

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

Introduction

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 ("the LGE Act") created the framework for a consistent mechanism for regional collaboration between local government, namely Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs). The LGE Act provides for the establishment of CJCs through Regulations (CJC Establishment Regulations).

The North Wales CJC was formally constituted on 14 January 2022. The CJC comprises six Constituent Councils: Conwy County Borough Council, Denbighshire County Council, Flintshire County Council, Cyngor Gwynedd, Isle of Anglesey County Council and Wrexham County Borough Council. Snowdonia National Park Authority is also a member of the CJC in relation to the exercise of strategic planning functions.

The North Wales CJC's duties are:

- Strategic development planning (Part 6 of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004)
- Regional transport planning (section 108(1)(a) and (2A)(a) of Part 2 of the Transport Act 2000)

The North Wales CJC's functions may also include:

- Economic well-being (section 76 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021)

The CJC operated in limited form and incurred no expenditure during the 2021/22 financial year.

Accounting Statement for the year ended 31 March 2022

The North Wales Corporate Joint Committee incurred no transactions during the financial year ending 31 March 2022 and held no assets and liabilities at 31 March 2022. As such, no return or financial statement were produced.

The Head of Finance's Responsibilities

The Head of Finance is responsible for the preparation of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC *Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom* ("the Code").

Certification of Accounts

I certify that no transactions were incurred within the financial year 2021/22 in respect of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee.



Dewi Aeron Morgan CPFA
Head of Finance, Cyngor Gwynedd

December 2022

The Joint Committee Responsibilities

The Joint Committee is required:

- To make arrangements for the proper administration of the financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of these affairs. In this Authority, that "Section 151 Officer" is the Head of Finance.
- To manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.
- To approve the Statement of Accounts.

Joint Committee approval

Approval of Statement of Accounts.



Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn
Chair of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee
Leader of Cyngor Gwynedd

January 2023

Annual Governance Statement

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 (as amended), the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee is responsible for ensuring a sound system of internal control and financial management. During 2021/22 the internal controls and governance arrangements were being developed, in preparation for full implementation in 2022/23.

Audit opinion

I am satisfied that the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee had no financial transactions during the year and that the Accounting Statement properly presents its £nil financial transactions and balances for the financial year ending 31 March 2022.

Certificate of completion of the audit

I certify that I have completed the audit of the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee for the year ended 31 March 2022.



Adrian Crompton
Auditor General for Wales
31 January 2023

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