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ISLE OF ANGLESEY  
COUNTY COUNCIL**

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**SUMMONS AND AGENDA**

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

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9 RHAGFYR 2025**

**TUESDAY  
9 DECEMBER 2025**

**➔ am 2:00 o'r gloch ➔**

**➔ at 2:00 pm ➔**

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

### **1. MINUTES**

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

- 25 September 2025
- 28 October 2025 (Extraordinary)

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

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

### **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements from the Chairperson, Leader of the Council or the Chief Executive.

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

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

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

To submit the following question on notice by Councillor Kenneth Hughes to the Council Leader:-

*"Following receiving an e-mail to draw my attention to the fact that there is a clash between the dates of the Royal Welsh Show in 2027 and the dates of the School Summer Holidays in Anglesey, which means that schools will be open for the first two days of the show. Is it possible for the portfolio holder to use his influence to try and find a resolution which ensures that there will be no clash between the dates of the show and the dates of school holidays in Anglesey in 2027, this being essential as Anglesey is the feature county in 2027."*

### **6. NOTICE OF MOTION**

- To receive the following Notice of Motion by Councillor Jeff Evans on behalf of the Independent Group Councillors, requesting that Anglesey County Council adopts similar proposals as now accepted and in place in Manchester City Council: -

*"A recent Marie Curie report "dying in poverty" found that 28% of working people and 16% of pension age people are in poverty, in their last year of life; these rates significantly higher than people not in the final/ last year of life."*

*End of life Charity, Marie Curie, worked with Manchester City Council as to 'pioneering' Council Tax Plans, and said the Council was the first in England to offer full exemption for people with a terminal illness.*

*Manchester's proposals set out plans for the Council to change its Discretionary Council Tax Policy, to explicitly include a commitment to support people who have been diagnosed with a terminal condition.*

*Manchester's initiative is intended to ease the burden on family carers and goes a long way to help/ assist with unseen costs, where there is a palliative diagnosis, including powering home medical devices and allowing/ having heating on longer and higher, to help manage symptoms.*

*Marie Curie is 'urgently' seeking more Councils to adopt a similar approach to Manchester, to help people live out their last months, weeks, days without worrying about Council Tax Bills.*

*A number of other Councils have now adopted similar proposals to support people with a terminal illness and in the final year of life."*

- To receive the following Notice of Motion by Councillor Jackie Lewis: -

*"As an elected member for Talybolion Ward, I very much welcome the UK Government's announcement that Small Modular Reactors will be located at Wylfa.*

*Anglesey has a proud tradition of energy production at Wylfa Nuclear Power Station, providing quality employment for the residents of Anglesey for decades.*

*However, we are aware of the possible impacts on communities and residents living nearby and therefore I ask the County Council to ensure the project delivers maximum local benefits, and to reduce and mitigate any negative impacts.*

*We must listen to the views, needs and concerns of residents as the Wylfa project progresses.*

*I therefore ask Anglesey County Council to work diligently to ensure that the economic benefits and employment opportunities are predominantly for the residents of Anglesey by:*

- *Ensuing employment and supply chain opportunities for local people and businesses*
- *Working with the Learning Department and partners at Coleg Llandrillo Menai and Bangor University to ensure that our young people have the necessary skills*
- *Creating circumstances that will allow young people and their families who have already left the island to return*
- *Ensuring that our language and culture is a golden thread throughout the*

*process.”*

7. **AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION – FINAL APPROVAL OF THE COUNCIL’S ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

To submit the report of the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer, as presented to the Executive on 25 November 2025.

8. **TO APPOINT A CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

To submit the report of the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer.

## ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 25 September 2025

- PRESENT:** Councillor Non Dafydd (Chair)  
Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors Geraint Bebb, Jeff M Evans, Neville Evans, Douglas M Fowlie, Glyn Haynes, Kenneth P Hughes, Trevor LI Hughes MBE, Carwyn Jones, John Ifan Jones, R LI Jones, Aled M Jones, Gwilym O Jones, Dyfed Wyn Jones, Jackie Lewis, Pip O'Neill, Llio Angharad Owen (left the meeting at 3.00 pm & returned at 3.25 pm), Derek Owen, Gary Pritchard, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, Dafydd Roberts, Keith Roberts, Margaret Murley Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Ken Taylor, Ieuan Williams, Robin Williams, Sonia Williams, Liz Wood.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Deputy Chief Executive,  
Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,  
Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer,  
Director of Social Services,  
Director of Education, Skills and Young People,  
Head of Housing Services,  
Head of Adults' Services,  
Head of Regulation & Economic Development,  
Head of Highways, Property & Waste,  
Corporate Planning, Performance & Programme Manager (GP,  
Committee Officer (MEH),  
Webcasting Committee Services Officer (FT).
- ALSO PRESENT:** Mr Dilwyn Evans – Chair of the Governance & Audit Committee (in relation to item 10)  
Mr Trefor Owen – Chair of the Standards Committee (in relation to item 9)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillors Paul Ellis, Euryrn Morris, Alwen Watkin, Arfon Wyn
- Head of Profession (Human Resources) & Transformation,  
Head of Democracy

#### 1. MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Isle of Anglesey County Council held on 20 May, 2025 were confirmed as correct.

## **2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None received.

## **3. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair made the following announcements:-

- Congratulations to everyone who organised the Anglesey Agricultural Show for yet another successful year, as well as everyone from the Island who was successful in the Royal Welsh, Eisteddfod yr Urdd and the National Eisteddfod.
- Congratulations to the individuals from Anglesey that were inaugurated to the Orsedd during the National Eisteddfod in Wrexham, including Hywel Wyn Owen, Mared Lewis, Gwyn Anwyl, Nia Wyn Jones and Rhun ap Iorwerth.
- Congratulations to the young people of Anglesey on their successful GCSE, A Level and other level 2 and 3 qualification results over the summer. She expressed her best wishes to those young people who will be leaving for University. The Chair also congratulated the Council's Looked After Children on their recent success with GCSE qualifications and other achievements. She expressed her gratitude to all staff, teachers, parents and foster parents who have supported young people during their exams.
- The Chair referred to the County Councils' Dyfydol Môn scheme that gives local graduates an opportunity to complete valuable work experience within the Council as they work towards a post graduate qualification. The Council has been successful in appointing four graduates through the Dyfydol Môn scheme.
- The Chair referred to a special event held in Mona last weekend to welcome the Eisteddfod yr Urdd in 2026 to the Island.
- The Chair said that the Rownd a Rownd television series celebrated 30 years since it was first broadcasted. The series, located in Menai Bridge, has attracted significant financial investment to the area over the years, and more than 100 people now work on the programme.
- Congratulations was extended to businesses on the Island that have recently won awards. Cybi Brewery and the honey production company, Anglesey Bees won stars in the Great Taste Awards, and Llanfairpwll Distillery won the best small drink producer award in the Welsh Food and Drink Awards.

On behalf of the County Council, the Chair wished to thank the Fire Service for their work managing and fighting fires on Mynydd Bodafon during the summer. At one point, the fire had spread to 1,500 meter squared and thankfully no one was injured during the incident.

The Chair referred that earlier this month, a special event was held with key partners and stakeholders to celebrate the County Council's journey to becoming a Trauma Informed Island. One of the highlights was naming Ysgol Gyfun Llangejni as the first

mainstream secondary school in the United Kingdom to receive the Trauma Informed and Mental Health award from *Trauma Informed Schools UK*.

The Chair referred that on the 15th of August, the County Council and Officers from RAF Valley came together to commemorate 80 years since VJ Day with a flag raising ceremony outside the Council Offices in Llangefnï. Many also attended the remembrance event that was organised by Councillor Aled Morris Jones at Parys Mountain in the evening. Both events, as well as the VE Day event in May, were opportunities to remember the generation who sacrificed so much, so that we can enjoy our freedom today.

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Condolences were extended to the family of the former County Councillor Mr Derlwyn Hughes who passed away recently.

Condolences were extended to any Member of the Council and Staff who had suffered a bereavement. Members and Officers stood as silent tribute.

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

No petitions received.

#### **5. NOTICE OF MOTION**

- Submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillor Aled M Jones :-

*‘Anglesey Independents call on Anglesey County Council to seek a judicial review of the decision by the Welsh Government to allow planning permission to the Alaw Môn, Sola Farm development.*

*This proposed development has caused a great deal of concern in our communities and we as a County Council must seek all possible means to challenge this decision’*

Councillor Kenneth P Hughes seconded the motion.

Councillor Hughes said that there are immense concerns that the decision to approve the Alaw Môn Solar Farm by Welsh Government and not allowing the County Council to make such a decision. He expressed strongly that the Council needs to apply for a Judicial Review of the decision taken by Welsh Government and hopefully overturn the decision. The Island already generates enough energy for the whole of Wales and good agricultural land should not be used for solar farm developments. He further said that Cadw Tir Môn has asked through email that if the Council is unable to apply for judicial review that financial assistance be afforded to help the Community Group to pursue a judicial review of the decision.

- Submitted a Notice of Motion by Councillor Gary Pritchard :-

*‘The Council expresses its disappointment and frustration in the Welsh Government’s decision to permit the Alaw Môn Solar Farm development contrary to its policies on the use of best and most versatile agricultural land.*

*The Council is asked to investigate every possible option, including legal options, to challenge the decision.’*

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Gary Pritchard said that he would withdraw his Notice of Motion, subject to an amendment as there is unity agree by the political groups to the frustration and disappointment that Welsh Government’s decision has been to approve the Alaw Môn Solar Farm. He noted that Welsh Government have ignored their own policies on the use of good agricultural land and this Council has expressed objection from the start of this development.

The Leader outlined his amendment to the Motion by Councillor Aled M Jones as follows:-

- *‘The Council expresses its disappointment and frustration in the Welsh Government’s decision to permit the Alaw Môn Solar Farm development contrary to its policies on the use of best and most versatile agricultural land;*
- *The proposed development has caused a great deal of concern in our communities as well as creating real concerns regarding future food security;*
- *The Council is asked to investigate every possible option, including seeking a Judicial Review, to challenge this decision as well as seeking to work alongside other Community Groups who are working towards a similar goal;*

Councillor Jeff Evans seconded the amendment to the Motion.

The Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer advised that the amendment to the Motion is appropriate and a vote was undertaken. 28 Members voted in favour of the amendment to the motion, and 3 Members abstained.

Councillor Ieuan Williams, on behalf of the Independent Group, said that the Council needs to challenge the decision by Welsh Government to approve the Alaw Môn Solar Farm.

Councillor Llio Angharad Owen said that this solar farm development has raised considerable opposition in the community she represents and across the Island. She noted that she has taken part in protest against the development of solar farm which harms nature and the agricultural future of Anglesey. She said that the decision by Welsh Government to approve the Alaw Môn Solar Farm was disappointing as they are ignoring their own policies. Whilst accepting that there is a need for sustainable and clean energy for the future, the Island will not benefit from the development, and the Council needs to challenge the decision by Welsh Government.

Councillor Jackie Lewis reiterated the comments of her fellow local members and thanked those who have campaigned against the development in the local communities together with the support of the Member of Parliament and the Assembly Member for Anglesey. She expressed that Welsh Government has ignored the people of Anglesey who are against this development.



Councillor Robert LI Jones said that he would be voting against the amendment to the Motion as he considered that there is a need to reduce the carbon footprint and such development should be supported. He expressed that solar grazing minimizes carbon emissions and promotes biodiversity. He further said that sheep farmers across the World have expressed that allowing animals to graze under the solar panels improves productivity and increases their income as farmers.

Councillor Derek Owen said that there are concerns as regards to possible damage to Llyn Alaw who serves over 30,000 people with water supply. He questioned whether the promotion of Energy Island should be disregarded, and priority should be given to developing the Wylfa site. He said that energy companies consider that the Island will take any development such as solar farms in place of the development of Wylfa. Councillor Owen further said that young people are having to leave the Island for work and there is an effect on the Welsh language. The loss of 650 acres of good agricultural land at the Alaw Môn site will have a dire effect on food production and the development needs to be refused. He questioned whether Legal Advice has been sought by the Council to challenging this decision.

The Chief Executive responded that the Energy Island Programme was established to support projects that have economic benefits for local communities. The Alaw Môn Solar Farm has no economic benefits for the Island. He noted that the Council responded in November 2019 to the consultation on Welsh Government's National Development Framework and he read out a paragraph from the correspondence which stated that *'the Council has reviewed the background document supporting the priority areas for wind and solar, information in relation to the criteria, the justification and selection of the majority of the land as a priority area for wind and solar energy is unclear. This is not acceptable and is of a significant concern. The Council objects to this designation.'* He noted that this development is policy driven and a strong response was made by the Council

The Chief Executive further said that specialist Legal Advice has been sought, and consideration will need to be given to that legal advice received. Legal and Financial Officers will need to consider whether it is prudent to seek judicial review within the timeframe and whether it is the appropriate use of the Council's financial resources. Thereafter, consultation will be undertaken with the Leader of the Council and the relevant Portfolio Members and to a formal decision by the Executive Committee.

The Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer said that there are statutory General Powers of Confidence where such a development will have an immense impact on a community. The Council could contribute towards a third-party organisation to progress and seek a judicial review. She noted that an amendment would be required for the Council to approve a financial contribution to a third-party body, and an amendment would be required to the Motion. Consideration would also need to be given to the total amount of financial contribution the Council will afford and that the decisions be made in principle only, and to give statutory power to the Chief Executive and the Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer to discuss the amount of contribution the Council would afford if it was decided that the Authority would not proceed with a Judicial

Review. She noted that the deadline for initiating the proceedings is 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2025.

At this juncture the meeting had a recess to discuss the amendments required to the Motion with the Leaders of the Political Groups and Chief Officers.

Following the recess the Leader of the Council, Councillor Gary Pritchard read out the second amendment to the Motion as follows:-

- *The Council expresses its disappointment and frustration in the Welsh Government's decision to permit the Alaw Môn Solar Farm development contrary to its policies on the use of best and most versatile agricultural land;*
- *The proposed development has caused a great deal of concern in our communities as well as creating real concerns regarding future food security;*
- *The Council is asked to investigate every possible option, including seeking a Judicial Review, to challenge this decision as well as seeking to work alongside other Community Groups who are working towards a similar goal;*
- *If the Council decision is not to proceed with a Judicial Review, the Council, in principle, will consider affording financial contribution to the Tir Môn Group, subject to consultation with the Chief Executive, Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Office and the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer.*

Councillor Aled M Jones seconded the amendment to the Motion as noted above.

Councillor Pip O'Neill said that reverting to green renewable energy is essential to protect climate change for future generations. However, he considered that the Alaw Môn Solar Farm has not been implemented correctly whilst he supported solar farm developments.

Councillor Sonia Williams said that the Area of Outstanding Beauty must be considered and attracting tourist to the Island is essential.

The Leader of the Council acknowledged the comments as regards to the need for green energy and the impact of climate change. He said that the Council is not opposing solar energy. The opposition to this development at Alaw Môn is due to its scale and there are alternative to installing solar panels on brownfield site and roofs of buildings. The proposed site will take over acres of fertile agricultural land at a time where there are concerns due to food security. Councillor Pritchard expressed strongly that the Authority is not opposing renewable energy nor refusing to acknowledge the climate change challenges.

Councillor Aled M Jones said that there are challenges the Country is facing due to food and energy security. He said that the island is unable to loss valuable agricultural land, and it is a fallacy that farming and grazing of sheep can be undertaken under the solar panel frames. He expressed that he is not against solar panels, but they need to be erected within an appropriate location. Councillor Aled M Jones referred to the Borthwen Solar Scheme which experience severe damage during Storm Dara and the company is continuing to address the damage caused

on the site. The damage due to storms on such the size of the Alaw Môn Solar Farm could be life threatening.

In accordance with paragraph 4.1.18.4 of the Constitution the required number of members requested that a recorded vote be taken on the recommendation as noted above.

The recorded vote was as follows:-

To support the amendment to the Notice of Motion :-

Councillors Geraint Bebb, Non Dafydd, Jeff Evans, Neville Evans, Douglas M Fowle, Kenneth P Hughes, Trefor LI Hughes MBE, Aled M Jones, Carwyn Jones, Dyfed W Jones, Gwilym O Jones, John Ifan Jones, Jackie Lewis, Derek Owen, Gary Pritchard, Dylan Rees, Alun Roberts, Dafydd Roberts, Margaret M Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Ken Taylor, Dafydd Rhys Thomas, Ieuan Williams, Robin Williams, Sonia Williams, Liz Wood.

**TOTAL 26**

Against the amendment :-

Councillor Robert LI Jones,

**TOTAL 1**

Abstained : Councillors Glyn Haynes, Pip O'Neill, Keith Roberts

**TOTAL 3**

**Following a Recorded Vote:**

**It was RESOLVED that :-**

- **The Council expresses its disappointment and frustration in the Welsh Government's decision to permit the Alaw Môn Solar Farm development contrary to its policies on the use of best and most versatile agricultural land;**
- **The proposed development has caused a great deal of concern in our communities as well as creating real concerns regarding future food security;**
- **The Council is asked to investigate every possible option, including seeking a Judicial Review, to challenge this decision as well as seeking to work alongside other Community Groups who are working towards a similar goal;**
- **If the Council decision is not to proceed with a Judicial Review, the Council, in principle, will consider affording financial contribution to the Tir Môn Group, subject to consultation with the Chief Executive, Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Office and the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer.**

## **6. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2024/25**

The report of the Director of Function (Resource)/Section 151 Officer as presented to the Executive on 17 July, 2025 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Annual Treasury Management Review for 2024/2025.**

## **7. SELF-ASSESSMENT AND PERFORMANCE REPORTING**

The report of the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer as presented to the Executive on 23 September, 2025 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED to :-**

- **approve the constitutional changes required to reflect the merging of the Annual Self-Assessment Report and the Annual Performance (Wellbeing) Report into a single integrated document called the Annual Self-Assessment and Performance (Wellbeing) Report;**
- **approve the changes to the Constitution to reflect that the merged report referred to above shall be a function of the Executive;**
- **authorize the Monitoring Officer to make the constitutional changes required to implement the above.**

## **8. ANNUAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT ON THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SOCIAL SERVICES 2024/25**

The Annual Director's Report on the Effectiveness of Social Services was presented for the Council's acceptance.

The Director of Social Services gave a brief video presentation to the Council and said that the Annual Report is a statutory report which highlights the successes within the Social Services Department. He said that there are financial challenges, across Wales and the United Kingdom. He referred to the challenges in finding placement for looked after children which has resulted in the Children's & Families Services overspending but plans are in place to address the overspend with the Cartrefi Clyd initiative and the foster carers package to try and keep the looked after children on the Island. The Adults' Services are underspending at present due to the plans put into that service. He further referred to the incentive as regard to Authority and the staff becoming Trauma Informed. Work continues as regard to the Age Friendly Island and the Older People's Commissioner Wales visited the Island for a week visiting several activities afforded together with the third-sector activities. The Director of Social Services referred to the work of modernising the learning disabilities services across the Island and supporting individuals with learning disabilities to live independently. He further referred that the transition of staff leaving the authority has reduced significantly, and staff are trained to a high standard where they can improve their prospects to apply for higher roles within the service. Several students from Bangor and Wrexham Universities have taken the opportunity to train to become Social Workers and other roles within the service. Work has also been undertaken with Coleg Llandrillo Menai highlighting the roles available for young people in Social Services roles within the Council. The Social Services Scrutiny Panel continue to meet on a regular basis together with the

Corporate Parenting Panel. Work is undertaken with the Care Inspectors Wales and meeting are undertaken on a regular basis.

The Director of Social Services wished to thank the staff of the Children's and Adults' Services for their work.

Councillor Ieuan Williams raised that there has been recently reported in the press that a child that was placed in care and who needed to be placed in 'out of country' costed a local authority £1m. He considered that local authorities in Wales should collaborate through the WLGA and Welsh Government to afford quality care for individuals in their local communities.

The Portfolio Member for Children's and Families responded that work is continued with other local authorities but agreed that affording quality care in their communities is paramount.

The Leader of the Council said that Caretrefi Clyd on Anglesey is an innovated service for caring for young people and allowing them to stay within their Welsh local communities and that costs of caring for young people in care are not paid to private companies across the border.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED to accept the Annual Director's Report on the Effectiveness of Social Services 2024/2025.**

## **9. STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25**

The report of the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer was presented for the Council's acceptance.

The Annual Report of the Standards Committee was presented by Mr Trefor Owen, Chair of the Standards Committee.

Mr Owen said that the Standards Committee is required by legislation to report annually to the Council in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021. Mr Owen detailed that the report outlines the duties of the Standards Committee, and he highlighted the work undertaken with the County Council Members, Group Leaders and the Town and Community Councils in discharging its duties. Mr Owen further said that the report outlines the work the Committee has undertaken in accordance with its responsibilities in 2024/2025 and the Committee's Work Programme for 2025/2026 was submitted for the Council's approval.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED:-**

- **To approve the Annual Report of the Standards Committee for 2024/2025;**
- **To approve the Standards Committee's Work Programme for 2025/2026, whilst accepting that some additional matters may be included, in accordance with demand.**

## **10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE 2024/25 – CHAIR’S REPORT**

The report of the Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee as presented to the Governance and Audit Committee on 27 June, 2024 was presented for the Council’s acceptance.

Mr Dilwyn Evans, Chair of the Governance and Audit Committee said that the report meets the requirements of the Committee’s Terms of Reference that it report annually to the Full Council on its findings, conclusions and recommendations concerning the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council’s governance, risk management and internal control frameworks, financial reporting arrangements, complaints handling and internal and external audit functions. The Committee’s activities within 2024/2025 are detailed within the report. He further said that he wished to sympathise with the family of the late Mrs Sharon Warnes, a member of the Governance and Audit Committee who passed away at the beginning of the summer. He wished to thank the Members of the Governance and Audit Committee for their work and the Democracy staff that supports the Committee.

**It was unanimously RESOLVED to approve the Annual Report of the Governance and Audit Committee for 2024/2025.**

## **11. NORTH WALES REGIONAL TRANSPORT PLAN**

Submitted a report by Head of Highways, Waste and Property on the North Wales Regional Transport Plan.

The Leader of the Council reported that the North Wales Regional Transport Plan aligns with the Welsh Government’s Llwybr Newydd : the Wales Transport Strategy 2021 (STC), a document that provides the strategic direction, vision and priorities for transport in Wales. The North Wales Joint Corporate Committee (CJC) was established on 1 April, 2021 which has a statutory duty to prepare a Regional Transport Plan. The CJC has established its Transport and Strategic Planning Sub-Committee to carry out its statutory functions and therefore leads and governs the North Wales Regional Transport Plan and has prepared a Regional Transport Plan in accordance with Welsh Government guidance. He noted that the report has been submitted to the relevant Scrutiny Committee for discussion.

He further said that the resilience of both bridges across the Menai Straits and public transport challenges faced by rural areas as been highlighted in the report. However, there are challenges to ensure that this Authority can attract grants when a function is a regional entity.

Councillor Kenneth P Hughes said that the CJC’s have been forced upon local authorities by Welsh Government. He noted that the CJC has a statutory duty to prepare a Strategic Development Plan and a Regional Transport Plan. These plans are key in ensuring that the transport infrastructure is adequate to address the needs of the local communities and the environment of the region. Councillor Hughes said that the CJC has not considered the bus routes within rural areas with recent reduction in bus services.

Following the vote of 25 in favour, 6 against and 0 abstentions.

**It was RESOLVED to adopt the North Wales Regional Transport Plan July 2025.**

**COUNCILLOR NON DAFYDD  
CHAIR**

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# ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL

## Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 28 October 2025

**PRESENT:** Councillor Non Dafydd (Chair)  
Councillor Dafydd Rhys Thomas (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Geraint Bebb, Paul Ellis, Jeff M Evans, Neville Evans, Douglas M Fowle, Glyn Haynes, Kenneth P Hughes, Carwyn Jones, John Ifan Jones, R LI Jones, G O Jones, Dyfed Wyn Jones, Pip O'Neill, Llio Angharad Owen, Derek Owen, Gary Pritchard, Alun Roberts, Dafydd Roberts, Keith Roberts, Margaret Murley Roberts, Nicola Roberts, Ken Taylor, Alwen Pennant Watkin, Ieuan Williams, Robin Williams, Sonia Williams and Arfon Wyn

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,  
Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer,  
Head of Highways, Property & Waste,  
Head of Regulation & Economic Development,  
Head of Adults' Services,  
Head of Democracy,  
Performance and Projects Manager (GP,  
Committee Officer (MEH),  
Webcasting Committee Services Officer (FT).

**APOLOGIES:** Councillors T LI Hughes MBE, A M Jones, Jackie Lewis, Euryrn Morris, Dylan Rees and Liz Wood

Deputy Chief Executive,  
Director of Social Services,  
Director of Education, Skills & Young People,  
Head of Profession (Human Resources) & Transformation,  
Head of Housing Services,  
Communication Officer (GJ).

### 1. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest received.

### 2. NOTICE OF MOTION

Submitted the following Notice of Motion by Councillor Kenneth P Hughes:-

*' We as a Group, Annibynwyr Môn call on Anglesey County Council to take all measures possible to apply pressure on Welsh Government to re-open the Menai Suspension Bridge as a matter of urgency.*

*This closure took effect without prior consultation or notification with the County Council.'*

Councillor Kenneth P Hughes said that matters have processed since the Annibynwyr Môn Group submitted the Motion. He said that the Group supports the amended Motion submitted by Councillor Sonia Williams as noted below.

Councillor Derek Owen seconded the Motion.

The amendment to the Notice of Motion by Councillor Sonia Williams was as follows:-

'We as a Council are pleading with Welsh Government to communicate with the County Council and citizens regarding any maintenance work undertaken on the bridge and the bridge will not close without notice in the future.

The Council is seriously concerned about the lack of resilience of the two current crossings over the Menai Stratis which has once again been highlighted following the recent complete closure of the Menai Suspension Bridge which has left one crossing only.

We are also expressing disappointment in Welsh Government in relation to their lack of holding contractors to account and their unwillingness to consider the links between Anglesey and the mainland and the effects on the residents and communities of the Island.

We ask Welsh Government to step in to offer support to the businesses of the town of Menai Bridge, who have suffered a great deal as a result of the problems with the Bridge over the last 3 years. The hospitality businesses especially have suffered following the overnight closure of the bridge.'

Councillor Robin Williams seconded the amendment.

The amendment to the Motion was unanimously carried following a vote.

Councillor Dyfed W Jones said that it was accepted that the Menai Suspension Bridge had to be closed due to safety concerns recently, however, uncertainties cause problems to people that need to cross the bridge to the mainland to work, and businesses have also been affected by the sudden closure. He noted that numerous briefing sessions have been conducted since 2022 as regards to maintenance and closure of the bridge but there is still lack of communication by Welsh Government with the Council. He expressed strongly that Welsh Government and the Contractors appointed to carry out the maintenance work on the bridge, needs to communicate fully with the Council to avoid such situations of sudden closure of the bridge without prior notice.

The Leader of the Council expressed that he was pleased to see unity across the political groups as regards to a matter that is important to the Council and the residents of Anglesey who are frustrated and concerned due to the uncertainties whether the Menai Suspension Bridge will be open or sudden closure, without notice, that has occurred recently. He said that Welsh Government are responsible for the bridge and should be answerable to the continued disruptions to residents and local businesses. The Council, the Assembly Member and the Member of Parliament have continued to put pressure on Welsh Government as regards to the resilience of the crossing over the bridge to the mainland. Discussions have undertaken with the Minister for Transport and North Wales - Mr Ken Skates AM as to the problems that occurs with uncertainties with the bridge. Discussions have also been undertaken with the Head of the North Wales Fire & Rescue Service as the southern part of the Island is dependent on the Fire Service from Bangor.

Councillor Carwyn Jones said that he agreed with the comments by the respective Members and noted that he is aware of the work undertaken by the Leader and the Deputy Leader and the Local Members to put pressure on Welsh Government and UK Highways Ltd., as regards to the resilience of the bridge. He expressed that Welsh Government needs to afford a timescale for the maintenance work on the Menai Suspension Bridge as people need to cross the bridge to hospital appointments, work and to schools and the train station in Bangor.

The Chief Executive said that the Menai Suspension Bridge is nearly 200 years old and monitoring of such structures are a statutory requirement with checks needed to be undertaken every 10 years and other checks every year; report on the structure should be made available

The Leader of the Council responded that a letter has been sent to the Minister for Transport and North Wales requesting details of the work required on the bridge and to ascertain as to how such a situation has occurred with the bridge. He noted that assurances have been requested that the required checks have been undertaken on the bridge. He further said that the Member of Parliament has raised questions in the House of Commons that there needs to be a review on the timeframe of 10 years to carry out checks on such a structure as the bridge.

Councillor Sonia Williams said that it is imperative that the Menai Suspension Bridge is safe but there is concern by local businesses in Menai Bridge as to sudden closure of the bridge. She noted that questions were asked to a Welsh Minister at a recent meeting as regards to the timeframe for the maintenance work on the bridge, but no definite response was given as to when the bridge will be open completely.

Councillor Douglas Fowlie ascertained whether the Council would be willing to give a rebate on business rates to local businesses in Menai Bridge.

The Portfolio Member for Finance, Corporate Business & Customer Experience responded that the Council is an agent for Welsh Government as regards to business rates. The funding from the business rates is forwarded to Welsh Government which thereafter is distributed to local government per formula which is used for the yearly financial settlement. He noted that most of the businesses do not pay the business rates as they are under the threshold. The Leader of the Council said that discussions have been undertaken with local businesses since 2022 and free parking in Menai Bridge car parks have been afforded to give assistance to these businesses to encourage people to visit the town of Menai Bridge.

Councillor Robin Williams further said that serious questions need to be undertaken of the contractor appointed to carry out the checks on the bridge as work has been ongoing since 2022; the sudden closure of the bridge resulted in the bolts missing under the bridge and it was considered that the bridge should have been examined thoroughly after the bridge was initially closed in 2022 to identify the problems with the bridge. Members of the Council expressed deep concerns as to sudden closure of the bridge due to bolts been missing under the bridge and heavy vehicles having travelled over the bridge for the last 3 years. The Head of Highways, Property and Waste clarified that the bolts under the beams of the bridge needed to be replaced as they had rusted and the bolts were not missing. He noted that a letter was sent to Welsh Government requesting assurance that the assessment on the bridge undertaken every 2 years had been completed so that the Council can be confident that a thorough assessment procedure is in place. He further said that questions have also been raised with Welsh Government whether heavy vehicles should be crossing the bridge; at present there is a restriction of vehicles up to 7.5 tonnes which are able to cross the bridge.

Councillor Derek Owen ascertained whether an assessment is undertaken on the Britannia Bridge. The Head of Highways, Property and Waste responded that Britannia Bridge is owned by Network Rail and questions have been asked for evidence of the detailed assessments undertaken on Britannia Bridge.

The Chief Executive said that difficulties were encountered to receive any financial support for local businesses by Welsh Government following the previous closure of Menai Suspension Bridge. The businesses would need to prove loss of income and only during the closure of the bridge; the partial opening of the bridge is considered that the bridge is functional. He assured that continued engagement will be undertaken with Welsh Government to secure funding for local businesses that have been affected.

Councillor Pip O'Neill said that Cybi Business Forum attained financial support following the closure of the Port of Holyhead due to the damage to the berthing structure. The Leader responded that the Cybi Business Forum gather evidence to Welsh Government as to the financial hardship due to the damage to the berthing at the Port of Holyhead. He noted that similar work is undertaken in the Aethwy Ward as to the effect on businesses in Menai Bridge due to the sudden closure of the Menai Suspension Bridge recently.

Councillor Jeff Evans expressed deep concerns as to the condition of the Menai Suspension Bridge and the need for sudden closure due to rusting bolts under the bridge. He questioned whether businesses have faith in locating on the Island and especially the potential of the Freeport status. He said that Welsh Government must realise that a third bridge is required. The Fire & Rescue Service are having to locate an additional fire engine in Menai Bridge as there are uncertainties whether the bridges will be accessible. The Leader responded that the Minister for Transport and North Wales is aware of the concerns over the resilience of the crossings across the Menai Straits. The Authority must have confidence that businesses will invest on the Island, and the Freeport will

improve the economy and that the Wylfa site will be developed. Further questions were raised as to the procedure for stacking HGVs on the Island if the bridges are closed. The Leader responded that a stacking plan is in place, but the Authority considers that such plan is not resilient enough and discussions are currently undertaken to strengthen the stacking plan which is acceptable to the communities of Anglesey. Discussions are also undertaken with Gwynedd Council as to their procedure of stacking vehicles on the mainland.

The Chief Executive said that the third bridge across the Menai Straits has been included within the North Wales Regional Transport Plan, and it will drive the investment of transport in the region. The Leader explained that the North Wales Regional Transport Plan was adopted by this Council and in the Regional Board; the resilience of the bridge was identified as one of the main challenges within the Plan. The Leader said that he is a Member of the Irish Sea Resilience Taskforce led by Welsh Government's Cabinet Secretary for Transport and North Wales, Mr Ken Skates AM alongside the Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Energy and Planning, Ms Rebecca Evans AM and the Irish Government Minister for International and Road Transport, Logistics, Rail and Ports, Mr Sean Canney together with Officer's from both Governments. The Taskforce will work to improve the resilience of sea connections and road infrastructure.

Councillor Sonia Williams reiterated that Welsh Government needs to hold the contractors who carry out the examination and maintenance of the Menai Suspension Bridge to account and the effect it has had on the businesses in Menai Bridge.

**The amendment to the Motion was carried as follows :-**

- **The Annibynwyr Môn Group call on Anglesey County Council to take all measures possible to apply pressure on Welsh Government to re-open the Menai Suspension Bridge as a matter of urgency.**
- **This closure took effect without prior consultation or notification with the County Council.**
- **The Council is seriously concerned about the lack of resilience of the two current crossing over the Menai Straits which has once again been highlighted following the recent complete closure of the Menai Suspension Bridge which has left one crossing only.**
- **The Council is disappointed in Welsh Government in relation to their lack of holding contractors to account and their unwillingness to consider the links between Anglesey and the mainland and the effects on the residents and communities of the Island.**
- **Welsh Government be asked to step in to offer support to businesses of the town of Menai Bridge, who have suffered a great deal as a result of the problems with the Bridge over the last 3 years. The hospitality businesses especially have suffered following the overnight closure of the bridge.**

### **3. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2024/2025 & ISA 260 REPORT**

The report of the Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer as presented to the Governance and Audit Committee on 23 October, 2025 was presented for the Council's acceptance.

The Deputy Leader and Portfolio Member for Finance and Housing Services said that the draft Statement of Accounts 2023/2024 was presented to the Council's external auditors, Audit Wales, for audit on 30 June, 2025. Subject to the confirmation by the Council, the Accounts will be signed by the Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer and the Chair of the County Council and will thereafter be published following the receipt of the Auditor's final opinion. The statutory deadline for the completion of the Audited Accounts for the financial year 2024/2025 is 31 October, 2025.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the Statement of Accounts 2024/2025 and authorise the Chair of the County Council and the Director of Function (Resources)/Section 151 Officer to sign the accounts.

#### **4. RESTRUCTURE OF THE CORPORATE MANAGEMENT TEAM**

The report of the Chief Executive on the restructure of the Corporate Management Team was presented for the Council's approval.

The Leader of the Council said that the report refers to the restructure of the Management Team resulting in the staffing changes which will be for the benefit of the Council and to ensure resilience.

The Deputy Leader seconded the proposal but highlighted the need to amend the titles of the two dedicated Head of Service posts as follows:-

Head of Service – Digital, Performance and Modernisation

Head of Service – Human Resources, Communications and Customer Experience

It was **RESOLVED**:-

- **To delete the post of Head of Profession (Human Resources) and Transformation from the Council's Corporate Management structure;**
- **To create two new dedicated Services and Heads of Service posts as follows:-**

**Head of Service (Digital, Performance and Modernisation)**

**Head of Service (Human Resources, Communications and Customer Experience)**

- **Submit to the decisions in paragraph 1 and 2 above, to authorise the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer to amend the Constitution to reflect the above changes following approval of the new job descriptions by the Appointments Committee.**

The meeting concluded at 3.15 pm

**COUNCILLOR NON DAFYDD  
CHAIR**

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## Isle of Anglesey County Council

Report to:	Executive Governance and Audit Committee Council
Dates:	25/11/2025 04/12/2025 09/12/2025
Subject:	Amendment to the Constitution – Final Approval of the Council's Annual Accounts
Portfolio holder(s):	
Head of service / director:	Lynn Ball, Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer
Report author:	Lisa Lord, Interim Legal Services Manager and Deputy Monitoring Officer
Local members:	All

### A – Recommendation(s) and reasons

#### **Recommendations**

##### **Executive**

For the Executive to express a view on the proposed amendment to the Constitution to provide for the final approval of the Council's Annual Accounts by the Governance and Audit Committee, in place of the Council.

##### **Governance and Audit Committee**

For the Committee to express a view on the proposed amendment to the Constitution to provide for the final approval of the Council's Annual Accounts by the Governance and Audit Committee, in place of the Council.

##### **Council**

For Council to approve the proposed amendment to the Constitution to provide for the final approval of the Council's Annual Accounts by the Governance and Audit Committee, in place of the Council.

#### **Reasons**

- The main stages of the approval process for the Council's Annual Accounts are as follows:
  1. Certification of the draft accounts – s151 Officer

2. Public examination of the draft accounts

3. Review of the draft audited accounts - Governance and Audit Committee

4. Report to the Executive to consider the draft audited accounts

5. Review by Governance and Audit Committee of the final accounts

6. Approval of the final accounts by full Council

- Audit Wales' Annual Plan has a clear goal to bring forward the audit timetable for local government. The authorisation date for 2025/26, is 30/09/2026, which is a month earlier than 2024/25.
- This compresses the time available to respond to any matters raised by the Governance and Audit Committee, agree any changes with the External Auditor, and produce an amended, accurate and bilingual version of the final accounts.
- If approval remains with full Council, the 09/2026 meeting will need to be moved or an extraordinary meeting of full Council will be required.
- Delegating authority to the Governance and Audit Committee is a more efficient approval process. There is no disadvantage to any councillor, nor to the public, as the reports will still be available in the usual way (see full approval process above).
- Audit Wales has suggested the proposed amendment to bring our arrangements in line with those now currently operating in principal councils in Wales.
- Against this background, the amendment sought is to paragraph 3.4.8.12.3 – *"The Committee will review and approve, prior to approval by full council, the authority's annual financial statements, including the explanatory foreword, key messages, trends, consistency with financial performance, suitability of and compliance with accounting policies and treatments and major judgmental areas"*.
- Under paragraph 2.15.2.1 of the Constitution "...changes to the Constitution will only be approved by the full Council after consideration of the proposal by the Executive".
- A report will also be taken to the Governance and Audit Committee, on 04/12/2025, in order to seek the view of that committee on the change proposed.

B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this opinion?

Approval remaining with full Council. This was rejected as the status quo is having a negative impact on the efficiency of the process while the proposed change does not disadvantage any party.



### C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?

This is not an Executive decision, and the decision will be made by full Council. However under paragraph 2.15.2.1 of the Constitution there is a requirement to provide the Executive with an opportunity to comment on any proposed changes to the Constitution.

### Ch – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?

Changes to the Constitution (not falling within 3.5.3.6.6 and 3.4.12.6.3) require approval of full Council

### D – Is this decision within budget approved by the Council?

There are no budgetary impacts

### Dd – Assessment of potential impacts (if relevant)

#### 1. How does this decision affect our long-term needs as an island?

The proposed change supports efficient decision making in relation to the Council's statutory accounts.

#### 2. Is this a decision that is anticipated to prevent future costs/dependencies on the Council? If so, how?

Not to any significant extent but will obviate the need for an extraordinary meeting of the Council.

#### 3. Have we collaborated with other organisations to come to this decision? If so, with whom?

Audit Wales

#### 4. Have the citizens of Anglesey played a part in drafting this way forward, including those directly affected by the decision? Explain how.

No

#### 5. Note any potential impact this decision would have on the protected groups under the Equality Act 2010.

No impact

#### 6. If this is a strategic decision, note any potential impacts the decision would have on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

No impact

7. Please note any potential effects that this decision would have on opportunities for people to use Welsh and not treat the language less favourably than English.

No impact

#### E – Who did you consult with and what were their comments?

1. Chief Executive / Leadership Team (mandatory)	Considered on 14/10/2025 when the recommendation was agreed
2. Finance / 151 Officer	Report commissioned by the S151 Officer
3. Legal / Monitoring Officer (mandatory)	<p>Author of the report and supportive of the recommendation</p> <p>Legal advice has been sought, in the context of this Report, about the conflict between CIPFA <a href="#">Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Addendum</a> and legislation, when it comes to the voting rights of the lay members of the GAC.</p> <p>The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011(as amended), Regulation 10 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations (Wales) 2014 (as amended) and statutory guidance all make it clear that lay members of the GAC have full voting rights.</p> <p>This is acknowledged by CIPFA and their Guidance will be revised to reflect the correct statutory position.</p>
4. HR	N/A
5. Property	N/A
6. IT	N/A
7. Procurement	N/A
8. Scrutiny	N/A
9. Local members	Consultation with the Governance and Audit Committee on 04/12/2025

#### F – Appendices

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#### Ff – Background papers (contact the report author for more information)

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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
<b>MEETING:</b>	County Council
<b>DATE:</b>	09/12/2025
<b>TITLE OF REPORT :</b>	To Appoint a Co-opted Independent Member to the Standards Committee
<b>REPORT BY :</b>	Standards Committee Selection Panel
<b>CONTACT OFFICER :</b>	Lynn Ball Director of Function (Council Business) / Monitoring Officer <a href="mailto:lbxcs@ynysmon.llyw.cymru">lbxcs@ynysmon.llyw.cymru</a>
<b>PURPOSE OF REPORT :</b>	To ratify the recommendation of the Standards Committee Selection Panel

## **BACKGROUND**

1. Under Part III of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended by the Local Government Act 2006) the Council must have a Standards Committee consisting of no more than nine members, the majority of whom must be independent members of the public.
2. The Standards Committee currently consists of five independent members, two community councillors and two county councillors.
3. Independent members must be appointed by Council on the recommendation of the Standards Committee Selection Panel. The Standards Committee currently has one casual vacancy.
4. The term of office of one of the independent members concludes on the 11th of December 2025

## **VACANCY FOR AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

5. Statutory Regulations require that the independent members of Standards Committee be appointed by Council, but only after compliance with a statutory selection process. To conduct this recruitment and selection process the County Council has delegated its authority to the Standards Committee Selection Panel; which consists of one independent member of the public, one community councillor and three county councillors (subject to political balance).
6. The current members of the Panel are Councillor Aled Morris Jones; Councillor Dylan Rees; Councillor Margaret Murley Roberts (Chair); Councillor Ann Kennedy (Holyhead Town Council) and Dr Teleri Mair Jones as the independent member.
7. Following the meeting of the Standards Committee Selection Panel on 23 September 2025 the vacancy was advertised on the Council's website and social media networks, the Bangor and Anglesey Mail and the Daily Post, with the closing date for applications being 5:00pm on 10 October 2025.

8. Following the closing date, the applications received were considered by the Standards Committee Selection Panel in a shortlisting process which took place on 21 October 2025. In the shortlisting process the candidates were considered against the criteria for automatic disqualification. Having considered the applications, the Panel concluded that none of the candidates should be disqualified from appointment to the Standards Committee.
9. Shortlisted candidates were interviewed by the Standards Committee Selection Panel on 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> November 2025 when the Panel agreed to nominate **Mr David Davies** to be appointed to the role of independent member of the Standards Committee, subject to satisfactory references, which have since been received and assessed by the Chair of the Standards Committee Selection Panel.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

To accept the recommendations of the Standards Committee Selection Panel as follows:-

- to appoint **Mr David Davies** as co-opted independent member of the Standards Committee with a term of office beginning on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2025; and
- in the event that a casual vacancy for an independent member of the Standards Committee arises during the next twelve months, to automatically appoint **Dr Margaret Flynn** to this role without need for a further recruitment process, provided always that this candidate remains eligible for the role, and subject to satisfactory references being received prior to the appointment.