly to have to pay the extra 2% in the Council Tax premium. He considered that the budget for 2022/23 is a politically driven budget due to the forthcoming local government elections in May. Councillor Owen said that he would be abstaining from voting.

Councillor Peter Rogers said that the Authority has assets with empty schools in his area having been unsold within ongoing costs to the Council. He considered that raising the Council Tax again this year is unacceptable for the residents of the Island. Councillor Rogers said that he would be voting against the budget proposal.

Councillor Aled M Jones said that the increase in the Council Tax could have been decreased due to the reserves of the Council and also the revenue received through the Green Bin Tax charge. Councillor Jones said that he would also abstain from voting.

The Portfolio Holder for Finance said that a consultation process has been undertaken as regards to the budget proposals of the Council for 2022/23. He said that there is reference that a Green Bin Tax charge for residents to collect their green waste; he emphasised that this is not a Green Bin Tax charge as it is an option for residents to have their green bin collected and this Authority was the last Council in Wales to charge for this service. He further said that he totally disagreed that the budget before the Council is a politically driven budget as it is the first time in many years that the Authority is able to invest in services of the Council and for the benefit of the residents of Anglesey.

**It was RESOLVED:-**

- **To approve the capital budget for 2021/22**
- **To accept the draft Council Tax Resolution as (c) in the Agenda:-**

**1. RESOLVED**

- (a) Pursuant to the recommendations of the Executive, to adopt the 2022/23 Budget at Section 7 as a Budget Strategy within the meaning given by the Constitution, and to affirm that it becomes part of the budget framework with the exception of figures described as current.
- (b) Pursuant to the recommendations of the Executive, to adopt a revenue budget for 2022/23 as shown at Table 2, Section 7 of the 2022/23 Budget Report Appendix 1 and Appendix 3.
- (c) Pursuant to the recommendations of the Executive, to adopt a capital budget as shown in the Capital Budget Report 2022/23 report.
- (ch) To delegate to the Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer the power to make adjustments between headings in the Final Budget Proposal 2022/23 at Appendix 3 in order to give effect to the Council's decisions. In addition, to delegate to Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer the power to transfer up to £50k per item from the general contingency. Any item in excess of £50k will require the approval of the Executive before any transfer from the general contingency is made.
- (d) To delegate to the Executive Committee, for the financial year 2022/23, the powers to transfer budgets between headings as follows:-
  - (i) unlimited powers to spend each budget heading in Appendix 3 Final Budget Proposal 2022/23 against the name of each service, on the service to which it relates;
  - (ii) powers to approve the use of service and earmarked reserves to fund one-off spending proposals that contribute to the delivery of the Council's objectives and improve services;
  - (iii) powers to vire from new or increased sources of income.
- (dd) To delegate to the Executive Committee, in respect of the financial year 2022/23 and on the advice of the Head of Function (Resources), the power to release up to £250k from general balances to deal with priorities arising during the year.
- (e) To delegate to the Executive Committee in respect of the period to 31 March 2023, the following powers:-
  - (i) powers to make new commitments from future years' revenue budgets up to amount identified under New Priorities in the Medium Term Financial Plan;



- (ii) the power and the duty to make plans for achievement of revenue budget savings implied by the Medium Term Financial Plan;
  - (iii) powers to transfer budgets between capital projects in the Capital Budget Report 2022/23 report and to commit resources in following years and consistent with the budget framework.
- (f) To set and approve the prudential and treasury indicators which are estimates and limits for 2022/23 and onwards as shown in the report on the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2022/23.
- (ff) To approve the Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2022/23 and the Capital Strategy 2022/23.
- (g) To confirm that items 1(b) to (ff) become part of the budget framework.
2. **RESOLVED** to adopt and affirm for the purposes of the financial year 2022/23 the decision of the County Council on 10 March 1998 to set the discount level applicable to the prescribed Class A and prescribed Class B of dwellings under Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), as described by the Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (Wales) Regulations 1998, as follows:-
- |                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Prescribed Class A | Nil Discount |
| Prescribed Class B | Nil Discount |
3. **RESOLVED** to adopt and affirm for the purposes of the financial year 2022/23 the decision of the County Council on 6 March 2007 to set the discount level applicable to the prescribed Class C of dwellings under Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended), as described by the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) and Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2004 as follows:-
- |                    |              |
|--------------------|--------------|
| Prescribed Class C | Nil Discount |
|--------------------|--------------|
4. **RESOLVED** to disapply any discount(s) granted to long-term empty dwellings and dwelling occupied periodically (usually known as second homes) and to vary the full Council's decision made on 28 February 2018 and apply for the financial year 2022/23 a higher amount of Council Tax (called a Council Tax Premium) of 100% of the standard rate of Council Tax for long-term empty dwellings or for dwellings occupied periodically (usually known as second homes) to apply a higher amount of Council Tax (called a Council tax Premium) of 50% under Sections 12A and 12B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as inserted by Section 139 of the Housing (Wales) Act 2014.
5. That it be noted that at its meeting on 28 February 1996 the Council resolved not to treat any expenses incurred by the Council in part of its area or in meeting any levy or special levy as special expenses and that the resolutions remain in force until expressly rescinded.
6. That it is noted that a resolution of the Executive on 29 November 2021 approved the amount calculated by the Isle of Anglesey County Council for its council tax base for 2022/23 and to further note that the full Council in its meeting on the 11 December 2018 approved that the local Council Tax Reduction Scheme will continue unchanged for subsequent years unless substantially amended. It is also noted that the full Council on 28 February 2018 adopted and approved a local Council Tax Discretionary Policy under Section 13A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, delegating to the Executive the power to revoke, re-enact and/or amend the Policy. The Executive having last amended the Policy on 03 March 2022
7. At its meeting on 29 November 2021, the Executive, in accordance with the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base)(Wales) Regulations 1995 (SI1995/2561) as amended by SI1999/2935 and the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) and Council Tax (Prescribed Classes of Dwellings)(Wales) Amendment) Regulations 2004 and the Local Authority (Calculation of Taxbase) (Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2016 resolved to approve the amounts calculated by the Isle of Anglesey County Council as its tax base and for the parts of the area, for the year 2022/23, as follows:-

- a) **32,042.00** being the amount approved by the Executive as the Isle of Anglesey County Council's council tax base for the year.
- b) The parts of the Council's area, being the amounts calculated by the Executive as the amounts of the Isle of Anglesey County Council's council tax base for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate, are as follows:-

| <b>Community/Town Council Areas</b> | <b>Tax Base<br/>2022/23</b> |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Amlwch                              | 1,545.22                    |
| Beaumaris                           | 1,085.71                    |
| Holyhead                            | 4,074.82                    |
| Llangefni                           | 2,004.11                    |
| Menai Bridge                        | 1,487.65                    |
| Llanddaniel-fab                     | 378.55                      |
| Llanddona                           | 391.17                      |
| Cwm Cadnant                         | 1,167.07                    |
| Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll               | 1,328.75                    |
| Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog              | 706.93                      |
| Bodorgan                            | 471.87                      |
| Llangoed                            | 661.96                      |
| Llangristiolus & Cerrig Ceinwen     | 635.80                      |
| Llanidan                            | 418.37                      |
| Rhosyr                              | 1,050.47                    |
| Penmynydd                           | 249.26                      |
| Pentraeth                           | 586.10                      |
| Moelfre                             | 644.83                      |
| Llanbadrig                          | 686.13                      |
| Llanddyfnan                         | 519.58                      |
| Llaneilian                          | 601.38                      |
| Llanerch-y-medd                     | 534.54                      |
| Llaneugrad                          | 188.64                      |
| Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf           | 1,906.08                    |
| Cylch y Garn                        | 399.84                      |
| Mechell                             | 578.41                      |
| Rhos-y-bol                          | 472.27                      |
| Aberffraw                           | 307.60                      |
| Bodedern                            | 428.70                      |
| Bodffordd                           | 426.13                      |
| Trearddur                           | 1,320.49                    |
| Tref Alaw                           | 270.99                      |
| Llanfachraeth                       | 227.68                      |
| Llanfaelog                          | 1,307.06                    |
| Llanfaethlu                         | 270.06                      |
| Llanfair-yn-Neubwll                 | 583.32                      |
| Valley                              | 1,022.71                    |
| Bryngwran                           | 359.82                      |
| Rhoscolyn                           | 369.16                      |
| Trewalchmai                         | 372.77                      |

| Community/Town Council Areas | Tax Base<br>2022/23 |
|------------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Total Taxbase</b>         | <b>32,042.00</b>    |

8. That the following amounts be now calculated by the Council for the year 2022/23, in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992: -
- a) £217,857,935 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (d) of the Act.
- b) £57,768,194 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(3)(a) and (c) of the Act.
- c) £160,089,741 being the amount by which the aggregate at 8(a) above exceeds the aggregate at 8(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budget requirement for the year.
- ch) £114,551,252 being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its council fund in respect of redistributed non-domestic rates, revenue support grant and specific grant, reduced by any amount calculated in accordance with Section 33(3) of the Act.
- d) £ 1,421.21 being the amount at 8(c) above less the amount at 8(ch) above, all divided by the amount at 7(a) above, calculated by the Executive, in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year.
- dd) £ 1,722,341 being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.
- e) £ 1,367.46 being the amount at 8(d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at 8(dd) above by the amount at 7(a) above, calculated by the Executive, in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates.

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|                                 |   | <b>Band D equivalent per area including Isle of Anglesey Council and Community/Town Council elements</b> |
|---------------------------------|---|--|
| Amlwch                          | £ | 1,433.70   |
| Beaumaris                       | £ | 1,394.64   |
| Holyhead                        | £ | 1,523.43   |
| Llangefni                       | £ | 1,479.78   |
| Menai Bridge                    | £ | 1,437.66   |
| Llanddaniel-fab                 | £ | 1,397.25   |
| Llanddona                       | £ | 1,389.15   |
| Cwm Cadnant                     | £ | 1,396.26   |
| Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll           | £ | 1,412.55   |
| Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog          | £ | 1,398.78   |
| Bodorgan                        | £ | 1,392.84   |
| Llangoed                        | £ | 1,393.47   |
| Llangristiolus & Cerrig Ceinwen | £ | 1,379.97   |
| Llanidan                        | £ | 1,400.49   |
| Rhosyr                          | £ | 1,392.57   |
| Penmynydd                       | £ | 1,399.50   |
| Pentraeth                       | £ | 1,389.60   |
| Moelfre                         | £ | 1,385.46   |

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|---------------------------|---|----------|
| Llanbadrig                | £ | 1,411.56 |
| Llanddyfnan               | £ | 1,387.62 |
| Llaneilian                | £ | 1,390.68 |
| Llanerch-y-medd           | £ | 1,402.47 |
| Llaneugrad                | £ | 1,388.61 |
| Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf | £ | 1,397.70 |
| Cylch y Garn              | £ | 1,384.92 |
| Mechell                   | £ | 1,384.74 |
| Rhos-y-bol                | £ | 1,384.38 |
| Aberffraw                 | £ | 1,406.43 |
| Bodedern                  | £ | 1,400.04 |
| Bodffordd                 | £ | 1,393.20 |
| Trearddur                 | £ | 1,394.64 |
| Tref Alaw                 | £ | 1,392.30 |
| Llanfachraeth             | £ | 1,402.92 |
| Llanfaelog                | £ | 1,399.59 |
| Llanfaethlu               | £ | 1,388.70 |
| Llanfair-yn-Neubwll       | £ | 1,396.53 |
| Valley                    | £ | 1,404.00 |
| Bryngwran                 | £ | 1,403.55 |
| Rhoscolyn                 | £ | 1,378.26 |
| Trewalchmai               | £ | 1,399.59 |

being the amount given by adding to the amount at 8(e) above the amounts of the special item or items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above divided in each case by the amount at 8(b) above, calculated by the Executive in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its council tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one of more special items relate.

#### Valuation Bands

|                                 |   | Council Tax per Band, per Area, which includes the Isle of Anglesey County Council and Community/Town Council elements/precepts |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------------------|---|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                 |   | A   | B        | C        | D        | E        | F        | G        | H        | I        |
| Amlwch                          | £ | 955.80  | 1,115.10 | 1,274.40 | 1,433.70 | 1,752.30 | 2,070.90 | 2,389.50 | 2,867.40 | 3,345.30 |
| Beaumaris                       | £ | 929.76  | 1,084.72 | 1,239.68 | 1,394.64 | 1,704.56 | 2,014.48 | 2,324.40 | 2,789.28 | 3,254.16 |
| Holyhead                        | £ | 1,015.62  | 1,184.89 | 1,354.16 | 1,523.43 | 1,861.97 | 2,200.51 | 2,539.05 | 3,046.86 | 3,554.67 |
| Llangefni                       | £ | 986.52  | 1,150.94 | 1,315.36 | 1,479.78 | 1,808.62 | 2,137.46 | 2,466.30 | 2,959.56 | 3,452.82 |
| Menai Bridge                    | £ | 958.44  | 1,118.18 | 1,277.92 | 1,437.66 | 1,757.14 | 2,076.62 | 2,396.10 | 2,875.32 | 3,354.54 |
| Llanddaniel-fab                 | £ | 931.50  | 1,086.75 | 1,242.00 | 1,397.25 | 1,707.75 | 2,018.25 | 2,328.75 | 2,794.50 | 3,260.25 |
| Llanddona                       | £ | 926.10  | 1,080.45 | 1,234.80 | 1,389.15 | 1,697.85 | 2,006.55 | 2,315.25 | 2,778.30 | 3,241.35 |
| Cwm Cadnant                     | £ | 930.84  | 1,085.98 | 1,241.12 | 1,396.26 | 1,706.54 | 2,016.82 | 2,327.10 | 2,792.52 | 3,257.94 |
| Llanfair Pwllgw yngyll          | £ | 941.70  | 1,098.65 | 1,255.60 | 1,412.55 | 1,726.45 | 2,040.35 | 2,354.25 | 2,825.10 | 3,295.95 |
| Llanfihangel Ysgeifiog          | £ | 932.52  | 1,087.94 | 1,243.36 | 1,398.78 | 1,709.62 | 2,020.46 | 2,331.30 | 2,797.56 | 3,263.82 |
| Bodorgan                        | £ | 928.56  | 1,083.32 | 1,238.08 | 1,392.84 | 1,702.36 | 2,011.88 | 2,321.40 | 2,785.68 | 3,249.96 |
| Llangoed                        | £ | 928.98  | 1,083.81 | 1,238.64 | 1,393.47 | 1,703.13 | 2,012.79 | 2,322.45 | 2,786.94 | 3,251.43 |
| Llangristiolus & Cerrig Ceinwen | £ | 919.98  | 1,073.31 | 1,226.64 | 1,379.97 | 1,686.63 | 1,993.29 | 2,299.95 | 2,759.94 | 3,219.93 |
| Llanidan                        | £ | 933.66  | 1,089.27 | 1,244.88 | 1,400.49 | 1,711.71 | 2,022.93 | 2,334.15 | 2,800.98 | 3,267.81 |
| Rhosyr                          | £ | 928.38  | 1,083.11 | 1,237.84 | 1,392.57 | 1,702.03 | 2,011.49 | 2,320.95 | 2,785.14 | 3,249.33 |
| Penmynydd                       | £ | 933.00  | 1,088.50 | 1,244.00 | 1,399.50 | 1,710.50 | 2,021.50 | 2,332.50 | 2,799.00 | 3,265.50 |

|                           |   |        |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------------|---|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Pentraeth                 | £ | 926.40 | 1,080.80 | 1,235.20 | 1,389.60 | 1,698.40 | 2,007.20 | 2,316.00 | 2,779.20 | 3,242.40 |
| Moelfre                   | £ | 923.64 | 1,077.58 | 1,231.52 | 1,385.46 | 1,693.34 | 2,001.22 | 2,309.10 | 2,770.92 | 3,232.74 |
| Llanbadrig                | £ | 941.04 | 1,097.88 | 1,254.72 | 1,411.56 | 1,725.24 | 2,038.92 | 2,352.60 | 2,823.12 | 3,293.64 |
| Llanddyfnan               | £ | 925.08 | 1,079.26 | 1,233.44 | 1,387.62 | 1,695.98 | 2,004.34 | 2,312.70 | 2,775.24 | 3,237.78 |
| Llaneilian                | £ | 927.12 | 1,081.64 | 1,236.16 | 1,390.68 | 1,699.72 | 2,008.76 | 2,317.80 | 2,781.36 | 3,244.92 |
| Llanerch-y-medd           | £ | 934.98 | 1,090.81 | 1,246.64 | 1,402.47 | 1,714.13 | 2,025.79 | 2,337.45 | 2,804.94 | 3,272.43 |
| Llaneugrad                | £ | 925.74 | 1,080.03 | 1,234.32 | 1,388.61 | 1,697.19 | 2,005.77 | 2,314.35 | 2,777.22 | 3,240.09 |
| Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf | £ | 931.80 | 1,087.10 | 1,242.40 | 1,397.70 | 1,708.30 | 2,018.90 | 2,329.50 | 2,795.40 | 3,261.30 |
| Cylch y Garn              | £ | 923.28 | 1,077.16 | 1,231.04 | 1,384.92 | 1,692.68 | 2,000.44 | 2,308.20 | 2,769.84 | 3,231.48 |
| Mechell                   | £ | 923.16 | 1,077.02 | 1,230.88 | 1,384.74 | 1,692.46 | 2,000.18 | 2,307.90 | 2,769.48 | 3,231.06 |
| Rhos-y-bol                | £ | 922.92 | 1,076.74 | 1,230.56 | 1,384.38 | 1,692.02 | 1,999.66 | 2,307.30 | 2,768.76 | 3,230.22 |
| Aberffraw                 | £ | 937.62 | 1,093.89 | 1,250.16 | 1,406.43 | 1,718.97 | 2,031.51 | 2,344.05 | 2,812.86 | 3,281.67 |
| Bodedern                  | £ | 933.36 | 1,088.92 | 1,244.48 | 1,400.04 | 1,711.16 | 2,022.28 | 2,333.40 | 2,800.08 | 3,266.76 |
| Bodffordd                 | £ | 928.80 | 1,083.60 | 1,238.40 | 1,393.20 | 1,702.80 | 2,012.40 | 2,322.00 | 2,786.40 | 3,250.80 |
| Trearddur                 | £ | 929.76 | 1,084.72 | 1,239.68 | 1,394.64 | 1,704.56 | 2,014.48 | 2,324.40 | 2,789.28 | 3,254.16 |
| Tref Alaw                 | £ | 928.20 | 1,082.90 | 1,237.60 | 1,392.30 | 1,701.70 | 2,011.10 | 2,320.50 | 2,784.60 | 3,248.70 |
| Llanfachraeth             | £ | 935.28 | 1,091.16 | 1,247.04 | 1,402.92 | 1,714.68 | 2,026.44 | 2,338.20 | 2,805.84 | 3,273.48 |
| Llanfaelog                | £ | 933.06 | 1,088.57 | 1,244.08 | 1,399.59 | 1,710.61 | 2,021.63 | 2,332.65 | 2,799.18 | 3,265.71 |
| Llanfaethlu               | £ | 925.80 | 1,080.10 | 1,234.40 | 1,388.70 | 1,697.30 | 2,005.90 | 2,314.50 | 2,777.40 | 3,240.30 |
| Llanfair-yn-Neubwll       | £ | 931.02 | 1,086.19 | 1,241.36 | 1,396.53 | 1,706.87 | 2,017.21 | 2,327.55 | 2,793.06 | 3,258.57 |
| Valley                    | £ | 936.00 | 1,092.00 | 1,248.00 | 1,404.00 | 1,716.00 | 2,028.00 | 2,340.00 | 2,808.00 | 3,276.00 |
| Bryngwran                 | £ | 935.70 | 1,091.65 | 1,247.60 | 1,403.55 | 1,715.45 | 2,027.35 | 2,339.25 | 2,807.10 | 3,274.95 |
| Rhoscolyn                 | £ | 918.84 | 1,071.98 | 1,225.12 | 1,378.26 | 1,684.54 | 1,990.82 | 2,297.10 | 2,756.52 | 3,215.94 |
| Trewalchmai               | £ | 933.06 | 1,088.57 | 1,244.08 | 1,399.59 | 1,710.61 | 2,021.63 | 2,332.65 | 2,799.18 | 3,265.71 |

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at 8(e) and 8(f) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5(1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Executive, in accordance with Section 36(1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

9. That it be noted that for the year 2022/23, the Police and Crime Commissioner North Wales has stated the following amounts in a precept issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

|   |   | Valuation Bands |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|---|---|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|   |   | A               | B      | C      | D      | E      | F      | G      | H      | I      |
| Police and Crime Commissioner North Wales | £ | 211.20          | 246.40 | 281.60 | 316.80 | 387.20 | 457.60 | 528.00 | 633.60 | 739.20 |

10. That, having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 8(ff) and 9 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of council tax for the year 2022/23 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:-

|                                 |   | Council Tax per Band, per Area, which includes the Isle of Anglesey County Council element, Community/Town Council Precepts and North Wales Police Precept |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------------------|---|--|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|                                 |   | A  | B        | C        | D        | E        | F        | G        | H        | I        |
| Amlwch                          | £ | 1,167.00   | 1,361.50 | 1,556.00 | 1,750.50 | 2,139.50 | 2,528.50 | 2,917.50 | 3,501.00 | 4,084.50 |
| Beaumaris                       | £ | 1,140.96   | 1,331.12 | 1,521.28 | 1,711.44 | 2,091.76 | 2,472.08 | 2,852.40 | 3,422.88 | 3,993.36 |
| Holyhead                        | £ | 1,226.82   | 1,431.29 | 1,635.76 | 1,840.23 | 2,249.17 | 2,658.11 | 3,067.05 | 3,680.46 | 4,293.87 |
| Llangefni                       | £ | 1,197.72   | 1,397.34 | 1,596.96 | 1,796.58 | 2,195.82 | 2,595.06 | 2,994.30 | 3,593.16 | 4,192.02 |
| Menai Bridge                    | £ | 1,169.64   | 1,364.58 | 1,559.52 | 1,754.46 | 2,144.34 | 2,534.22 | 2,924.10 | 3,508.92 | 4,093.74 |
| Llanddaniel-fab                 | £ | 1,142.70   | 1,333.15 | 1,523.60 | 1,714.05 | 2,094.95 | 2,475.85 | 2,856.75 | 3,428.10 | 3,999.45 |
| Llanddona                       | £ | 1,137.30   | 1,326.85 | 1,516.40 | 1,705.95 | 2,085.05 | 2,464.15 | 2,843.25 | 3,411.90 | 3,980.55 |
| Cwm Cadnant                     | £ | 1,142.04   | 1,332.38 | 1,522.72 | 1,713.06 | 2,093.74 | 2,474.42 | 2,855.10 | 3,426.12 | 3,997.14 |
| Llanfair Pwllgwyngyll           | £ | 1,152.90   | 1,345.05 | 1,537.20 | 1,729.35 | 2,113.65 | 2,497.95 | 2,882.25 | 3,458.70 | 4,035.15 |
| Llanfihangel Ysgewiog           | £ | 1,143.72   | 1,334.34 | 1,524.96 | 1,715.58 | 2,096.82 | 2,478.06 | 2,859.30 | 3,431.16 | 4,003.02 |
| Bodorgan                        | £ | 1,139.76   | 1,329.72 | 1,519.68 | 1,709.64 | 2,089.56 | 2,469.48 | 2,849.40 | 3,419.28 | 3,989.16 |
| Llangoes                        | £ | 1,140.18   | 1,330.21 | 1,520.24 | 1,710.27 | 2,090.33 | 2,470.39 | 2,850.45 | 3,420.54 | 3,990.63 |
| Llangristiolus & Cerrig Ceinwen | £ | 1,131.18   | 1,319.71 | 1,508.24 | 1,696.77 | 2,073.83 | 2,450.89 | 2,827.95 | 3,393.54 | 3,959.13 |
| Llanidan                        | £ | 1,144.86   | 1,335.67 | 1,526.48 | 1,717.29 | 2,098.91 | 2,480.53 | 2,862.15 | 3,434.58 | 4,007.01 |
| Rhosyr                          | £ | 1,139.58   | 1,329.51 | 1,519.44 | 1,709.37 | 2,089.23 | 2,469.09 | 2,848.95 | 3,418.74 | 3,988.53 |
| Penmynydd                       | £ | 1,144.20   | 1,334.90 | 1,525.60 | 1,716.30 | 2,097.70 | 2,479.10 | 2,860.50 | 3,432.60 | 4,004.70 |
| Pentraeth                       | £ | 1,137.60   | 1,327.20 | 1,516.80 | 1,706.40 | 2,085.60 | 2,464.80 | 2,844.00 | 3,412.80 | 3,981.60 |
| Moelfre                         | £ | 1,134.84   | 1,323.98 | 1,513.12 | 1,702.26 | 2,080.54 | 2,458.82 | 2,837.10 | 3,404.52 | 3,971.94 |
| Llanbadrig                      | £ | 1,152.24   | 1,344.28 | 1,536.32 | 1,728.36 | 2,112.44 | 2,496.52 | 2,880.60 | 3,456.72 | 4,032.84 |
| Llanddyfnan                     | £ | 1,136.28   | 1,325.66 | 1,515.04 | 1,704.42 | 2,083.18 | 2,461.94 | 2,840.70 | 3,408.84 | 3,976.98 |
| Llaneilian                      | £ | 1,138.32   | 1,328.04 | 1,517.76 | 1,707.48 | 2,086.92 | 2,466.36 | 2,845.80 | 3,414.96 | 3,984.12 |
| Llanerch-y-medd                 | £ | 1,146.18   | 1,337.21 | 1,528.24 | 1,719.27 | 2,101.33 | 2,483.39 | 2,865.45 | 3,438.54 | 4,011.63 |
| Llaneugrad                      | £ | 1,136.94   | 1,326.43 | 1,515.92 | 1,705.41 | 2,084.39 | 2,463.37 | 2,842.35 | 3,410.82 | 3,979.29 |
| Llanfair Mathafarn Eithaf       | £ | 1,143.00   | 1,333.50 | 1,524.00 | 1,714.50 | 2,095.50 | 2,476.50 | 2,857.50 | 3,429.00 | 4,000.50 |
| Cylch y Garn                    | £ | 1,134.48   | 1,323.56 | 1,512.64 | 1,701.72 | 2,079.88 | 2,458.04 | 2,836.20 | 3,403.44 | 3,970.68 |
| Mechell                         | £ | 1,134.36   | 1,323.42 | 1,512.48 | 1,701.54 | 2,079.66 | 2,457.78 | 2,835.90 | 3,403.08 | 3,970.26 |
| Rhos-y-bol                      | £ | 1,134.12   | 1,323.14 | 1,512.16 | 1,701.18 | 2,079.22 | 2,457.26 | 2,835.30 | 3,402.36 | 3,969.42 |
| Aberffraw                       | £ | 1,148.82   | 1,340.29 | 1,531.76 | 1,723.23 | 2,106.17 | 2,489.11 | 2,872.05 | 3,446.46 | 4,020.87 |
| Bodedern                        | £ | 1,144.56   | 1,335.32 | 1,526.08 | 1,716.84 | 2,098.36 | 2,479.88 | 2,861.40 | 3,433.68 | 4,005.96 |
| Bodffordd                       | £ | 1,140.00   | 1,330.00 | 1,520.00 | 1,710.00 | 2,090.00 | 2,470.00 | 2,850.00 | 3,420.00 | 3,990.00 |
| Trearddur                       | £ | 1,140.96   | 1,331.12 | 1,521.28 | 1,711.44 | 2,091.76 | 2,472.08 | 2,852.40 | 3,422.88 | 3,993.36 |
| Tref Alaw                       | £ | 1,139.40   | 1,329.30 | 1,519.20 | 1,709.10 | 2,088.90 | 2,468.70 | 2,848.50 | 3,418.20 | 3,987.90 |
| Llanfachraeth                   | £ | 1,146.48   | 1,337.56 | 1,528.64 | 1,719.72 | 2,101.88 | 2,484.04 | 2,866.20 | 3,439.44 | 4,012.68 |
| Llanfaelog                      | £ | 1,144.26   | 1,334.97 | 1,525.68 | 1,716.39 | 2,097.81 | 2,479.23 | 2,860.65 | 3,432.78 | 4,004.91 |
| Llanfaethlu                     | £ | 1,137.00   | 1,326.50 | 1,516.00 | 1,705.50 | 2,084.50 | 2,463.50 | 2,842.50 | 3,411.00 | 3,979.50 |
| Llanfair-yn-Neubwll             | £ | 1,142.22   | 1,332.59 | 1,522.96 | 1,713.33 | 2,094.07 | 2,474.81 | 2,855.55 | 3,426.66 | 3,997.77 |
| Valley                          | £ | 1,147.20   | 1,338.40 | 1,529.60 | 1,720.80 | 2,103.20 | 2,485.60 | 2,868.00 | 3,441.60 | 4,015.20 |
| Bryngwran                       | £ | 1,146.90   | 1,338.05 | 1,529.20 | 1,720.35 | 2,102.65 | 2,484.95 | 2,867.25 | 3,440.70 | 4,014.15 |
| Rhoscolyn                       | £ | 1,130.04   | 1,318.38 | 1,506.72 | 1,695.06 | 2,071.74 | 2,448.42 | 2,825.10 | 3,390.12 | 3,955.14 |
| Trewalchmai                     | £ | 1,144.26   | 1,334.97 | 1,525.68 | 1,716.39 | 2,097.81 | 2,479.23 | 2,860.65 | 3,432.78 | 4,004.91 |

## 11. ESTABLISHING THE ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL TOWARDS NET ZERO PLAN 2022/2025

The report of the Deputy Chief Executive as presented to the Executive on 9 March, 2022 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

**It was RESOLVED that the Council adopts the Towards Net Zero Plan 2022/2025.**

**12. RESPONDING TO THE LOCAL HOUSING CHALLENGE - HOUSING STRATEGY 2022-27**

The report of the Head of Housing Services as presented to the Executive on 9 March, 2022 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

**It was RESOLVED that the Council approves the Housing Strategy 2022/2027.**

**13. THE RENTING HOMES (FEES ETC) (WALES) ACT 2019: IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS**

The report of the Head of Regulation and Economic Development as presented to the Executive on 14 February, 2022 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

**It was RESOLVED :-**

- **That the Head of the Regulatory and Economic Development be given delegated authority so as to authorise relevant officers to exercise as and when required, the carrying out of those statutory enforcement powers under the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Act 2019 on behalf of this Council.**
- **That the Head of Regulatory and Economic Development be given the right to delegate to officers of the County Council of the City and County of Cardiff to take appropriate action on behalf of this Council for enforcing the provisions of the Renting Homes (Fees etc.) (Wales) Act 2019, through its service known as Rent Smart Wales.**

**14. REVIEW REPORT - JOINT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN**

Submitted – the report of the Head of Regulation and Economic Development in relation to the above.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Public Protection said that the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that a Local Development Plan needs to be reviewed 4 years following its adoption. The Joint Local Development Plan (Joint LDP) was adopted on 31 July 2017 and therefore, in line with statutory requirement, the date for the start of the review process was 31 July, 2021. The Draft Review Report was published for a period of public consultation between 5th November and 20th December 2021, and thereafter discussed at the Joint Planning Policy Committee. The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Public Protection emphasised that the purpose of the Review Report is not to detail any changes that will be made to the Plan.

The Planning Policy Manager of the Joint Planning Policy Unit) reported that there is a statutory requirement to obtain full Council's agreement to publish the Review Report in order to submit it to the Welsh Government, before the process of preparing a Replacement LDP can begin. The next stage will be the preparation of a Delivery Agreement and a Community Involvement Plan, which will set out the steps and timetable for the preparation of a replacement plan, together with how the Council will involve Communities in the preparation of the Replacement Plan. The Delivery Agreement will be subject to public consultation and will be considered by

the Council before being submitted to the Welsh Government. Once the Delivery Agreement has been agreed with the Welsh Government, work formally begins on the process of preparing a Replacement Plan. Pre-preparation work is underway within the Service and this work will continue until the Delivery Agreement is agreed.

**It was RESOLVED agreed to publish the Review Report and to present the report to Welsh Government, so that the preparation of the Replacement Plan can commence.**

**15. NORTH WALES POPULATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT DRAFT REPORT 2022**

The report of the Director of Social Services, as presented to the Executive on 9 March, 2022 was presented to the Council for approval.

**It was RESOLVED that the Council approves the North Wales Population Needs Assessment Report 2022.**

**16. LOCAL CODE OF GOVERNANCE**

The report of the Head of Profession (Human Resources) and Transformation was presented to the Council by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Business.

**It was RESOLVED to endorse the Local Code of Governance.**

**17. PAY POLICY STATEMENT 2022**

The report of the Head of Profession (Human Resources) and Transformation was presented to the Council by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Business.

**It was RESOLVED to endorse the Council's Pay Policy Statement for 2022.**

The meeting concluded at 12.35 pm

**COUNCILLOR GLYN HAYNES  
CHAIR**



# ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the virtual meeting held on 29 March 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillor Glyn Haynes (Chair)  
Councillor Dafydd Roberts (Vice-Chair)

Councillors R Dew, John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, K P Hughes, T LI Hughes MBE, Vaughan Hughes, Carwyn Jones, Eric Wyn Jones, G O Jones, R Meirion Jones, Alun W Mummery, Bob Parry OBE FRAGS, Gary Pritchard, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, Margaret Murley Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Dafydd Rhys Thomas, Ieuan Williams and Robin Williams

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Corporate Director of Social Services,  
Interim Corporate Director (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,  
Head of Profession (Human Resources) and Transformation,  
Head of Highways, Waste and Property,  
Head of Housing Services,  
Head of Adults' Services,  
Head of Regulation and Economic Development,  
Human Resources Manager (CW),  
Human Resources Officer (NH),  
Communications Officer (GJ),  
Committee Officer (MEH).

**ALSO PRESENT:** None

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors Llinos Medi Huws, A M Jones, Richard Owain Jones, Bryan Owen and J A Roberts.

Corporate Director (Resources)/Section 151 Officer.

### 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor R Meirion Jones declared a personal interest as he knew the applicant, following legal advice he was able to take part in the meeting.

Councillor Gary Pritchard declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he knew the applicant, following legal advice he took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Robin Williams declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he knew the applicant, following legal advice he took no part in discussion or voting thereon.

## **2. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**It was RESOLVED:-**

**“Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item as it may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 12A of the said Act and in the attached Public Interest Test.”**

## **3. STAFF APPOINTMENTS - DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Consideration was given to the recommendation of the Appointments Committee at its meeting held on 29 March, 2022 with regard to the appointment of Deputy Chief Executive of the Isle of Anglesey County Council.

**It was RESOLVED :-**

- **to ratify the recommendation of the Appointments Committee at its meeting held on 29 March, 2022 that Mr Rhys Howard Hughes be appointed Deputy Chief Executive of the Isle of Anglesey County Council;**
- **that the Deputy Chief Executive role to be temporarily amended to include the statutory functions of the Head of Democratic Services in accordance with the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, and Governance Measures Wales 2021, but subject to the condition that, whilst undertaking the statutory functions of this role, they cannot exercise the powers delegated to or act as the Chief Executive under paragraph 3.5.3.2.10 of the Constitution.**

The meeting concluded at 12.50 pm

**COUNCILLOR GLYN HAYNES  
CHAIR**

# ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Virtual Extraordinary meeting held on 25 April 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillor Glyn Haynes (Chair)  
Councillor Dafydd Roberts (Vice-Chair)

Councillors R Dew, John Griffith, K P Hughes, T LI Hughes MBE, Vaughan Hughes, Llinos Medi Huws, Carwyn Jones, Eric Wyn Jones, G O Jones, R Meirion Jones, Alun W Mummery, R G Parry OBE FRAGS, Gary Pritchard, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, J A Roberts, Margaret Murley Roberts, Dafydd Rhys Thomas, Ieuan Williams and Robin Williams

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Deputy Chief Executive,  
Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer,  
Director of Social Services,  
Interim Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,  
Head of Adult's Services,  
Head of Housing Services,  
Legal Services Manager,  
Communications Officer (GJ),  
Committee Officer (MEH).

**ALSO PRESENT:** None

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors A M Jones, Richard Owain Jones, Bryan Owen and Nicola Roberts

### 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

### 2. TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, LEADER OF THE COUNCIL OR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

No announcements received.

### 3. PRE-ELECTION PROTOCOL FOR EMPLOYEES AND ELECTED MEMBERS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS- 5 MAY, 2022

The Pre-Election Protocol for Employees and Elected Members for the Local Government Elections – 5 May, 2022 was presented to the Council for information.

#### **4. CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION**

The report of the Interim Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring as submitted to the Executive on 25 April, 2022 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

The Portfolio Holder – Corporate said that the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 introduced changes to the terms of reference for some Committees mainly the Governance and Audit and Standards Committees.

The Legal Services Manager reported that the changes to the Constitution falls into 2 categories which firstly requires amendments to reflect the Standards and Governance and Audit Committee as was seen at Appendix 1 and 2 of the report and secondly as the recent boundary review has resulted in an increase in the number of Elected Members on the Council from 30 to 35 after the local government elections in May. This has the effect that the number of Members on some committees will need to be changed. He further noted that the Governance and Audit Committee will consist of one third of lay members (8 Elected Members and 4 Lay Members).

**It was RESOLVED that the Council endorses the recommendations of the Executive as follows:-**

- **The adoption of the changes to the Constitution as outlined in the report;**
- **To agree to the recommended changes and delegate to the Monitoring Officer the power to make the changes to the Constitution as recommended together with any ancillary or consequential changes arising.**

#### **5. APPOINTMENT OF LAY MEMBERS TO THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

The report of the Head of Audit and Risk as submitted to the Governance and Audit Committee on 19 April, 2022 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

The Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer reported that 13 applications were received and four candidates were identified for interview. Mr Dilwyn Evans, current lay member, has indicated that he is willing to serve a second five-year term. A Panel consisting of the Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee, the Chief Executive and Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer interviewed the four candidates in February 2022 and the Panel selected to serve on the Governance and Audit Committee as from May 2022 :-

Mr Michael Wilson  
Mrs Sharon Warnes  
Mr William Parry

**It was RESOLVED that the Council endorses the recommendations of the Governance and Audit Committee :-**

- **The appointment of the three candidates as lay members to the Governance and Audit Committee;**
- **To agree to the appointment of the current lay member for a second five-year term.**

The meeting concluded at 11.25 am

**COUNCILLOR GLYN HAYNES  
CHAIR**

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| <b>REPORT TO:</b>                      | <b>County Council</b>   |
| <b>DATE:</b>                           | <b>24th May, 2022</b>   |
| <b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>                | <b>Democratic Services Committee Annual Report for 2021/22</b>                |
| <b>REPORT BY:</b>                      | <b>Cllr Robert Llewelyn Jones, Chair of the Democratic Services Committee</b> |
| <b>PURPOSE OF REPORT:</b>              | <b>Report on the work of the Committee during 2021/22</b>                     |
| <b>CONTACT OFFICER:</b>                | <b>Rhys H Hughes, Deputy Chief Executive</b>                                  |
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## 1. Introduction

The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 places a duty on the Council to establish a Democratic Services Committee supported by the Head of Democratic Services. The main purpose of the Committee is to review the adequacy of provision within the Authority in terms of staff, accommodation and other resources to fulfil the duties and functions of Democratic Services. Under the Measure, the Committee is obliged to meet at least once per annum and to report on such matters to Full Council.

This is the tenth annual report by the Committee since its establishment in 2012.

## 2. Covid-19 Pandemic unique context

2.1 It is true to say that the Pandemic has had a far reaching impact on people's lives, our communities and the manner in which the Council provides its services. This period (**managing the emergency response to the Pandemic, the Recovery Period and subsequent recovery**) has been an extremely challenging time for the Council and all other public sector organisations across Wales as we continue to face the challenges of the Covid-19 emergency. This involved the Council having to change its way of working as a result of the global health emergency.

2.2 In accordance with statutory requirements<sup>1</sup>, we continue to convene our meetings virtually and since May, 2021, our public committee meetings have been live streamed via YouTube. Arrangements are in place to modernise and upgrade our current webcasting and microphone systems in the Council Chamber and committee room and put in place a hybrid solution to facilitate multi location meetings. It is envisaged that this hybrid solution will be operational by June, 2022. These arrangements will ensure that the Council is fully compliant with the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

## 3. Members' Professional Development

Supporting Elected Members is essential in order for them to fulfil their duties in terms of supporting and fully representing their communities, making decisions and monitoring the Council's performance in the best interests of their constituents, to effectively represent the Council, to ensure internal governance and ethical standards, as described in the Role Description for Elected Members.

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<sup>1</sup> The Coronavirus Act 2020 and subsequent Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020. The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

In order to develop and expand on the skills and knowledge of Members, there exists a Members Training and Development Plan which outlines all the development and training opportunities on offer for them throughout the year. The document is reviewed regularly in order to meet the needs of all Members and responds to the requirements identified in the Councillors Personal Development Reviews. The Development Plan is submitted regularly to the Standards Committee and the Democratic Services Committee in order for specific officers to identify specific or appropriate development inputs. During the past year significant elements of the corporate training and development programme were put to one side as a result of the Pandemic with training inputs concentrating on upskilling Members in terms of technology and ensuring that all Members were able to participate effectively in virtual meetings.

To the same end, monthly briefing sessions for Elected Members are held on specific topics, in order to ensure that they acquire knowledge on strategic and transformational issues within the Council which is crucial for them in order to fulfil their roles and duties.

#### **4. Committee Work Programme**

This report summarises the issues discussed by the Committee during 2021/22 and also provides commentary on current status.

In general, the Committee has focused on the following areas:

- The Council's Draft Diversity Declaration
- Review of Parliamentary Constituencies
- Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Draft Annual report for 2022/23.

A total of 4 meetings of the Committee were held during the last civic year. The first meeting<sup>2</sup> was in relation to electing a vice-chair for the 2021/22 year. The table below summarises the issues discussed at the other three meetings:

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<sup>2</sup> Meeting of the Democratic Services Committee held on 18 May, 2021



| Date of Committee | Subject                                   | Current Status  |
|-------------------|---|---|
| 29 July, 2021     | The Council's Draft Diversity Declaration | <p>The report of the Head of Democratic Services was presented along with the draft Diversity Declaration. The following points were noted during the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA) has considered diversity in local government and agreed to encourage every Council to adopt a Diversity Declaration as part of a commitment by local authorities to promote diversity, prior to the 2022 Elections.</li> <li>• It was noted that a working group was established to gather evidence of under-representation in democracy. The group presented its findings to the WLGA at its meeting in March 2021. The report acknowledged that people from various backgrounds are encouraged to stand for election and a national campaign is planned to promote this.</li> <li>• The Council supported the Diversity Declaration, which was consistent with the Authority's strategic aims to reflect the local community. It was noted that the Council was hoping to increase the number of women, young people, disabled people and people from ethnic minority groups who stand for election.</li> <li>• Following the WLGA meeting in March this year, local Councils were requested to adopt a Diversity Declaration and prepare an action plan.</li> </ul> <p>The Democratic Services Committee resolved to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recommend that Full Council adopts the draft Diversity Declaration at its meeting in September, 2021</li> <li>• Delegate authority to the Democratic Services Committee to agree an action plan to support the declaration.</li> </ul> |
| 19 October, 2021  | Review of Parliamentary Constituencies    | <p>Consideration was given to a report by the Head of Democratic Services. The following points were noted in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Earlier in 2021, the Boundary Commission for Wales announced the commencement of its 2023 review of parliamentary constituencies in accordance with the provisions of the Parliamentary Constituencies Act 1986 as well as the initial proposals for consultation.</li> </ul>  |

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|                                 |   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that the proposals recommended reducing the number of parliamentary constituencies from 40 to 32</li> <li>• The proposals did not recommend any changes to the Ynys Môn constituency.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee resolved to welcome the proposals for the Parliamentary constituency of Ynys Môn, as set out in the consultation document, and to recommend accordingly to Full Council.</p>  |
| <p><b>25 November, 2021</b></p> | <p>Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales - Draft Annual Report for 2022/23</p> | <p>A report by the Head of Democratic Services was presented and the following points were noted in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales who determine the levels of allowances payable to Elected and Co-elected Members with voting rights.</li> <li>• The Panel's Draft Annual Report for 2022/23 was published for consultation until 26 November 2021 and the final report was published in February 2022.</li> <li>• The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011 requires the Panel's Annual Report to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April. However, when new councils are elected the Panel's determinations will be effective from the new municipal term. Therefore, the Annual Report for 2022/23 will have two different effective dates, namely:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. For the period 1<sup>st</sup> April to 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022, all of the determinations contained in the 2021/22 Annual Report will continue to apply</li> <li>ii. The determinations contained in the 2022/23 Annual Report will take effect from 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• <b>Basic salary</b> – a proposed increase in the basic salary for Elected Members of principal councils from £14,368 to £16,800 in 2022/23.</li> <li>• <b>Senior salaries</b> – it was noted that the number of senior salaries (“the cap”) would still stand i.e. a total of 16 for Ynys Môn. The total included civic salaries. The Panel would need to update the report in line with the Statutory Order that came into force in October 2021 which increases the number of Elected Members on the Council from 30 → 35.</li> <li>• <b>Assistants to the Executive</b> – it was noted that the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 allows councils to appoint</li> </ul> |

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|  |  | <p>Elected Members to assist the Executive in discharging its functions. Such appointments will be made by the Leader of the Council. There are exclusions and limitations to the role.</p> <p>The Panel has given initial consideration to matters of remuneration for Members appointed as assistants to the Executive but has concluded that it is not possible to decide on additional payments, if any until there is more information in respect of the responsibilities attached to the posts. It was therefore proposed that this would be further considered when the Council decides to make appointments and when details of the specific responsibility is available. To give effect to this without the requirement for a further formal report, the following determination will apply: <i>“Determination 13: The Panel will decide on a case-by-case basis the appropriate senior salary, if any, for assistants to the executive.”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Financial Implications</b> - The level of increase in allowances proposed by the Panel would increase costs to councils. In relation to Ynys Môn, with 35 Members after the Local Elections, it was projected that this would be in the region of £180,000 annually. (For 2022/23, the new allowances would be payable from May 2022). It is a matter of individual choice whether Members take up allowances, although this is encouraged by the Panel.</li> </ul> <p>The Committee resolved to – recommend the increase in allowances to Full Council as a possible tool to attract a wider cross-section of the community to stand for election in May, 2022.</p> |
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**Looking forward to 2022/23:**

The Democratic Services Committee work programme will focus on the following areas for 2022/23:

- The Member Development and Training Plan including Personal Development Reviews
- Members’ Annual Reports
- Member related issues including - Wales Charter for Member development and support
- Relevant Welsh Government consultations/ Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales
- Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 relevant matters and preparations for 2022 elections

**Recommendation:**

The County Council is requested to accept the report and note the matters considered by the Committee during 2021/22.

**Cllr Robert Llewelyn Jones**  
**Chair of the Democratic Services Committee**  
**(03.05.2022)**

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| <b>DATE:</b>  | <b>24<sup>th</sup> May, 2022</b>  |
| <b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>                                       | <b>Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22</b>  |
| <b>REPORT BY:</b>   | <b>Chairs of:</b><br><b>1. Corporate Scrutiny Committee</b><br><b>2. Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee</b>                    |
| <b>PURPOSE OF REPORT:</b>                                     | <b>Report on the work of the two scrutiny committees during 2021/22 and provide an overview of the 2022/23 scrutiny work programme</b>      |
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### 1. Recommendations

The Council is requested to:

**R1** Approve the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2021/22

**R2** Note the continued progress made in implementing our local Scrutiny development journey and the impact this is having on practice.

### 2. Background and context

**2.1** This Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report encompasses the work undertaken by the two scrutiny committees between May 2021 and May, 2022.

**2.2** The chairs of the two scrutiny committees led on developing the forward work programmes during this period. The scrutiny committees' work programmes are submitted to the monthly Scrutiny Committee Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum and for approval at each scrutiny committee meeting

**2.3** The Council's scrutiny function has been through an improvement journey, as a result of commissioning the Public Centre for Scrutiny to review our local scrutiny arrangements (December, 2017). The improvement programme put in place as a result of the review has come to an end, and a development programme has replaced it within the context of continuous improvement, driving improvements and developments at an appropriate pace which are outlined within the report.

The impact and added value of scrutiny activity is contributing to the Council's corporate priorities through support and challenge.

### 3. Role of the Scrutiny Champion

**3.1** The Scrutiny Champion has an important role in promoting the overview and scrutiny function both within the Council and also with external partners of the Authority. It is not a mandatory or remunerated position. The role is considered key in demonstrating the Authority's commitment to ensuring that Scrutiny maximises the contribution of non-Executive Members to the organisation's overall performance and "corporate health".

**3.2** On 14th May 2015 the Council resolved that the chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee be appointed as Scrutiny Champion for the period May 2015 to May, 2016 and thereafter that the role of the Champion should alternate between the two scrutiny committee chairs. The Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee should therefore be appointed as the designated Scrutiny Champion for the coming year.

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# **Overview and Scrutiny**

## **Annual Report: 2021-22**





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# 1. FOREWORD

## **Councillor Aled Morris Jones**

- **Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee 2021/22**



It is with pleasure that I provide an overview of the work of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee over the last 12 months. The scope of work of the Committee is discussed in this report and it is fair to note that the workload continues to be considerable and varied. A total of 8 meetings were convened during the municipal year, which was despite the ongoing challenges of the Pandemic.

- **Annual budget setting 2022/23** – one of the main responsibilities of the Committee is to contribute to the process of setting the Council’s annual budget. This is a crucial part of our corporate governance arrangements, having a far-reaching impact on every service area of the Council as well as the public. The Committee considered both the initial draft budget proposals and also the final draft budget for 2022/23.
- **Quarterly monitoring of performance** – the Committee monitored performance on a quarterly basis throughout 2021/22, using the corporate scorecard which reports on a significant range of indicators across all service areas. The scorecard continues to evolve as an effective tool for Elected Member scrutiny of performance and data of all Council services. It must be recognised that the Pandemic continued to impact on performance against some targets. Members also looked in some detail at the Housing Service data on homelessness in order to seek assurance around service response and provision.
- Our work as a committee has also included monitoring and scrutinising annual reports including the Annual Report of the Statutory Director of Social Services and the Annual Performance Report to name a few, which are a core element of the Committee’s work.
- **Covid 19 Pandemic** - the Committee also scrutinised the Council’s response to the Pandemic and the County Council’s draft Transition Plan.
- **Housing services** – the Local Housing Strategy 2022/27, the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan 2022/52 and the Housing Support Grant Programme Strategy 2022/26 were scrutinised by the Committee during the latter part of the municipal year. Also, the Committee considered the proposed Extra Care Housing provision in Menai Bridge.
- During the past 4 years, the Committee has carried out a review of the schooling provision in various parts of Ynys Môn. However, no information is forthcoming regarding the review of schooling

provision in other parts of the Island despite my several enquiries and the removal of these reviews from the work programme of the Committee without explanation.

- **Towards a Net Zero Plan** – finally, Members scrutinised the draft Towards a Net Zero Plan for 2022/25 prior to its consideration by the Executive and adoption by Full Council in March, 2022. The Committee recommended its approval as a plan giving a clear strategic direction for the Council to deliver its climate management commitments by 2030.

I acknowledge the work done by the Finance Scrutiny Panel and the Social Services Improvement Panel and to close a thank you to all Committee Members and officers who have assisted during 2021/22.

**Councillor Aled Morris Jones**

**(Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee).**

## Councillor Gwilym O Jones

- **Chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee 2021/22**
- **Scrutiny Champion → 2021/22**



I believe that the scrutiny process plays a key role in the corporate governance arrangements of the Council – by holding decision makers to account, challenging in a constructive way and ensuring that the voice of the public and the community is heard as part of the decision making process. Our Public Speaking Protocol in Scrutiny Committees is testimony to the Council's commitment and formalises the process for the public to express their views at Scrutiny Committee meetings.

I would like to thank Members of the Partnership and Regeneration Committee for their contributions and commitment to the work of the Committee which has made an important contribution in terms of fulfilling the Council Plan and in maintaining standards of our public services.

It gives me great pleasure to provide the current Council's final overview of the Committee's work covering the past 12 months. The Committee has made fair, robust recommendations to the Executive on a number of key topics and service areas during this period as well as the work of the Authority's partners:

- **Anglesey and Gwynedd Public Services Board (PSB)** - The Committee leads on scrutinising the work of the Board which is a partnership between Gwynedd and Anglesey. This includes scrutinising the work of realising the Board's Wellbeing Plan, its governance arrangements and Annual Report. There were examples of good quality scrutiny with Members questioning how the Board addresses any slippage in individual work streams. The Committee also commented on the draft wellbeing assessments for Anglesey (2023 and beyond) as part of the Board's statutory consultation process.
- **North Wales Economic Ambition Board** – the Committee scrutinised the quarterly monitoring reports and raised appropriate questions regarding progress against ongoing projects e.g. what mitigation measures are in place to address any slippages and how the risk of overspending on projects is being managed. This is the designated Committee for scrutinising the work of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board – a crucial role in order to ensure the best possible economic benefits for North Wales and in particular Anglesey.
- **Schools' Performance** – The Schools' Progress Review Panel scrutinised the statutory partnership that exists between the Council and GwE and specifically the support provided to the primary sector on Anglesey as well as the quality assurance arrangements for schools. The contribution of the Schools' Progress Review Panel remains crucial in this area and at the end of this year visits were resumed, albeit virtually (due to Covid restrictions) e.g. a virtual visit to the Language Centres at Moelfre and Holyhead. The Panel also looked in detail at the arrangements for elective home education and the implications of the Additional Learning Needs Act locally through the experience of practitioners from two schools.
- **Other Partnerships** – The Committee has scrutinised a number of reports in order to hold partners to account as well as to ensure the best outcomes for the public. These reports included the North Wales Partnership Board Annual Report, the Community Safety Partnership Annual Report and the

Equality Annual Report. Again this year, as a result of the pandemic, it was not possible for a number of our key partners to appear before the Committee in particular the Health Board and the emergency services who continued to provide a frontline response to the Pandemic.

I would like to thank the members of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and members of the Schools' Progress Review Panel for working effectively as a team over the past 5 years. All members have successfully adapted to ensure that the scrutiny function was able to continue virtually throughout the Pandemic and I believe that this work and good practice should continue moving forward ensuring that the new Council will scrutinise in an innovative way, by maximising the time of its officers and Elected Members. Lastly, I would like to sincerely thank officers from the Scrutiny Team for their leadership, support and willingness to assist at all times.

**Councillor Gwilym O Jones**  
**(Chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Champion)**

## Covid-19 Pandemic Specific Context

1.1 It is true to say that the Pandemic has had a far reaching impact on people's lives, our communities and the manner in which the Council provides its services. This period (**managing the emergency response to the Pandemic and subsequent recovery**) has been an extremely challenging time for the Council and all other public sector organisations across Wales as we continue to face the challenges of the Covid-19 emergency. This has meant that the Council has had to change its way of working as a result of the global health emergency.

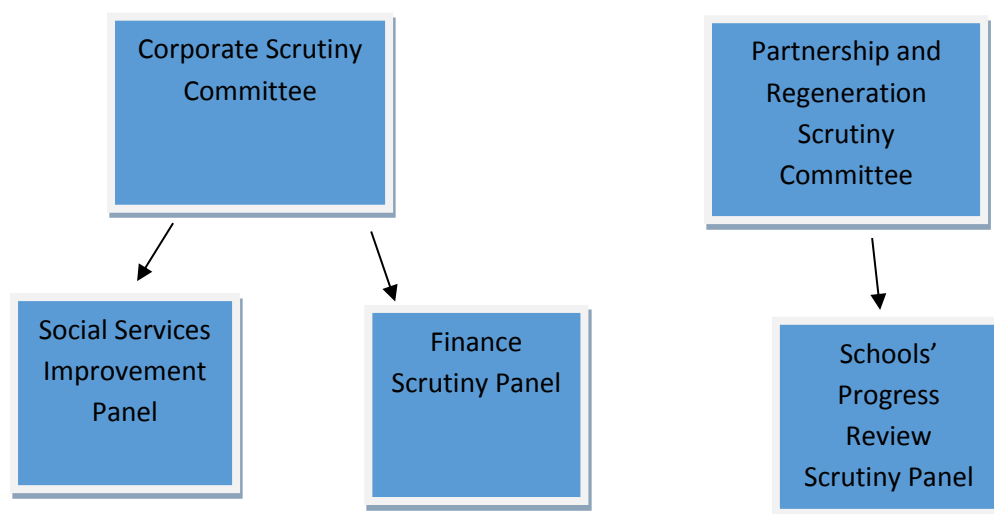
1.2 In accordance with statutory requirements<sup>1</sup> we continue to convene our meetings virtually and since May, 2021, our public committee meetings have been livestreamed via YouTube. Arrangements are in place to modernise and upgrade our current webcasting and microphone systems in the Council Chamber and committee room and put in place a hybrid solution to facilitate multi location meetings. It is anticipated that this hybrid solution will be fully operational by June, 2022. These arrangements will ensure that the Council is fully compliant with the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021.

1.3 Both Scrutiny Committees have met regularly and resumed the priority scrutiny work during 2021/22. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee has successfully scrutinised, ensuring that the Council achieves its corporate objectives and also objectives for its services. The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee has scrutinised partnerships and has complied fully with all statutory requirements. However, some partners that were scheduled have been postponed as a result of the Pandemic and the Committee's work programme has been prioritised to accommodate pressure facing our partners but also local requirements.

## 2 OUR LOCAL STRUCTURE

Scrutiny committees form part of the way in which local government in Wales operates. Their prime role is to hold the decision-makers to account, drive improvement, act as the voice of the community and play a role in policy development and review. A summary of the national policy context is outlined in **APPENDIX 1**.

2.1 Our local structure comprises of 2 scrutiny committees and three panels:



<sup>1</sup> The Coronavirus Act 2020 and subsequent Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020. Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021

The remit and membership of our scrutiny committees are summarised in **APPENDIX 2.**

### **3 LOCAL SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY**

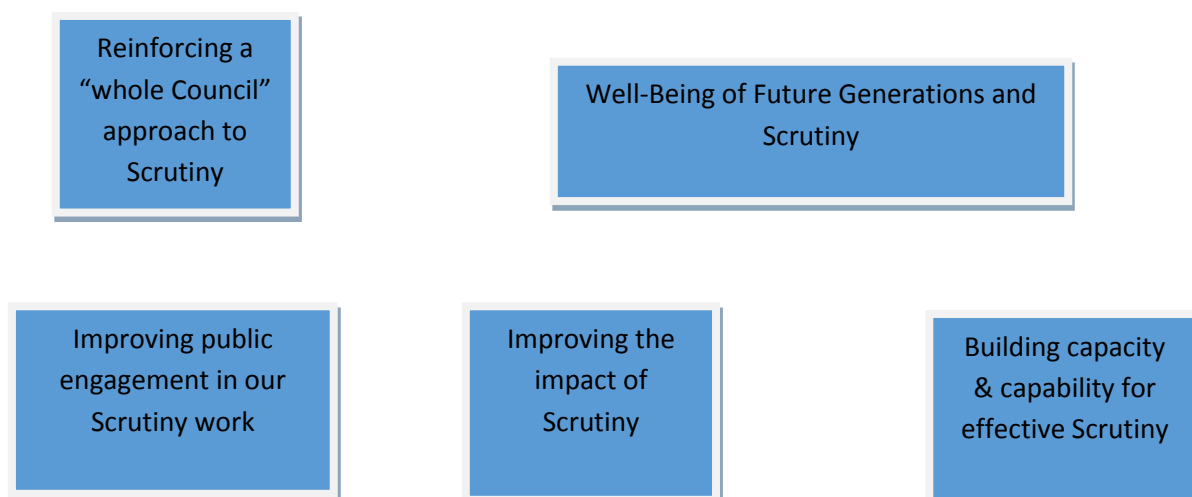
3.1 The Council’s scrutiny function has been through a significant improvement journey, as a result of commissioning the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny to review our local scrutiny arrangements<sup>2</sup>. The improvement programme put in place as a result of the review has now been replaced by a development programme within a culture of continuous improvement. The review provided a strong foundation to develop the scrutiny role within the Council and supports a robust and effective process for making decisions and continues to evolve in a positive manner. These strong foundations are now the basis for the development programme which drives improvements and developments at an appropriate pace.

#### **3.2 Key Improvement Themes**

Within Covid-19 pandemic restrictions, our improvement programme prioritised key themes (which are summarised below), in order to provide a robust framework to:

- Clarify the role and contribution of Scrutiny in the governance arrangements of the Council
- Identify the actions required in the short and medium term in order to further improve Scrutiny within the context of the Pandemic and beyond.

#### **SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY: KEY THEMES**



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<sup>2</sup> December, 2017 by the then Centre for Public Scrutiny

## 4. ASSESSING THE IMPACT OF SCRUTINY

### 4.1 MEASURING OUTPUTS

A number of significant **outputs** were achieved by Scrutiny during the last municipal year which go some way in assisting us to assess the impact that the function has had locally:

**4.1.1 Committee meetings** – a total of 14 scrutiny committee meetings were convened during 2021/22:

| Committee                                       | Number of Committees convened |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Corporate Scrutiny Committee                    | 8                             |
| Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee | 6                             |

There are also robust arrangements in place to ensure feedback at meetings of the Executive by scrutiny committee chairs on matters that have been considered by both committees.

**4.1.2 Scrutiny Panel meetings** – there have been regular meetings of all 3 scrutiny panels over the past 12 months:

| Panel                             | Number of meetings convened |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Social Services Improvement Panel | 6                           |
| Finance Scrutiny Panel            | 8                           |
| Schools' Progress Review Panel    | 7                           |

These panels have been embedded into practice by:

- ✚ Putting in place robust governance arrangements to support each panel.
- ✚ Ensuring a clear focus / remit and work programme for each panel.
- ✚ Putting in place a reporting / escalation process ensuring that the work of scrutiny panels is reported quarterly to the two Parent Committees, with Chairs of the Panels proposing recommendations on plans or proposed decisions.
- ✚ Ensure an appropriate pace for the work of the panels which is in line with corporate priorities and also complete detailed scrutiny on the Council's all important subjects.

**4.1.3 Forward work programmes** – there is a well-established practice of forward work programming in place to underpin the work of both scrutiny committees. These programmes are an important tool in assisting scrutiny committee members to prioritise their work and have been discussed with the Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Service. Both committees review the content of their forward work programmes on a regular basis in order to ensure that they remain relevant and keep abreast with local priorities. Our local forward planning arrangements ensure greater focus on:

- i. Strategic aspects
- ii. Citizen / other stakeholder engagement and outcomes
- iii. Priorities of the 2017/2022 Council Plan and corporate transformation programmes
- iv. Risks
- v. Work of audit, inspection and regulation
- vi. Matters on the forward work programme of the Executive.

**4.1.4 Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum** – is well established and continues to meet regularly. The Forum is considered an important vehicle to oversee the scrutiny committee work programmes and jointly negotiate priorities with the Scrutiny Committees’ Chairs and Vice-chairs. It also takes lead responsibility for developing and continuously improving the overview and scrutiny function in the Council. The role of the Forum has also evolved to include conversations between the Executive (Leader), Chairs/Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny and the Senior Leadership Team (Chief Executive) to ensure better alignment between work programmes.

**4.1.5 Development, training and support for Members –**

- ✓ a large part of the corporate Members’ training & development programme has been on hold as a result of the Pandemic with training inputs focusing on upskilling Members in terms of technology and ensuring that all are able to participate effectively in virtual meetings (**alternative / innovative models of Member scrutiny**)
- ✓ convening monthly briefing sessions to share information / raise awareness regarding key issues eg Place Shaping, Towards a Net Zero Plan and Local Housing Strategy. Also, as a forum for Member self-evaluation / reflection on the performance of Scrutiny.

**4.1.6 Scrutiny across a broader base** – a broader approach to Member scrutiny has been further developed and consolidated during 2021/22 by:

- i. Effective forward planning to ensure alignment between topics discussed at Member briefing sessions, scrutiny panels and full scrutiny committee meetings.
- ii. Ensuring clarity of role for Members on corporate programme boards and ensuring robust, timely high level reporting to scrutiny committees, escalating slippage as required.
- iii. Developing a breadth of topics discussed at Member briefing sessions in support of Scrutiny and ensuring information available to Members on strategic and transformation topics.

**4.1.7 “Closing the Scrutiny loop”** – by having in place robust arrangements to:

- i. Report on progress or escalate issues from:
  - ✚ Scrutiny panels to parent committees
  - ✚ Scrutiny committees to the Executive
  - ✚ Corporate programme boards to scrutiny committees.
- ii. Enable and encourage self-analysis and reflection by Scrutiny Members in order to identify strengths and areas for further development / focus.



#### **4.1.8 Scrutiny & Wellbeing of Future Generations** – developing the role of Scrutiny by:

- ✚ Ensuring Members focus on the 5 ways of working to frame questions
- ✚ Developing a revised scrutiny report template, placing wellbeing of future generations at its core
- ✚ Raising awareness and providing information in Member briefing and development sessions
- ✚ Reviewing progress made in developing the role of scrutiny against best practice
- ✚ Putting in place a framework to scrutinise the Public Services Board and key partnerships.

#### **4.1.9 Citizen engagement in Scrutiny** – through a policy statement as the foundation for engagement with citizens through Member scrutiny and putting steps in place to ensure that the voice of citizens is heard in decision making locally eg our Public Speaking Protocol in Scrutiny Committees is a key element of our corporate governance arrangements.

## **4.2 MEASURING OUTCOMES**

Capturing and assessing the impact of Scrutiny is a challenge to achieve as the **outcomes** of overview and scrutiny activities are not always tangible and often do not easily lend themselves to being measured in a systematic way. Furthermore, it is not easy to measure the effectiveness of the overview and scrutiny function's ability to influence decision makers through discussion and debate. There are however some examples where the input of scrutiny has added value and / or influenced the way in which proposals have been implemented by the Council.

### **General Scrutiny Outcomes**

#### **4.2.1 Forward work programmes** – scrutiny work programmes are rolling programmes focusing on the quality of scrutiny with fewer items in order to add value. Our arrangements also ensure alignment of Scrutiny Committees' work programmes with the Executive and Senior Leadership Team work programmes.

**Outcome:** rolling work programme for scrutiny committees aligned to corporate priorities.

#### **4.2.2 Development, training and support for Members** – ensuring that Elected Members involved in Scrutiny have the right skills and competencies to undertake the work is a key element of the Council's scrutiny arrangements. A Member Development and Training Plan has been in place during the current Administration which included matters such as chairing meetings, making decisions for the benefit of future generations (Future Generations Act 2015), with an 'Introduction to Scrutiny' e-module available for all elected members. However, as previously mentioned, parts of the programme have been put on hold for the time being as a result of the Pandemic and this year's training has focused on developing Members' IT skills in order for them to participate virtually in Council meetings. The monthly Members briefing sessions are informal development sessions and a means of receiving information which also assists Member scrutiny work.

**Outcome:** Members involved in the Scrutiny process have the right skills and competencies and have access to the training and development opportunities they need to undertake their role effectively (***better decisions***).

**4.2.3 Self evaluation: Measuring the impact of scrutiny** - evaluating the impact of the continuous improvement journey and the key themes outlined as part of this journey - Reinforcing a whole Council approach to Scrutiny; Wellbeing of Future Generations and Scrutiny; Improving the impact of scrutiny; Increasing scrutiny's capacity and capabilities; Improving engagement with the public in our scrutiny work. As part of our local assessment of progress, it was noted that Members' level of understanding of the complexities of various Council services had increased significantly over the past 5 years.

**Outcome:** Scrutiny Members that are well informed, making robust recommendations (***better decisions***).

### **Financial Scrutiny**

**4.2.4 2022/23 budget setting process** – a more strategic and outcome based approach to budget setting based on best practice has been fully embedded into local practice. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee considered and scrutinised both the initial and final draft budget proposals, submitting recommendations to the Executive on budget proposals for the year to come. The Finance Scrutiny Panel played a key role in this process too through scrutinising the detail of the revenue and capital budget proposals. It also gave detailed consideration to the Executive's investment proposals for addressing service issues and risks as well as the main conclusions of the Authority's public consultation on the draft budget proposals. The input and recommendations from Scrutiny Members influenced the Council's final decision. Also, the Finance Scrutiny Panel undertook scrutiny work on setting the council tax in a way that protects the Council's services and ensures provision for risks that are difficult to measure, and which is affordable for the public. In summary, The Panel and the Committee added value to the decision making process.

**Outcome:** a more systematic approach to financial scrutiny, as an essential building block of sound financial management and governance.

**4.2.5 Monitoring Capital and Revenue Budgets** - The Finance Scrutiny Panel scrutinised and monitored performance of the council's capital and revenue budgets on a quarterly basis giving particular attention to the ongoing impacts of Covid-19 and any financial pressures. During Summer 2021, detailed consideration was given to budget performance and pressures in both Adults' and Children's Services.

**4.2.6 Council Tax for Second Homes** – the Finance Panel also scrutinised the impact of the Council Tax on second homes and made proposals on this matter in response to a Welsh Government consultation in the Autumn, 2021.

**Outcomes:**


- A more strategic approach to financial scrutiny making a robust and important contribution to the Authority's financial management and governance arrangements.
- Implementation of some positive mitigation measures in response to significant budget pressures within specific services.

## Scrutiny of Social Services

- 4.2.7 Social Services Improvement Scrutiny Panel** – The Panel scrutinised in detail progress of the improvement plans for both Children’s and Adults’ Services eg key data, progress and early impact of Community Resource Teams. This work also saw Members receiving training and awareness raising sessions to enrich their knowledge of Social Services and the associated challenges eg Social Services frontdoor, Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Youth Justice Service – thus assisting them to scrutinise this vital service area and as a result further developing their Scrutiny skills. Laming visits were put on hold because of the ongoing Pandemic with Visits being re-convened virtually from March, 2021. Scrutinising performance of Social Services was also a substantial part of the Panel’s work programme. During its last meeting<sup>3</sup>, Members measured the impact of the improvement journey on local performance against the national key performance indicators framework since 2017/18.
- 4.2.8 Social Services Response to Covid-19: Challenges for Care Homes** - a presentation was received on the Social Services continued reponse and arrangements during the Pandemic and also the lessons learned with a particular focus given by the Panel to the challenges facing care homes, seeking assurance that robust forward planning was in place. The Service response was scrutinised in depth.
- 4.2.9 Care Inspectorate Wales (CIW)** – The Panel participated in a quality assurance exercise by CIW in June, 2021 which required Members to discuss and evidence its scrutiny and holding to account functions. This inspection work concluded that the Panel continues to make an important and notable contribution to the Social Services improvement journey by ensuring that key priorities / work streams are scrutinised and decision makers held to account.
- 4.2.10 Early Intervention for Children & Young People** – Members were presented with detailed information on the Youth Service provision during Covid and its impact as an early intervention / preventative service for children and young people. The Panel also scrutinised the narrative underpinning the local NEETs data seeking assurance that interventions continue to be robust.
- 4.2.11 Extracare Housing Developments** – at its last meeting<sup>4</sup>, the Panel gave detailed consideration to the current Extracare Housing developments on the Island – with a specific focus on the unique care model and provision at both developments. Lessons learned were scrutinised as a backdrop to the proposed development in Menai Bridge.

This work stream has resulted in the following positive outcomes:

### **Outcomes:**

-  A team of Members who have developed a high level of knowledge about the complexities and the challenges facing Social Services and also a level of expertise in the service area.

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<sup>3</sup> Meeting of the Social Services Improvement Panel convened on 15/02/2022

<sup>4</sup> Meeting of the Social Services Improvement Panel convened on 15/02/2022

- ✚ Creating conditions that are conducive to effective Scrutiny e.g. there has been a tangible improvement in the level and depth of questioning by the Panel that is challenging and promotes continuous improvement.
- ✚ Scrutiny activity that is well planned, efficient and objective and based on evidence from a range of sources including Laming Visits and speaking to service users - which provides a clear insight into the standard of provision in order to scrutinise effectively in this area.
- ✚ Better understanding by Elected Members of the complexities and risks in Social Services in order to be able to effectively scrutinise, hold to account and identify priorities in moving forward as a result of the range of sources that are available to them.
- ✚ A broad overview of the performance of Social Services – both financial performance and performance against Improvement Plans.  
(*better decisions, better outcomes*)

### Scrutiny of Education

- 4.2.12 Monitoring School Performance** – Scrutiny has played an active part in monitoring and encouraging continuous improvement in both schools and the Council’s Learning Service over the past 5 years. Despite this, work streams have continued to be affected by the impact of the Pandemic and it was necessary to cancel meetings of the Panel towards the end of the last academic year. The Panel forward work programme did however diversify over the past 12 months to compensate for this and also as a result of the national decision around publishing of outcomes and comparative data. The Authority will need to revisit the terms of reference of the Panel in readiness for the new Administration – adapting its areas of work and the manner within which it operates, scrutinises and holds to account. There is scope for the Panel to undertake its work virtually to the future.
- 4.2.13 Additional Learning Needs Act: Local Provision** – virtually, Members scrutinised local service provision of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Additional Learning Needs & Inclusion Partnership through the lens of 2 practitioners from two schools. The Panel sought assurance that provision was robust, timely and tailored to meet the individual needs of learners.
- 4.2.14 Educational Developments on the Isle of Anglesey over Recent Years** – the Panel completed a pause & review exercise early in 2021/22 providing an opportunity to reflect and evaluate the areas scrutinised to date. This exercise concluded that the Panel had succeeded in completing some in-depth scrutiny work across a broad range of topic areas despite challenges posed by Covid. It was also noted that no schools were now categorised by Estyn as requiring significant improvement. This gave the Panel assurance regarding the adequacy / quality of the education provision on the Island.
- 4.2.15 Elective Home Education** - at the request of the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE), the Schools’ Progress Review Panel gave detailed consideration to the Local Education Authority’s responsibilities in monitoring children on Anglesey who are educated at home. Members scrutinised

developments over the last year - led by the Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Additional Learning Needs & Inclusion Service. It was noted that considerable time had been invested in creating positive engagement with parents as a basis for future support and assistance by the Service. The Panel noted that there was a need to ensure ongoing monitoring to the future.

**4.2.16 Forward Work programme** – the Panel convened 2 sessions giving detailed consideration to its work programme with a view to ensuring focus and priority to its scrutiny input until the end of the current Administration. Members prioritised the following areas for the remainder of the 2021/22 municipal year:

- ❖ Welsh Language
- ❖ GwE and the Curriculum for Wales
- ❖ Voice of the Learner.

**4.2.17 Welsh Language Work stream: Welsh Language Centre** – lead Panel

Members attended a virtual visit to both primary sector language centres (Moelfre, Cybi) and received information on key data and outcomes of this provision. The Panel requested further information on any proposed developments to extend the Secondary sector provision and also any provision that could be made available to support parents in providing opportunities to practice / speak the language outside school hours.

**4.2.18 GwE Work stream: Support to the Primary Sector** – in January<sup>5</sup>, the Panel received a comprehensive presentation on the quality assurance / support provided by GwE to primary schools on the Island. This enabled the Panel to seek assurance regarding the quality of the educational provision. Members also received information about specific support available to schools in responding to challenges associated with the Pandemic. Preparations for the Curriculum for Wales (which comes into force September, 2022) were also considered. Members questioned the degree to which collaboration between schools was having an impact on quality of educational provision and also how prepared Anglesey schools were for the Curriculum for Wales.

**4.2.19 Voice of the Learner Work stream** – the last meeting of the Panel<sup>6</sup> received feedback from the lead Panel Members on the following virtual visits, hearing the voice of the learner:

- Holyhead catchment School Council
- Llangefni catchment School Council
- Ysgol Syr Thomas Jones, Amlwch School Council
- Ysgol Uwchradd Bodedern – pupils
- Ysgol David Hughes, Menai Bridge – head pupils

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<sup>5</sup> Meeting of the Schools' Progress Review Panel convened on 20/01/2022

<sup>6</sup> Meeting of the Schools' Progress Review Panel convened on 17/02/2022

The Panel concluded that this work stream was a powerful means of hearing the voice of the learner and practice that needed to be further developed and replicated to the future.

**Outcomes:**

- Whilst responsibility for school performance ultimately lies with the Head teacher and School Governing Body, constructive scrutiny by the Panel and Parent Committee during this period contributed to the continuous improvement of education on the Island.
- Panel Members have sound knowledge of context, schools' complexities and risks as a basis to effectively scrutinise performance.
- Areas requiring further focus in the next Forward Work Programme have been identified (eg reviewing the Panel terms of reference, learner voice etc).

**Scrutiny of Partnerships**

**4.2.20 Working in collaboration with key partners**

Scrutinising the Council's partnership working with other public sector organisations is vital with the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) 2015 Act reinforcing a need to further strengthen scrutiny of partnerships. Although the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee has resumed scrutiny work on key partnerships and complied with statutory requirements, some scheduled partners have naturally been postponed as a result of the Pandemic. The Committee's work programme has therefore had to be re-prioritised to complement local priorities and also protect partners directly impacted by the Pandemic.

The Committee scrutinised a number of our partners' annual reports for 2020/21 including - Community Safety Partnership Annual Report, Regional Partnership Board Annual Report (Part 9: Health and Social Services), North Wales Economic Ambition Board, Public Services Board Gwynedd & Ynys Môn and the Regional Emergency Planning Service. This is a key aspect of the Committee's work in order to ensure that the Council's partners and partnerships deliver for the benefit of Anglesey's residents.

In moving forward, both statutory matters and partnerships where there has been slippage due to Covid-19 (Health Board and Blue Light Services) need to be included on the forward work programme.

**Outcomes:**

- Ensure that partners are working together to meet statutory obligations in terms of collaboration. The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee is assured that partners are working effectively on the Island and that service provision is of high quality and meet the needs of the local population.

- During this period Members of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee have enhanced their knowledge and will be in a stronger position to provide effective scrutiny in moving forward.
- The Committee's forward work programme has matured and Members have developed a knowledge base about the Council's partnership work. Also, scrutiny questioning on partnership working has developed as another means of ensuring that partnership work contributes towards achieving the Council Plan and provides first class services to Anglesey's people.

#### 4.2.21 Scrutiny of the Anglesey and Gwynedd Public Services Board

Anglesey and Gwynedd Public Services Board was established in 2016<sup>7</sup>. As the designated scrutiny committee responsible for holding the Public Services Board to account, the Partnership & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee focused on the following areas in 2021/22:

- Review of the PSB governance arrangements
- Acting as statutory consultee on the draft wellbeing assessments for the Isle of Anglesey
- Monitoring progress on the PSB's implementation of the current Wellbeing Plan and also engagement in the PSB planning cycle.

#### Outcomes:

- Scrutinising the governance structure and delivery arrangements of the PSB. The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee is assured that governance arrangements comply with statutory requirements and no changes are currently required.
- The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee scrutinised the pace of implementing work streams underpinning the Wellbeing Plan and received confirmation of the key risks and associated mitigation measures. It also scrutinised the practical steps taken by the Board in order to integrate its priorities into plans and strategies of partner public bodies.

### 4.3 MEASURING THE IMPACT OF OUR DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY:

The table below summarises the impact of some of our key development areas during 2021/22:

#### IMPACT OF OUR SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENT JOURNEY

| Priority Area   | How   | Outcome   |
|-----------------|---|---|
| Scrutiny Vision | <p>We have ensured a whole Council approach to scrutiny.</p> <p>The Council has a Scrutiny Champion to ensure a supportive environment for scrutiny to succeed.</p> | Evidence → increase in Member confidence; better scrutiny in committees; questioning strategy; quality of Member contributions in panel work and maturity of questioning strategies; feeling of |

<sup>7</sup> In accordance with the requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

| Priority Area                                     | How   | Outcome   |
|---|---|---|
|   | <p>Strong foundations laid by the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-Chairs to improve outcomes for the public, better decisions and governance.</p>  | <p>Team Scrutiny amongst most Members.<br/><b>(better decisions, better outcomes)</b></p>   |
| <p><b>Scrutiny forward work programmes</b></p>    | <p>Further developed our arrangements and have put more emphasis on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic aspects</li> <li>• Public engagement</li> <li>• The priorities of the Council Plan (2017/22) and corporate transformation programmes</li> <li>• risks</li> <li>• audit, investigation and regulation work</li> <li>• Items on the Executive’s work programme</li> <li>• Have developed a covering report for the work programme which is presented in every Scrutiny Committee.</li> <li>• Programme alignment conversations with the Leader and Chief Executive at the Scrutiny Chairs/Vice- Chairs Forum.</li> <li>• Monthly discussion between the Leader, Head of Democratic Services and Scrutiny Manager.</li> <li>• Regular alignment conversations → scrutiny officers and heads of service.</li> </ul> | <p>Rolling work programmes concentrating on less items in order to add value and concentrate on the quality of scrutiny.</p> <p><b>Alignment</b> – have ensured effective forward planning in order to ensure alignment between topics discussed in Members briefing sessions, scrutiny panels, and scrutiny committee meetings. Alignment between work programmes across the Council.</p> <p>Well planned, effective and objective scrutiny.<br/><b>(better decisions)</b></p> |
| <p><b>More innovative methods of Scrutiny</b></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Scrutiny Panels’ Contribution-</b> the Panels have been a means of scrutinising specific services and matters in more detail and report to the Scrutiny Committees in order to inform decisions. This has included reviewing and developing the work programmes of the Panels.</li> <li>• <b>Self-evaluation-</b> The three panels undertake regular self-evaluations and report on progress to the two parent Committees in order to measure successes and to identify priorities in moving forward.</li> <li>• <b>Scrutiny outside of Committees-</b> the monthly briefing sessions are a way of scrutinising key areas outside of formal meetings, which assists the Members to undertake informed scrutiny in the Scrutiny Panels and Committees.</li> </ul>                                | <p>More innovative methods of undertaking scrutiny work (SAC proposal for improvement), leading to better results and more impact.<br/><b>(better decisions, better outcomes)</b>.</p>  |



| Priority Area                                   | How   | Outcome   |
|---|---|---|
| <b>Scrutiny Template</b>                        | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The template includes clear scrutiny questions, ensures compliance with the requirements of the Well-being Act and is having an impact on the depth of the questioning in the meetings.</li> </ul>   | <p>Clarity of Scrutiny role → concise objectives, clear scrutiny questions, compliance with the requirements of the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015.</p> <p><b>(better decisions)</b></p>  |
| <b>Member development, training and support</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A scrutiny development programme has been developed.</li> <li>Monthly briefing sessions are held which correspond to various items on the Committee work programmes.</li> </ul>  | <p><b>(Better outcomes, better decisions)</b></p>   |
| <b>Public Engagement</b>                        | <p>The Scrutiny Committee meetings are promoted on the Council's social media pages.</p> <p>A revised Public Speaking Protocol in Scrutiny Committee is now operational.</p> <p>Ensured the voice of the public as part of the Schools Modernisation Programme.</p>   | <p><b>(Better outcomes, better decisions, better engagement)</b></p>  |
| <b>Public Services Board (PSB)</b>              | <p>A programme was put in place in order to address recommendations made by Wales Audit on Public Services Boards.</p> <p>Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Programme Manager has worked closely with the Council's scrutiny function – agreed scrutiny timelines which align with Board meetings and areas to be scrutinised (delivery of the Wellbeing Plan, the Annual Report and governance arrangements).</p> <p>The PSB share information and minutes to ensure that the scrutiny committee has the necessary information to scrutinise effectively.</p> | <p>Effective scrutiny of the work of the Public Services Board, an increase in Members' confidence and understanding as a result of receiving regular reports on progress against work streams.</p> <p>Compliance with national guidance.</p> <p><b>(better engagement)</b></p> |

## 5 LOOKING FORWARD TO 2022/23

5.1 The Authority will continue on the next stage of its development journey and the following key areas will be prioritised for action over the next year:

## KEY SCRUTINY DEVELOPMENT AREAS

| Theme  | How   | Desired Outcome <sup>8</sup>    |
|--|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Vision</b>                                  | Fully mainstream our Scrutiny vision and ensure that every Elected Member and Officer of the New Administration have a robust understanding of scrutiny's purpose and value within the Council's governance.  | <b><i>Better outcomes</i></b>   |
| <b>Member Development and Support</b>          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commence a training and development training programme to support and develop Scrutiny Members – focus on role &amp; function of scrutiny; effective chairing skills; effective questioning skills for Scrutiny Members; E-learning.</li> <li>• Convene short, regular briefing/ development / review sessions with Scrutiny Members.</li> </ul>   | <b><i>Better decisions</i></b>  |
| <b>Scrutiny Panels</b>                         | <p>Support the work of the panels through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensuring the forward work programmes of the 3 Panel align with the new Council's corporate priorities</li> <li>• Developing an evolving focus to the work of the Panels</li> <li>• Ensuring that the Panels complete self-evaluation exercises at least once a year.</li> <li>• Hold a review of the Scrutiny Panels' effectiveness as part of the Council's governance structure.</li> </ul> | <b><i>Better decisions</i></b>  |
| <b>Citizen Engagement in our Scrutiny work</b> | Continue to mainstream the Protocol for Public Speaking and raise the public's awareness of its existence, in order to ensure greater public participation by providing a clear structure for the public to request to speak in Committees.   | <b><i>Better engagement</i></b> |

<sup>8</sup> Outcomes and Characteristics for Effective Local Government Overview and Scrutiny – Good Scrutiny? Good Question! Wales Audit Office, 2014

| Theme  | How  | Desired Outcome <sup>8</sup>                                |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Wellbeing of Future Generations</b>                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to support chairs in developing the role of scrutiny whilst meeting the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act 2015.</li> <li>To fully embed a robust questioning strategy using the Well-being of Future Generations Act to ensure that key scrutiny questions are included in every committee report and are asked in the Panel and Committee meetings.</li> <li>Review our arrangements in order to ensure that they comply with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act.</li> </ul> | <b>Better outcomes</b>                                      |
| <b>Public Services Board and partnership working</b>       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continue to scrutinise the work of the Public Services Board in delivering the Wellbeing Plan, Board governance arrangements and the effectiveness of partnerships in accordance with national guidance.</li> <li>Continue to invite key partners to come before the Committees in order to scrutinise their work on the Island.</li> </ul>   | <b>Better engagement</b>                                    |
| <b>Innovative models of Member Scrutiny</b>                | As a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, consider more innovative and effective ways of scrutiny, taking full advantage of technology to this end.  | <b>Better decisions, better outcomes, better engagement</b> |
| <b>Alignment and Ownership of Scrutiny Work Programmes</b> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review and update the scrutiny panels' and committees' work programmes monthly to align with the process of updating the Executive's forward work programme.</li> <li>Ensure a discussion about the forward work programme in every meeting of the Scrutiny Chairs Forum/ committee/ panel, and ensure Members input in forming the work programmes in order to ensure ownership.</li> <li>Make use of national / regional good practice to steer local work programmes</li> </ul>  | <b>Better results, better outcomes</b>                      |

| Theme  | How  | Desired Outcome <sup>8</sup>                                |
|--|--|---|
| <b>Self-assessment of our local Scrutiny arrangements</b>                      | <p>Members to continue to complete self-assessments which includes identifying recommendations to improve the current scrutiny arrangements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• as part of the process of preparing the Scrutiny Annual Report.</li> <li>• to assess the outcomes and impact of our scrutiny panels.</li> </ul>  | <b>Better outcomes</b>                                      |
| <b>Raising awareness/sharing information</b>                                   | <p>Revise information regarding the Council's scrutiny arrangements on the Council's website and amend in order to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensure that Elected Members can succeed in their role</li> <li>2. Enable the voice of individuals and stakeholders to have a prominent place in the scrutiny Process</li> <li>3. Raise awareness of the Public Speaking Protocol.</li> </ol> | <b>Better decisions, better outcomes, better engagement</b> |
| <b>Closing the Scrutiny Circle and alignment with the Transformation Board</b> | <p>Accountability through reporting on progress of the Panels' work quarterly and continue to formalise the process of reporting to Scrutiny Committees through Panels' Chairs as a matter of course.</p>  | <b>Better decisions, better outcomes, better engagement</b> |
| <b>Local Government and Elections Act (Wales) 2021</b>                         | <p>Arrange specific briefing sessions for scrutiny Members on implications of the Act on the Council's scrutiny function:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ensuring that information is available to scrutiny committees.</li> <li>2. Consider the implications of the Act by making it mandatory for authorities to appoint joint scrutiny Committees.</li> </ol>                                | <b>Better decisions, better outcomes</b>                    |

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## **APPENDICES**

### WHAT IS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY? National policy context

**National context:**

Scrutiny committees form part of the way in which local government in Wales operates. As well as establishing a decision making executive, the Local Government Act 2000 requires one or more scrutiny committees. Their primary role is to hold decision-makers to account, drive improvement, act as the voice of the community and play a role in policy development and review.

The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS)<sup>9</sup> advocates four key principles in support of effective Member scrutiny:

- i. Provide “critical friend” challenge to executive policy makers and other decision makers
- ii. Enable the voice and concerns of the public and its communities to be heard
- iii. Be carried out by “independent minded governors” who lead and own the scrutiny process
- iv. Is evidence based and drives improvement in public services.

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<sup>9</sup> Good Scrutiny Guide, Centre for Governance and Scrutiny 2004

### REMIT AND MEMBERSHIP OF OUR SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

The overview and scrutiny function at the Isle of Anglesey County Council continues to be delivered through a structure comprising of two parent scrutiny committees - Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

#### Corporate Scrutiny Committee

##### Remit:

- The focus of work of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee is to provide assurance regarding the performance and delivery of all services; ensure the council achieves its corporate and service objectives (as outlined in the Corporate Plan, Annual Budget, Budget and Policy Framework, Performance Management Framework, Corporate Policies or their successor plans and policies); and to support and make recommendations for continuous improvement.
- Members of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee endeavour to hold preparation meetings in advance of committee meetings in order to prepare and focus discussion at the formal meetings of the committee. This is regarded as good practice and it is intended to ensure these arrangements are in place for 2022/23.

##### Membership


- The Corporate Scrutiny Committee is chaired by Councillor Aled Morris Jones and supported by Vice Chair Councillor Dylan Rees. Ten Elected Members sit on the committee<sup>10</sup> with provision for 4 co-opted members:

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<sup>10</sup> Councillor membership of the Scrutiny Committees reflect the political balance of the Council



## Membership of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee

|   | <b>Name</b>                    | <b>Ward</b> | <b>Political Party/Group</b> |  | <b>Name</b>                  | <b>Ward</b>    | <b>Political Party/Group</b> |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|
|    | Cllr Aled Morris Jones (Chair) | Twrcelyn    | Anglesey Independents        |    | Cllr Dylan Rees (Vice-chair) | Canolbarth Môn | Plaid Cymru                  |
|    | Cllr Gary Pritchard            | Seiriol     | Plaid Cymru                  |    | Cllr John Griffith           | Talybolion     | Plad Cymru                   |
|    | Cllr Alun Roberts              | Seiriol     | Plaid Cymru                  |    | Cllr Nicola Roberts          | Canolbarth Môn | Plaid Cymru                  |
|   | Cllr Richard Griffiths         | Twrcelyn    | The Independent Group        |   | Cllr Richard O Jones         | Twrcelyn       | The Independent Group        |
|  | Cllr J Arwel Roberts           | Ynys Gybi   | Wales Labour Party           |  | Cllr Bryan Owen              | Bro Aberffraw  | Anglesey Independents        |

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|---|
| Member of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee during part of 2021/22.                  |
| Cllr Margaret Roberts   |
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## **PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**











### **Remit:**

- The primary focus of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee is to ensure that the interests of the citizens of the Island are promoted, and that best use is made of Council resources, in line with the Council's priorities, that demonstrate added value from working with partners. The remit of the committee includes regional and national arrangements as well as local arrangements.
- The committee is also the nominated Crime and Disorder Committee dealing with crime and disorder matters, as required under Section 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006. It is also the designated committee for scrutinising the work of the Ynys Môn and Gwynedd Public Services Board.
- The Committee has introduced a practice of holding briefing meetings with members prior to each formal scrutiny committee meeting. This is regarded as good practice and it is intended to continue with these arrangements in 2022/23.

### **Membership:**

- The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee was chaired by Councillor Gwilym Jones and supported by Vice Chair Councillor Glyn Haynes. Ten members also sit on this committee with provision for 4 co-opted members:

## Membership of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

|   | Name                               | Ward           | Political Party/Group |  | Name                              | Ward      | Political Party/Group |
|---|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
|    | Cllr Gwilym O Jones<br><br>(Chair) | Llifon         | The Independent Group |     | Cllr Glyn Haynes<br>(Vice- chair) | Caergybi  | Labour Party          |
|    | Cllr Dafydd Roberts                | Bro Rhosyr     | The Independent Group |    | Cllr Vaughan Hughes               | Lligwy    | Plaid Cymru           |
|   | Cllr Alun Roberts                  | Seiriol        | Plaid Cymru           |   | Cllr Margaret Roberts             | Lligwy    | Plaid Cymru           |
|  | Cllr Nicola Roberts                | Canolbarth Môn | Plaid Cymru           |  | Cllr Trefor Lloyd Hughes          | Ynys Gybi | Plaid Cymru           |
|  | Cllr Kenneth P Hughes              | Talybolion     | Anglesey Independents |  | Cllr Robert Llewelyn Jones        | Caergybi  | Anglesey Independents |

Our scrutiny committees can undertake their work in one of the following ways:

- Consider a topic during a formal meeting
- Consider a topic in more detail by establishing a scrutiny outcome panel OR
- Conduct informal sessions on a particular area of policy.

Again during 2021/22, the scrutiny committees were aware of the need to seek to focus their work on outcomes and within the Audit Wales framework of characteristics and outcomes for effective local government overview and scrutiny<sup>11</sup>:

- Better outcomes
- Better decisions
- Better engagement

**Call-in of decisions:** Scrutiny committees can “call-in” a decision taken by either the Executive, Portfolio Holder or an officer to whom the Executive has been delegated with a specific decision making power. The scrutiny committees only exercise a “call-in” when there is good reason to do so (through a Test of Significance), and during 2021/22 this was not exercised.

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<sup>11</sup> Good Scrutiny? Good Question!, Wales Audit Office, 2014

## APPENDIX 3

### **A vision for delivering effective scrutiny in Isle of Anglesey County Council**

#### **Vision**

Scrutiny in Anglesey aims to secure better outcomes for citizens and communities and add to the effectiveness of the Council by helping make public services more transparent, inclusive, accountable and cost effective.

#### **Guiding Principles for Scrutiny in Anglesey**

- Scrutiny is characterised by an atmosphere of mutual trust, co-operation and shared responsibility for achieving the best outcomes for local communities.
- Non-Executive Members are non-political in carrying out their support and challenge roles.
- Scrutiny activity directly broadens the evidence base upon which decisions and programmes of transformational change are predicated by providing a view on how proposals are likely to resonate with local communities.
- Non-Executive Members help ensure that a strategic, long term approach is taken when major service reconfiguration is being considered by providing constructive challenge in testing assumptions, examining risks and challenging how resources are prioritised.

#### **Our Values**

#### **Overview and Scrutiny in Anglesey....**

- Is 'forward and outward' and proactive rather than 'inwards and reactive'.
- Has a clearly defined and valued role in the council's improvement and governance arrangements.
- Is non-political, methodologically sound and incorporates a wide range of evidence and perspectives including those from strategic partners, regulators and the public.
- Is led by councillors who have the training and development opportunities they need to undertake their role effectively.
- Receives effective support from the council's senior leadership team who ensures that information provided to overview and scrutiny is of high quality and is provided in a timely and consistent manner.
- Takes into account concerns expressed at ward level in a non-parochial way when managing its forward work programme.
- Is well planned, chaired effectively and makes best use of the resources available to it.

- Is recognised by the executive and senior leadership team as an important council mechanism for community engagement, and facilitates greater citizen involvement in governance.
- Builds trust and positive relationships with a wide variety of internal and external stakeholders.