

# ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2018

- PRESENT:** Councillor Richard O Jones (Chair)  
Councillor Dylan Rees (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors Lewis Davies, Richard A Dew, John Griffith, Richard Griffiths, Glyn Haynes, T LI Hughes MBE, Vaughan Hughes, Llinos Medi Huws, Aled M Jones, Carwyn Jones, Eric Wyn Jones, G O Jones, R LI Jones, R Meirion Jones, Alun W Mummery, Bryan Owen, R G Parry OBE FRAgS, Alun Roberts, Dafydd Roberts, J Arwel Roberts, Margaret M Roberts, Peter S Rogers, Dafydd R Thomas, Robin Williams.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Assistant Chief Executive (Partnerships, Community and Service Improvements),  
Head of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,  
Head of Democratic Services,  
Head of Economic Development and Regulation,  
Strategic Manager Major Infrastructure Projects (RJ) (In respect of Item 7),  
DCO Lead Officer (KH) (In respect of Item 7),  
Chief Planning Officer (DFJ) (In respect of Item 7),  
Committee Officer (MEH)
- ALSO PRESENT:** Ms Paula McGeady (Burgess Salmon Solicitors) (In respect of Item 7)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor K P Hughes, Shaun Redmond, Nicola Roberts and Ieuan Williams

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### Presentation

The Chair said that the Council wished to recognise the Wales Team who competed in the Commonwealth Games in Australia recently. The Wales Team was successful in gaining 36 medals in total and finished 7<sup>th</sup> in the medals table. He said that it was an honour to celebrate the success of 3 individuals from the Holyhead Weightlifting Club.

A presentation was given to Mr Ray Williams, who is currently the Welsh National Weightlifting Coach and has been the driving force behind the establishment of the Holyhead and Anglesey Weightlifting and Fitness Centre. Mr Williams won a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games in 1986 in the featherweight weightlifting class.

A presentation was given to Ms Hannah Powell, originally from Birmingham now lives on the Island. Ms Powell competed at the Commonwealth Games this year for the first time in the 48 kilo weightlifting category.

A presentation was given to Mr Gareth Evans who won a gold medal at the Commonwealth Games this year. Mr Evans won Wales' first gold medal of the Commonwealth Games in the 69 kilo weightlifting category.

The three individuals wished to thank the County Council for the honour of receiving recognition of their success. They thanked the County Council and the Isle of Anglesey Charitable Trust for their financial support to the Holyhead Weightlifting and Fitness Centre.

## **1. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the Isle of Anglesey County Council held on 28th February, 2018 were confirmed.

## **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None received.

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

The Chair made the following announcements :-

- Congratulations was extended to Mrs Carys Edwards who has been appointed as the new Head of Corporate Transformation.
- Congratulations was extended to Mr Dennis Williams from Llanfairpwll and Dr Haydn Edwards from Llangefni who have received the honour of being received to the Gorsedd of the Bards of the National Eisteddfod.
- Congratulations was extended to Beaumaris Band who came 3rd in Europe at the European Youth Brass Band Championships in Utrecht in the Netherlands and also to Merin Llew for winning the prize for the best soloist.
- Best wishes was extended to everyone who will be competing at Eisteddfod Môn, the Urdd Eisteddfod, the Royal Welsh Show and the National Eisteddfod together with the Anglesey Show.

- Anglesey will be hosting the 2019 Island Games' Football Tournament. Anglesey has agreed to hold the unofficial football tournament in its bid to hold the 2025 Island Games.

The Chair wished to thank the staff of the County Council, Biffa and all the volunteers who have recently been assisting the clean-up on the Island's beaches following the recent damage at Holyhead Marina.

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Condolences were extended to Councillor John Griffith and his family following their recent bereavement.

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

Members and Officers stood in silent tribute as a mark of their respect and sympathy.

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

The Chair said that 2 petitions had been received in relation to the Schools Modernisation Programme – Llangefni Area (Corn Hir, Bodffordd and Henblas). A petition of 43 signatories was received against the closure of Bodffordd Primary School and a petition of 107 signatories was received against the closure of Henblas Primary School. The two petitions were considered as part of the statutory consultation report submitted to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee held on 23 April, 2018 and the Executive held on 30 April, 2018.

#### **5. THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2017/18**

The Annual Report by the Leader of the Council for 2017/18 was presented.

The Leader of the Council provided highlights of the progress that was achieved in the preceding year as follows :-

- An additional portfolio has been established to address the immense challenges and ensure the necessary capacity to maximize the benefits for the people of Anglesey in respect of the Wylfa Newydd project;
- Town and Community Councils Forum has been meeting regularly to discuss 'place shaping' within their areas;
- The 2018/19 budget has been agreed and it continues to protect the Council's services;
- The schools' modernisation programme has been driven forward together with the Education Strategy. A training programme has been offered to teachers to prepare them for the role of Headteachers;

- The Garreglwyd Care Home, Holyhead has been opened for acute dementia people from Anglesey; this is a joint plan with the Health Board for the benefit of the people of Anglesey;
- An Anglesey Family Team (Teulu Môn) has been established where families are able to have access to support services at a single point of access;
- Hafan Cefni, an extra care facility, for the support of older people to live independently, is been built in Llangefni. An additional Extra Care scheme has been given approval in Beaumaris;
- A business plan has been adopted for construction of social housing on Anglesey which will mean an investment of over £26m over the next 4 years to build 195 houses;
- The importance of local businesses has been emphasised in all discussions with large companies and in any regional economic discussions;
- An internal procurement project has been established to ensure that a system is in place that will enable local companies to take advantage of opportunities available in the Council;
- A 12 week scheme 'Attracting Talent' has been established to give the Island's young people an unique opportunity to experience a variety of possible careers within the Council;
- The Council continues to oppose the erection of pylons across the Island by the National Grid;
- A joint Local Development Plan between Gwynedd Council and the Isle of Anglesey County Council has been agreed;
- Recycling targets continue to improve.

The Leader concluded her report by thanking the Senior Leadership Team, Departmental Heads and all Council staff for their work. She also wished to thank the staff of the Council and Biffa who have work tirelessly during difficult adverse weather during the winter and recently at the Marina in Holyhead.

The Council was given the opportunity to ask questions of the Leader on the contents of the Annual Report. The Opposition Group sought clarifications as regard to the following main issues :-

- Whilst the aim of the Council is to make efficiency savings, questions were raised as to why it had taken to the last minute to stop the tendering process for home care when it has taken three days to interview companies who tendered for the service. The companies who tendered for the home care service as still awaiting response from the Council and it was considered that there has been a waste of staff time and resources as regard to this matter. The Leader of the Council responded that the Council is exploring how to strengthen procurement procedures. She referred to the home care tendering process and said that a 'technical draw' occurred during the process. She reminded the Council that the Health Board were also involved in the home care process and it was considered that a pause was needed to evaluate the process. The Leader said that the companies who tendered for the home care service will be informed of the outcome of the process within the next few weeks. She expressed the view that the best service for the 'service user' is paramount.
- The Council failed to spend the annual allocation from the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) on discretionary housing payments (DHP). This funding is to support residents eligible for Housing Benefit who are finding it difficult to pay their rent. The

Leader of the Council confirmed that over £20k had been returned to the government but said that as reported to the Executive the DHP scheme is intended to provide customers in receipt of Housing Benefit financial assistance with their housing costs where the Local Authority considers that such help is necessary. She said that this funding must be applied for and the recipient is eligible for these payments. She further noted that the Authority has over recent years 'topped up' the Government contribution.

- Details of the social housing project in Maes yr Ysgol, Holyhead is still awaited by the local members. The Leader of the Council responded that the scheme at Maes yr Ysgol, Holyhead is for one bedroom self-contained accommodation for the under 35 who are on the housing waiting list. The scheme at present has been paused but Welsh Government has confirmed that following negotiations with the Authority, funding is available to continue with the scheme.
- Concerns expressed that a request by the Aberffraw Community Council for the Head of Housing to attend a meeting to discuss housing issues within the village was refused. The Leader of the Council said that she and the Portfolio Holder for Housing Services would attend a meeting of the Aberffraw Community Council, if they so wished, to discuss any housing related concerns.
- Comments expressed that £26m is to be spend to build 195 social housing on the Island which would equate to every dwelling costing £130k. The Leader of the Council responded that associated costs entail when wishing to build such housing. She said that this Authority's has an ambition to build social housing due to dire need for such housing. Funding for the project is sourced from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA).
- Concerns expressed regarding signage erected by the Highways Department in the Dwyran area and then removed a few days later. The Leader of Council this could be raised with the Portfolio Holder for Highways during monthly briefing sessions.
- Whilst welcoming the £100k pledged by Welsh Government towards the clean-up operation at the Marina, Holyhead together with help to local businesses, the residents of the Dwyran area are still awaiting the Council to respond to the devastation that has occurred to their homes due to the extreme flooding that occurred at the end of last year. The Leader of the Council responded that she has been to the area of Dwyran and other areas that were affected by the extreme flooding last year. She said that a discussion took place at the Council meeting held in February as regard to the reduction in the Council Tax for households affected by the flooding; a scheme is in the process of been completed as regard to this matter. The Leader further said that negotiations are continuing with Natural Resources Wales with regard to the issues of flood damage in the Dwyran area and that she as Leader is willing to meet with the local members to discuss the matter further.
- Comments expressed as to the Joint Local Development Plan and the need for further resources to employ consultants to make amendments to the plan which has only been implemented six months ago. The Leader said that it would be unwise not to continue to update the Joint Local Development Plan to make sure it addresses the needs of the local communities. Comments were made that in some strong Welsh language communities within the north of the Island they will not see any new dwellings been approved. It was said that local young people will not have the opportunity to live within their preferred local communities and to bring up their children in the countryside of their choice. The Leader said that there is a Joint Local Development Plan Committee with elected member representation from both authorities; this Committee deals with issues within the Development Plan and she

considered that this is the forum to deal with matters of concern within local communities.

- Concerns expressed that the Executive has decided to close primary schools with over 80 pupils which has been against the wishes of parents and the local communities. It was expressed that the message by the Leader has been to secure strong communities but it was considered that the backbone of these communities will cease by closing village schools. Comments were made that local village schools do provide good education to the children who attend these schools. It was further expressed that resources have been used to consult on the schools modernisation plan in Llangefni on three occasions. Concerns were also expressed that there has been further delays in starting the work in building the new Ysgol Santes Dwynwen due to power line issues on site. The Leader said that over the last six years this Authority has been committed to the schools modernisation programme and 9 schools were closed during the previous administration of this Council. She further referred that there is a national crisis in relation to attracting teachers to become Headteachers and this Authority has put in place a training plan to try and resolve the problem but schools continue to be without Headteachers as individuals are reluctant to apply for such posts. The Leader referred to the comment as regard to the delay in the building works of the new Ysgol Santes Dwynwen and noted that this was as a result of the delay by Scottish Power in moving power lines on the site. She noted that she has asked the Transformation Officer within the Council to ask Welsh Government to put pressure on such companies as Scottish Power to move forward with the works required on the site of the new Ysgol Santes Dwynwen.
- It was expressed that the electricity pylons proposed by the National Grid as regards to the proposed Wylfa Newydd will need to be completely undergrounded across the whole Island. It was expressed that this Authority does not have a Plan B if the undergrounding of the electricity cabling does not materialise.

**It was RESOLVED to receive the Leader of the Council's report and to note its contents.**

## **6. NOTICE OF MOTION PURSUANT TO RULES 4.1.13.1 OF THE CONSTITUTION**

Submitted – the following Notices of Motion by **Councillor Carwyn E Jones**:-

- (a) *The Isle of Anglesey County Council considers that the Planning Act 2008 (PA2008), together with its secondary legislation and guidance including National Policy Statements, is out of date and not fit for purpose in Wales. The PA2008 does not take account of current Welsh legislation including the Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015) or the Active Travel (Wales) Act (2013).*

*In respect of overhead transmission lines, the Holford Rules (1959, amended in the 1990's) and Horlock Rules (undated on National Grid's website) are also considered to be significantly out of date and not compatible with current Welsh legislation.*

*Welsh local authorities are bound by the Well-being of Future Generations Act and Active Travel (Wales) Act. In terms of nationally significant infrastructure projects (NSIPs), this includes consideration of how projects are mitigated, either by s.106 agreement or planning requirement. Some elements of NSIPs, such as planning requirements will also need to be discharged by local authorities.*

*The Welsh legislation referred to above is likely to require significantly more mitigation than the '6 tests' (see below) as it also relates to the well-being of future generations.*

1. *Necessary*
2. *Relevant to planning and;*
3. *To the development to be permitted;*
4. *Enforceable;*
5. *Precise and;*
6. *Reasonable in all other respects.*

*The Isle of Anglesey County Council therefore considers that the PA2008 and all necessary secondary legislation and guidance should be updated as a matter of urgency to ensure that Welsh local authorities are able to meet their statutory duties and to ensure that adequate mitigation is able to be delivered.*

*I ask that the Council agrees to this view and that a formal letter expressing the above should be sent on behalf of The Isle of Anglesey County Council to Rt Hon. James Brokenshire MP, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, who has overall responsibility for the Planning Act 2008. A copy of the letter will also be sent to:*

*Rt Hon. Greg Clark MP (BEIS)  
Rt Hon. Alun Cairns MP  
First Minister Carwyn Jones  
Lesley Griffiths AM  
Albert Owen MP  
Rhun Ap Iorwerth AM*

**(b) Background**

*The lack of detailed information provided thus far by the National Grid on its proposed North Wales connection means that the Council is not in a position to fully understand the full impacts of the development on Anglesey, its communities and its environment. For example, the Council is concerned that the local community around the proposed Tunnel Head building (including Llanfairpwll and Llandaniel Fab) has not been provided with the required information to be able to fully appreciate the scale of HGV and other vehicle movements in the area, or the proposal to close Rhonwy Bridge – despite the fact that the Council has requested further information.*

*The Isle of Anglesey County Council notes the comments made by the National Grid in its Statement of Community Consultation, paragraphs 3.5-3.6, which places great emphasis on engaging with, and seeking the opinions of people who live in close proximity to the proposals and who could be affected by the development either permanently or temporarily during the construction work.*

*The lack of detailed information means that neither the Council, the stakeholders nor the affected community and residents have been able to come to an informed opinion on the likely effects of the development, the range of planning requirements or the*

*mitigation measures required to reduce the effects of the plan to an acceptable level.*

*Previously, National Grid senior officers attended briefing sessions for elected members in the Council Chamber. We now understand that they have refused requests to attend another formal briefing session with elected members in order to answer questions.*

### **Proposal**

*1. Therefore the Council requests that National Grid urgently provides the additional information required and holds an additional consultation cycle with key stakeholders and the affected community in order that each impact, including the cumulative effects and the detailed mitigation proposals can be considered before the formal submission of the application to the Planning Inspectorate.*

*2. The Council requests the Chief Executive of the National Grid to attend a briefing session and to update the elected members of the Isle of Anglesey County Council and to respond to their questions on the project.”*

Councillor Richard A Dew seconded the motion.

Councillor Carwyn Jones referred to part (a) of his motion and said the National Grid conforms to the National Planning Act 2008 (PA2008) and any profit made goes to the UK Parliament. The PA2008 does not take account of current Welsh legislation included within the Well-being of Future Generations Act (2015) or the Active Travel (Wales) Act (2013) and it does not condone taking any profit made away from local communities and to make sure that strong local communities are able to flourish. The Holford Rules (1959, amended in the 1990's) and Horlock Rules (undated on National Grid's website) are also considered to be significantly out of date and not compatible with current Welsh legislation.

Councillor Aled M Jones said that maybe the motion put forward does not go far enough and that it is The Supreme Court in London that takes decisions on legal jurisdictions. He said that there is conflict in Wales between the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act and the National Planning Act 2008 and it will be The Supreme Court that will have to decide as to which Act is primary legislation. He considered that legal advice be sought as to whether this Authority or Welsh Government should go to The Supreme Court due to these two conflicting legislation. Councillor Carwyn Jones responded that he will discuss the matter with relevant Officers of the Council. He said the Development Consent Order (DCO) will be submitted later on this year as regard to Wylfa Newydd and this Authority will need to respond if the consultation has been relevant and as to whether the opinion of The Supreme Court needs to be undertaken.

The Head of Economic Development and Regulation said that legal advice has been sought as regard to this matter and the advice received has been that the Secretary of State for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy is able to take a decision as to the weighting given to Welsh Government's legislation. The Secretary of State can decide to ignore the Welsh Government's legislation or he can decide that they are immensely important and relevant. He noted that The Supreme Court would be the end of the matter.



Councillor Aled M Jones said that there is an avenue for appeal therefore to the Authority; the National Grid needs to understand that this Authority will go to The Supreme Court to make sure that residents of the local communities affected by proposed erection of pylons are safeguarded.

**In the ensuring vote it was RESOLVED that the motion at (a) above be carried.**

Councillor Carwyn Jones referred to part (b) of his notice of motion and said that the opinion of the Council and the residents of Anglesey has been consistent that the proposed power lines across the Island need to be undergrounded. He expressed that the National Grid is not listening to the opinion of this Council and the local communities. The lack of detailed information provided by the National Grid on its proposed North Wales connection means that this Authority is not in a position to fully understand the full impacts of the development on the Island. He further said that this Authority must respond to the Planning Inspectorate within two weeks when the DCO is submitted and report as to whether National Grid has consulted properly to this Authority and its residents as regard to this matter. Councillor Jones expressed that representatives from the National Grid has not attended any meeting or elected members briefing session with this Authority for over two years; the newly elected members have not been given an opportunity to be able to raise questions and express an opinion as regard to this matter with the National Grid. He said that residents including the Llanfairpwll and Llanddaniel Fab communities have not been provided with the required information as to the proposed Tunnel Head near Bryn Celli Ddu, the prehistoric site nor the proposal to close Rhonwy Bridge despite that this Council has requested details of the proposed works. Councillor Jones said that the scale of earth excavation and the scale of heavy vehicle movement in the area will be immense. No detailed information has been given by National Grid as to whether the soil and rocks from the excavation will be on this side of the Menai Straits. National Grid has only responded that they 'reserve our opinion'; he questioned as to how this Authority may plan mitigation measures without having definite dialogue with National Grid. He further referred to the effect on countryside lanes due to heavy machinery if National Grid erects a track across the Island to carry out work on the electricity pylons. He said that plans are being drawn by Welsh Government for a third bridge over the Menai Straits and National Grid are proposing a tunnel under the Straits which will contain cables linking Wylfa Newydd to the Grid at a cost of over £200m.

Councillor Jones further said that there has been a delay in the DCO as regard to Wylfa Newydd and therefore there is an opportunity for National Grid to hold an additional consultation period with key stakeholders and the affected communities in order that each impact, cumulative effects and the details of mitigation proposals can be considered before the formal submission of the application to the Planning Inspectorate.

Councillor Dafydd Roberts said that a railway line is near the proposed Tunnel Head near Llanddaniel Fab and questioned whether National Grid has considered a railway siding to mitigate the need to carry millions of tonnes of rubble and rocks near this location site. He expressed that these are the sort of issues that needs to be discussed with the National Grid and Elected Members.

Councillor Aled M Jones said that this Authority must continue to campaign for the undergrounding of the electricity cables across the Island. He said that the effects on local

communities will be immense and especially the resident of the North of the Island with heavy vehicles travelling on minor country lanes.

Councillor Lewis Davies questioned as to the costs associated with undergrounding the electricity cables across the Island and across the Menai Straits at the detriment of local communities compared to undergrounding the cables on the seabed towards Merseyside and Deeside. The Head of Economic Development and Regulation responded that National Grid has not afforded costs associated with different options of undergrounding cabling but it is understood that there are technical risks associated with taking cables on the seabed as such an operation has not been undertaken in association with a nuclear facility.

**In the ensuing vote it was RESOLVED that the motion at (b) above be carried.**

## **7. SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE FOR WYLFA NEWYDD**

The report of the Head of Economic Development and Regulation was presented for consideration by the Council.

The Portfolio Holder for Planning and Public Protection said that since the Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) for Wylfa Newydd was adopted in 2014, there has been a number of fundamental changes which has necessitated the need to review and update the SPG. Most notably is the Wales Act 2017, which received Royal Assent on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2017. This allows project promoters (Horizon) to include associated developments (such as park and ride, temporary works accommodation etc.) within their DCO application instead of being submitted to the Local Planning Authority and considered under the Town and Country Planning Act. The SPG also needs to reflect key new legislation such as the Wellbeing of Future Generations Act 2015 and this Authority needs to demonstrate how the project/policy meets the 7 wellbeing goals and the alignment between the SPG's objectives and the wellbeing goals. He further said that Horizon has proposed a number of project updates since the SPG was adopted in 2014. The most significant project change is to increase the on-site temporary workers accommodation from 500 to 4,000 workers on-site in a purpose built temporary campus. The Portfolio Holder said that the Council undertook a period of 6 week public consultation from the 11<sup>th</sup> January to 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018 and a Members 'Drop-In Session' was also arranged where Members had the opportunity to ask questions and provide comments on the SPG. 168 representations were received by ten individuals and organisations and all the responses can be found within the 'Representations Report' at Appendix A to the report. The Programme Management Office has worked closely with Burges Salmon Solicitors to address the representations received. All the changes made to the SPG are contained within the 'Focused Changes' document at Appendix B to the report. He noted that 74 of the responses received to the SPG have been accepted. The main concerns raised were the workers' accommodation and the County Council needs to reflect this within the SPG. Questions needed to be addressed as to which policies were relevant to Horizon and also which policies are relevant to third party organisations i.e. the Land and Lakes site and Rhosgoch site. He said that this has now been addressed within the SPG enclosed within the report. An Elected Member briefing session took place in April to explain the consultation process and the next steps as regard to this matter.

The Portfolio Holder said that it is important that the SPG be approved so as to allow the Authority to have a robust foundation to respond to the Wylfa Newydd project. In adopting the SPG the Authority will be in a stronger position to address the DCO public inquiry to be held within the next few months.

Councillor Aled M Jones thanked the Portfolio Holder and the relevant Officers for their work as regard to this matter but expressed concerns that accommodating up to a maximum of 4,000 workers' Wylfa Head is unacceptable.

**It was RESOLVED to adopt the revised (Anglesey specific) Wylfa Newydd Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) and all Topic Papers and Statutory Assessments.**

## **8. WELLBEING PLAN - PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD**

The report of the Chief Executive incorporating the Gwynedd and Anglesey Well-Being Plan as approved by the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board was presented for consideration.

The Leader of the Council reported that the Well-Being Plan sets out how the Public Services Board intends to make a difference to the lives of residents by working together to deliver the agreed well-being objectives for the entire North West Wales area. She drew attention to the fact that as part of a three month statutory consultation period on the draft Well-Being Plan, the Plan was scrutinised by the Partnerships and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee at its meeting held on 8 March, 2018, the Committee being a statutory consultee and the designated committee for scrutinising Public Services Board business.

**It was RESOLVED :-**

- **To approve the Ynys Môn and Gwynedd Well-being Plan for publication by the Public Services Board;**
- **To adopt the Well-being Plan and that it is incorporated as part of the Council's Policy Framework to replace the Single Integrated Plan in the Council's Constitution;**
- **The Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee be the designated Scrutiny Committee for scrutinising the work of the Public Services Board;**
- **To amend section 3.2 of the Council's Constitution to include the approval of decisions in relation to the 'Well-being Plan' as a function which can only be exercised by the full Council; and to delete reference to the 'Single Integrated Plan';**
- **To amend section 2.6.2 of the Council's Constitution in order to appoint the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee as the designated scrutiny committee for scrutinising the work of the Public Services Board;**
- **To authorise the Council's Head of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer to make any future amendments, as and when they arise, to the Council's Constitution (a) when they relate to; or (b) arise as a result of, the matters approved above, subject to consultation with the Group Leaders and no objections are raised.**

## **9. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

The Annual Report of the Standards Committee for 2017/18 was presented by Mr Mike Wilson the Chair of the Standards Committee. Mr Wilson summarised the work delivered by the Standards Committee against the objectives in its 2017/18 Work Programme as set out in the Appendix attached to the report.

**It was RESOLVED :-**

- **To note the programme delivered by the Standards Committee between April 2017 and May 2018;**
- **To endorse the Standards Committee's Work Programme for 2018/19 as outlined in Appendix C of the report.**

## **10. LOCAL RESOLUTION PROTOCOL**

The report on an amended Local Resolution Protocol was presented by the Portfolio Holder for Corporate and the Chair of the Standards Committee.

**It was RESOLVED to abolish the current Local Resolution Protocol and to adopt the draft amended Local Resolution Protocol at Enclosure 2 to the report.**

## **11. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

The Scrutiny Annual Report for 2017/18 was presented by Councillor Aled M Jones, Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and by Councillor Gwilym O Jones, Chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

The Scrutiny Chairs have been involved in developing the forward work programmes during the year. It was noted that a Scrutiny Champion needs to be appointed to promote the overview and scrutiny function both within the Council and also with external partners of the Authority.

**It was RESOLVED :-**

- **To approve the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2017/18;**
- **To note the continued progress made in implementing the local Scrutiny improvement journey and the impact this is having on practice;**
- **To appoint the Chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee as the Scrutiny Champion for the period May 2018 to May 2019.**

## **12. AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

The Audit Committee's Annual Report for 2017/18 was presented by Councillor Peter Rogers, Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee.

**It was RESOLVED to endorse the Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee for 2017/18.**

**13. DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

The Annual Report of the Democratic Services Committee for 2017/18 was presented by Councillor Robert LI Jones, Chair of the Democratic Services Committee.

**It was RESOLVED to accept and to note the matters considered by the Committee during 2017/18.**

**COUNCILLOR DYLAN REES  
CHAIR**