

WLGA Council Annual General

Minutes

30th June 2023

The Pavilions, Clydach Vale and via Zoom

PRESENT:

Cllr Huw David OBE (Bridgend)
Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend)
Cllr Rhys Goode (Bridgend)
Cllr Sean Morgan (Caerphilly)
Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff)
Cllr Norma Mackie (Cardiff)
Cllr Ashley Lister (Cardiff)
Cllr Llinos Medi (Isle of Anglesey)
Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby (Monmouthshire)
Cllr Steve Hunt (Neath Port Talbot)
Cllr Alun Llewelyn (Neath Port Talbot)
Cllr Simon Knoyle (Neath Port Talbot)
Cllr Jane Mudd (Newport)
Cllr Deb Davies (Newport)
Cllr Mark Spencer (Newport)
Cllr James Clark (Newport)
Cllr Andrew Morgan OBE (Rhondda Cynon Taf)
Cllr Maureen Webber (Rhondda Cynon Taf)
Cllr Christina Leyshon Rhondda Cynon Taf)
Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea)
Cllr Andrea Lewis (Swansea)
Cllr Lis Burnett (Vale of Glamorgan)

Present via Zoom	
Cllr Stephen Thomas (Blaenau Gwent)	
Cllr Helen Cunningham (Blaenau Gwent)	
Cllr Nigel George (Caerphilly)	
Cllr Lynda Thorne (Cardiff)	
Cllr Chris Weaver (Cardiff)	
Cllr Sarah Merry (Cardiff)	
Cllr Darren Price (Carmarthenshire)	
Cllr Alun Lenny (Carmarthenshire)	
Cllr Jane Tremlett (Carmarthenshire)	
Cllr Bryan Davies (Ceredigion)	
Cllr Alun Williams (Ceredigion)	
Cllr Charlie McCoubrey (Conwy)	
Cllr Emily Owen (Conwy)	
Cllr Julie Fallon (Conwy)	
Cllr Jason McLellan (Denbighshire)	
Cllr Gill German (Denbighshire)	
Cllr Dave Hughes (Flintshire)	

Representing National Park Authorities: Cllr Dilwyn Roberts (Snowdonia)	

Apologies:

Cllr Jon-Paul Blundell (Bridgend)
 Cllr Ann Crimmings (RCT)
 Cllr Rhys Lewis (RCT)
 Cllr David Hopkins (Swansea)
 Cllr Robert Francis-Davies (Swansea)
 Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen)
 Cllr Bronwen Brooks (Vale of Glamorgan)

Cllr Gwynfor Thomas (Powys) –
 Mid Wales Fire & Rescue Authority
 Cllr Di Clements (Pembrokeshire) –
 Pembrokeshire Coast NPA

WLGA Officers

Dr Chris Llewelyn, Chief Executive
 Naomi Alleyne, Director Social Services & Housing
 Jon Rae, Director of Resources
 Dr Tim Peppin, Director of Regeneration & Sustainable Development
 Sharon Davies, Head of Education
 Karen Higgins, Head of Workforce & Executive Business Manager
 Dilwyn Jones, Communications & Public Affairs Manager
 Lee Pitt, Democratic Services Officer
 Tom Marsh, Communications Officer
 Emily Griffiths, Senior Support Officer

Welcome & Introduction to the WLGA Council AGM

The WLGA's Chief Executive, Dr Chris Llewelyn welcomed members to the 28th WLGA Council Annual General Meeting and thanked Rhondda Cynon Taf Council for hosting; with personal thanks to Cllr Andrew Morgan the Leader of Rhondda Cynon Taf and RCT officers for all their assistance with the planning and preparation for the AGM.

Item 1: Election of Presiding Officer and Deputy Presiding Officers

1. Members were invited to elect the WLGA Presiding Officer, and Deputy Presiding Officers for the 2023-24 council term (until the next AGM).
2. Cllr Huw David OBE assumed the role of chair once formally elected WLGA Presiding Officer.

3. Resolved that:

- 3.1 **Cllr Huw David OBE, was re-elected WLGA Presiding Officer for the 2023-24 council term.**
- 3.2 **The following were duly elected as Deputy Presiding Officers for the council term 2023-2024:**
 - **Councillor Jane Mudd (Newport) - Labour Group**
 - **Councillor Charlie McCoubrey (Conwy) - Independent Group**
 - **Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn (Gwynedd) - Plaid Cymru Group**

Item 2: Recognition of the WLGA Leader and Group Leaders

4. WLGA Council received the report setting out the WLGA constitutional position in terms of the recognition of the WLGA Leader.
5. Section 10 of the WLGA Constitution stipulates that the Leader of the largest political party shall be known as the Leader of the Association. Cllr Andrew Morgan OBE, Leader of Rhondda Cynon Taf County Borough Council, is the Leader of the Labour Group which is currently the largest political group of the WLGA.
6. WLGA Deputy Leader, Councillor Rob Stewart thanked Cllr Morgan for his dedication, commitment, and leadership of the WLGA and acknowledged the close relationship with Welsh Government that Cllr Morgan has developed.
7. Cllr Mark Pritchard thanked the Leader and the Leader of the Plaid Cymru group for the continued partnership working.
8. Cllr Llinos Medi thanked the Leader and all members for their support and dedication to public services.

9. WLGA Council resolved:

- 9.1 **Councillor Andrew Morgan (Rhondda Cynon Taf) was recognised as Leader of the WLGA Labour Group and as the Leader of the WLGA for the 2023-24 Council term**
- 9.2 **Cllr Mark Pritchard (Wrexham) was recognised as the Independent Group Leader**
- 9.3 **Cllr Llinos Medi (Ynys Mon) was recognised as the Plaid Cymru Group Leader**

Item 3: Membership and Political Balance of the WLGA Council

10. Members were invited to confirm the membership and political balance of the WLGA for the council term 2023-24, based on nominations submitted by local authorities in full membership of the WLGA, as set out below.

	Number of seats	Percentage (%) (Rounded up/down to the nearest %)
Conservative	1	1
Independent	13	18
Labour	45	63
Liberal Democrat	3	4
Plaid Cymru	11	15
Total	72	100

11. Resolved that:

The WLGA Council:

- 11.1 Noted the political balance of the WLGA Council;**
- 11.2 Noted the membership of the WLGA Council; and**
- 11.3 Noted the manner in which local authorities in full membership will express their votes through their nominated representatives**

Item 4: Appointment of the Executive Board

12. Members noted the nominations by local authorities in full membership of the WLGA of members to the WLGA Executive Board for 2023-24, as set out below:

Local Authority	Nominee	Political Affiliation
Blaenau Gwent CBC	Cllr Stephen Thomas	Labour
Bridgend CBC	Cllr Huw David OBE	Labour
Caerphilly CBC	Cllr Sean Morgan	Labour
City & County of Cardiff	Cllr Huw Thomas	Labour
Carmarthenshire CC	Cllr Darren Price	Plaid Cymru
Ceredigion CC	Cllr Bryan Davies	Plaid Cymru
Conwy CBC	Cllr Charlie McCoubrey	Independent
Denbighshire CC	Cllr Jason McLellan	Labour
Flintshire CC	Cllr Ian Roberts	Labour
Gwynedd	Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn	Plaid Cymru
Isle of Anglesey CC	Cllr Llinos Medi	Plaid Cymru
Merthyr Tydfil CBC	Cllr Geraint Thomas	Independent
Monmouthshire CC	Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby	Labour
Neath Port Talbot CBC	Cllr Steve Hunt	Independent
Newport City Council	Cllr Jane Mudd	Labour
Pembrokeshire CC	Cllr David Simpson	Independent
Powys CC	Cllr James Gibson-Watt	Liberal Democrats
Rhondda Cynon Taff CBC	Cllr Andrew Morgan OBE	Labour

City & County of Swansea	Cllr Rob Stewart	Labour
Torfaen CBC	Cllr Anthony Hunt	Labour
Vale of Glamorgan	Cllr Lis Burnett	Labour
Wrexham CBC	Cllr Mark Pritchard	Independent

13. The political balance of the Executive Board is as follows:

Number of Members	
Independent	5
Labour	12
Plaid Cymru	4
Liberal Democrat	1
Total	22

*It was noted that the Fire and Rescue Authorities and National Park Authorities had not yet indicated their respective non-voting members to the Executive Board.

14. Resolved that:

14.1 WLGA Council noted the membership of the WLGA Executive Board for the Council term 2023-24.

Item 5: Appointment of Deputy Leader and Spokespersons

15. Members received the report in relation to the appointment of Deputy Leader and Spokespersons to serve until the next Annual General Meeting.

16. Resolved:

16.1 Council members confirmed the appointment of Cllr Rob Stewart as Deputy Leader of the Association for the council term 2023-24; and
16.2 Nominated members to fill the roles of Spokespersons for the council term 2023-24 as set out in the following table:

Finance	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) – Labour Cllr Steve Thomas (Blaenau Gwent) – Labour Cllr Mark Pritchard (Wrexham) – Independent Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (Gwynedd) – Plaid Cymru
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Digital & Innovation	Cllr Jane Mudd (Newport) – Labour Cllr Neil Prior (Pembrokeshire) – Independent Cllr Clive Davies (Ceredigion) – Plaid Cymru
Economy	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) – Labour Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff) – Labour Cllr Jason McLellan (Denbighshire) – Labour Cllr Robin Williams (Ynys Mon) – Plaid Cymru
Rural	Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (Gwynedd) – Plaid Cymru Cllr Lis Burnett (Vale of Glamorgan) – Labour Cllr James Gibson-Watt (Powys) – Lib Dem
Workforce	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) – Labour Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Labour Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) – Labour Cllr Carwyn Jones (Ynys Mon) - Plaid Cymru
Social Justice	Community safety – Cllrs Jane Mudd and Emily Owen Fire and Rescue – Cllr Emily Owen, Cllr Lis Burnett Armed Forces – Cllr Lis Burnett Migration – Cllrs Mary Anne Brocklesby, Cllr Nia Wyn Jeffreys, Cllr Jason McLellan Equalities – Cllr Mary Anne Brocklesby, Cllr Nia Wyn Jeffreys, Cllr Jason McLellan
Climate Change	Cllr Andrew Morgan (RCT) – Labour Cllr Andrea Lewis (Swansea) – Housing – Labour Cllr Keith Henson (Ceredigion) – Plaid Cymru Cllr Geraint Thomas (Merthyr Tydfil) – Independent Cllr Mary Ann Brocklesby (Monmouthshire) – Labour
Health & Social Services	Cllr Huw David (Bridgend) – Labour Cllr Llinos Medi (Ynys Mon) – Plaid Cymru Cllr Charlie McCoubrey (Conwy) - Independent Cllr Norma Mackie (Cardiff) – Labour
Education & Welsh Language	Cllr Ian Roberts (Flintshire) – Labour Cllr Deb Davies (Newport) - Labour Cllr Darren Price (Carmarthenshire) – Plaid Cymru
Public Health & Regulatory Services	Cllr Steve Thomas (Blaenau Gwent) – Labour Cllr Mathew Vaux (Ceredigion) – Plaid Cymru

Item 6: Appointment of WLGA Management Sub-Committee

17. Members were invited to determine the membership of Management Sub-Committee for the period up to the 2024 WLGA Annual General Meeting in accordance with paragraph 12 of the WLGA Constitution, taking account of the representation required from all political groups.

18. Resolved that:

18.1 WLGA Council agreed the following membership of the WLGA Management Sub-Committee for the council term 2023-2024.

Cllr Andrew Morgan OBE	WLGA Leader
Cllr Rob Stewart	WLGA Deputy Leader
Cllr Huw David OBE	Presiding Officer
Cllr Jane Mudd	Deputy Presiding Officer (Labour)
Cllr Charlie McCoubrey	Deputy Presiding Officer (Independent)
Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn	Deputy Presiding Officer (Plaid Cymru)
Cllr Mark Pritchard	Leader of the Independent Group
Cllr Llinos Medi	Leader of the Plaid Cymru Group
Cllr Lis Burnett	Labour Group

Item 7: Appointment of the Chair and Members of the WLGA Audit Committee

19. Members were invited to determine the membership and Chair of the WLGA Audit Committee for the council term 2023-2024.

20. It was noted that only one member of the Executive Board may be a member of the Committee.

21. Resolved:

21.1 WLGA Council agreed the following were appointed as chair and members of the Audit Committee:

Cllr Linda Evans (Carmarthenshire) – Plaid Cymru - Chair
 Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) - Labour
 Cllr Maureen Webber (RCT) - Labour
 Cllr Eluned Stenner (Caerphilly) – Labour

Sub - Cllr Jason McLellan (Denbighshire) Labour - for Cllr Anthony Hunt (only one member of Executive Board may be a member)

Item 8: Nominations to the Partnership Council

22. WLGA Council members were invited to note the membership to serve on the Partnership Council, a statutory body established under Section 72 of the Government of Wales Act (2006). The Partnership Council is intended to promote joint working and co-operation between Welsh Government and local government.

23. Resolved that:

23.1 All leaders be nominated as WLGA Members of the Partnership Council for the council term 2023-24.

Item 9: Nominations to the Finance Sub-Group

24. Council members were invited to nominate members to serve on the Finance Sub-Group.

25. Resolved:

25.1 WLGA Council appointed the following members to serve on the Finance Sub-Group for the council term 2023-24.

Cllr Andrew Morgan (RCT) – Labour
Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) – Labour
Cllr Jane Mudd (Newport) – Labour
Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) - Labour
Cllr Ian Roberts (Flintshire) - Labour
Cllr Paul Griffiths (Monmouthshire) - Labour
Cllr Mark Pritchard (Wrexham) - Independent
Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (Gwynedd) – Plaid Cymru
Cllr Llinos Medi (Isle of Anglesey) – Plaid Cymru

Item 10: Appointments to the Board of Data Cymru

26. Council members were invited to appoint eight members to serve on the Data Cymru Board for the twelve-month period commencing with the Board's Annual Meeting.

27. Resolved:

27.1 WLGA Council appointed the following members to the Data Cymru Board for 2023-24.

- Councillor Colin Mann (Caerphilly) - Plaid Cymru – CHAIR
- Councillor Jason McLellan (Denbighshire) - Labour
- Cllr Helen Cunningham, Blaenau Gwent - Labour
- Cllr James Pritchard (Caerphilly) - Labour
- Cllr Steve Thomas (Blaenau Gwent) - Labour
- Cllr Chris Weaver (Cardiff) - Labour
- Cllr Geraint Thomas (Merthyr Tydfil) - Independent
- Karen Jones, Chief Executive, Neath Port Talbot
- Company Secretary: Dr Chris Llewelyn

Item 11: Nominations to WLGA Digital Leadership Board

28. Council members were invited to nominate five members to serve on the WLGA's Digital Leadership Board for 2023-24.

29. Resolved that:

29.1 The following members were appointed to the Digital Leadership Board:

Cllr Jane Mudd (Newport)
Cllr Gill German (Denbighshire)
Cllr Chris Weaver (Cardiff)
Cllr Clive Davies (Ceredigion)
Cllr Neil Prior (Pembrokeshire)

Item 12: Appointments to Outside Bodies

30. Council members were asked to review and appoint representatives to Outside Bodies.

31. Resolved:

31.1 The following members were nominated to sit on the Outside Bodies detailed as follows:

Body:	Positions: WLGA Representative(s):	
POLICY AREA: REGENERATION & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT		
Wales Biodiversity Partnership	1	Cllr Chris Weaver (Cardiff) - Lab
	Alt	Cllr Alun Williams (Ceredigion) – PC
POLICY AREA: EUROPEAN & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS		
'CLARE' - Congress of Local Authorities and Regions, Congress, Council of Europe	1	Cllr Rob Stewart
	Alt	Cllr Hazel Evans (Carmarthenshire) - PC ¹
Committee of the Regions (CoR) Contact Group	1	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) - Lab
	Alt	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) - Lab ²
'CEMR' – Council of European Municipalities and Regions	1	Cllr Linda Evans (Carmarthenshire) - PC ³
All Wales European Structural & Investment Funds 2014-2020 Programme Monitoring Committee	2 + Officer	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) - Lab Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn (Gwynedd) - PC ⁴ Lowri Gwilym (WLGA)
2014-2020 Ireland Wales Cooperation Programme	2	Cllr Llinos Medi (Anglesey) - PC ⁵ SWW: Vacant NWW: Vacant

POLICY AREA: LIFELONG LEARNING, LEISURE & INFORMATION

Cambrian Educational Foundation for Deaf Children	1	Cllr Bryan Davies (Ceredigion) - PC
Cardiff University Court of Governors	5	Cllr Ross Whiting (Caerphilly) - Lab Cllr Sarah Merry (Cardiff) - Lab Cllr Ash Lister (Cardiff) – Lab Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff) - Lab Cllr Jane Mudd (Newport) - Lab
Play Wales Board of Trustees	1	Cllr Huw David (Bridgend) – Lab
	+ Officer	Catherine Davies (WLGA)
‘WJEC’ – Welsh Joint Education Committee	3	Cllr Alan Lockyer (NPT) - Lab Cllr Edward Thomas (Carmarthenshire) - Ind Cllr Martyn Groucott (Monmouthshire) - Lab
British Board of Film Classification	1	Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff) - Lab
Disability Sport Forum	1	Cllr Leanne Jones (NPT) – Lab Vacant
National Eisteddfod Court	4	Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff) – Lab Cllr Bryan Davies (Ceredigion) – PC Vacant – Plaid Cymru Vacant – Plaid Cymru
	+ Officer	Dr Chris Llewelyn (WLGA)
National Library of Wales Advisory Board	1	Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff) - Lab
	+ Officer	Sharon Davies (WLGA)
Urdd Eisteddfod	Officer	Dr Chris Llewelyn (WLGA)

POLICY AREA: WORKFORCE

National Joint Committee for Local Government Services (NJC LGS)	1	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) – Lab
EMPLOYERS includes:	+ Sub	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab

Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Craftworkers;
Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Chief Executives;
Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Chief Officers.

National Association of Regional Employers (NARE)	1	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) – Lab
	+ Sub	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab
(Joint Council for Wales Employers side Chair and Vice-Chair)		
National Employers Organisation for School Teachers (NEOST)	1	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) – Lab
	+ Sub	Cllr Robin Williams (Ynys Mon) – PC
Joint National Committee (JNC) for Youth and Community Workers	1	Cllr Robin Williams (Ynys Mon) - PC
	+ Sub	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) - Lab
Soulbury Committee	1	Cllr Robin Williams (Ynys Mon) - PC
	+ Sub	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) - Lab
National Joint Council (NJC) for Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services (LAFRS)	1	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab
	+ Sub	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) - Lab
Fire Middle Managers Negotiating Body (MMNB)	1	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab
	+ Sub	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) - Lab
National Joint Council (NJC) for Brigade Managers of Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services	1	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab
	+ Sub	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) - Lab
Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) for Coroners	1	Cllr Jane Gebbie (Bridgend) – Lab
	+ Sub	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) – Lab
Social Partnership Council	1	Cllr Anthony Hunt (Torfaen) – Lab

POLICY AREA: TRANSPORT

TfW Integrated Transport Panel	2	Cllr Andrew Morgan (RCT) – Lab
		Cllr Huw Thomas (Cardiff) – Lab
		Sub Cllr David Bithell (Wrexham) - Ind
		Sub Cllr Keith Henson (Ceredigion) - PC

POLICY AREA: CORPORATE

LGA Executive	1	Cllr Rob Stewart (Swansea) – Lab
	+ Sub	TBC
Data Cymru Board	8	<i>See separate report to the WLGA Council Annual General Meeting</i>
Partnership Council for Wales	22	<i>See separate report to the WLGA Council Annual General Meeting</i>

POLICY AREA: FINANCE

Finance Sub Group	8	<i>See separate report to the WLGA Council Annual General Meeting</i>
Scheme Advisory Board (Local Government Pension Scheme)	1	Cllr Chris Weaver (Cardiff) - Lab
The Local Authorities Mutual Investment Trust (LAMIT) & The Public Sector Deposit Fund (PSDF)	1	Cllr Chris Weaver (Cardiff) - Lab

POLICY AREA: COMMUNITY SAFETY

Safer Communities Board	4	Cllr Bryan Davies (Dyfed Powys) – PC
	(1 per Police Force Region)	Cllr Jane Mudd (Gwent) - Lab
		Cllr Lynda Thorne (South Wales) – Lab
		Cllr Emily Owens (North Wales) - Lab

¹ Current mandate is to October 2026. If neither rep can attend, WLGA can give up its seat and vote to someone else within the UK delegation from the same political group

² Two meetings a year, 1 in Brussels and 1 in UK. If WLGA reps are unable to attend another Member can be sent to represent WLGA. Current mandate comes to an end in 2025

³ Current mandate comes to an end in December 2025. Meetings in Brussels and some other member countries

⁴ Only one further meeting to be held either end of 2023 or early 2024.

⁵ According to the Secretariat, the two WLGA seats (North West Wales and South West Wales) are currently vacant. Final meeting arranged for 22nd and 23rd June in Ireland. Cllr Llinos Medi was previously nominated by WLGA Council as a 'third' member

Item 13: WLGA Corporate Strategy 2023-27

32. The Chief Executive presented WLGA Corporate Strategy 2023-27 and reported it was approved at the WLGA Executive Board meeting at the end of May. The strategy is intended to be a living, organic document, reflective of members values and will be revisited and possibly revised over the next year to take account of the recent review of WLGA senior management.
33. Chris reported that members meetings and workshops would be organised over the summer and autumn to discuss governance, business management, policy priorities and streamline decision making.
34. Chris noted that finance, health and social care and climate change would continue to be a priority along with ensuring Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs) work effectively for the benefit of local government. Chris noted councils are committed to working in social partnership to solve the problems and find solutions to the economic and social challenges facing Wales. In addition, the Covid-19 Inquiry be a key feature of the Association's work in the coming years. He highlighted the role digital transformation will play and noted more work needs to be done in relation to equalities and diversity.

35. Resolved that:

- 35.1 **Council members endorsed the WLGA Corporate Strategy 2023-27.**

Item 14: WLGA Annual Report 2022-23

36. The Chief Executive thanked members for their support and WLGA staff for all their hard work over the year. Chris reported that the Annual Report this year is slightly different to capture and reflect the broad range of work undertaken by the Association.

37. Resolved:

- 37.1 **WLGA Council noted the WLGA Annual Report 2022-23**

Item 15: Annual Report of the WLGA Audit Committee 2022-23

38. Members were asked to endorse the Annual Report of the WLGA's Audit Committee

39. Resolved:

- 39.1 **WLGA Council endorsed the Annual Report of the Audit Committee.**

Item 16: WLGA Members' Allowances Scheme & Support for Political Groups

40. *Members in receipt of an allowance declared a personal interest and did not take part in proceedings.*

41. Council members were invited to note the Members' Allowances Scheme for 2023-24 WLGA Senior Office Holders of support to WLGA political groups.

42. In line with the Independent Renumeration Panel for Wales regulations, only one allowance will be payable per member.

43. Resolved that:

43.1 Council members noted the WLGA Members' Allowances Scheme 2023-24 (details below) and the support for political groups.

Role	2023-24
Leader	£12,500
Deputy Leader	£9,375
Presiding Officer	£9,375
Deputy Presiding Officer (Majority Group)	£3,125
Group Leader Independent	£5,000
Group Leader Plaid Cymru	£5,000
Education Spokesperson	£5,000
Finance Spokesperson	£5,000
Social Services Spokesperson	£5,000
Total	£59,375

* The above table is based on information received in advance of the AGM that there will be 3 Political Groups within the Association (Labour, Plaid Cymru and Independent).

Item 17: Schedule of Political Meetings 2023-24

44. Members were asked to approve the proposed dates of WLGA political meetings for 2023-24.

45. Resolved that:

45.1 WLGA Council agreed the following schedule of political meetings for 2023-24:

2023		
July TBC	WLGA Executive Board	In person
11 th September	Rural Forum	Remote
14 th & 15 th September	WLGA Conference & Executive Board	In person – North Wales
12 th October	WLGA Audit Committee	In person - *OCP
26 & 27 th October	WLGA Executive Board / Finance Cabinet Members	In person – South Wales
24 th November	WLGA Council / WLGA Executive Board	Remote
6 th December	Rural Forum	Remote
15 th December	WLGA Executive Board	Multi location (Hybrid) – South Wales
2024		
26 th January	WLGA Executive Board	Remote
8 th February	Audit Committee	In person – WLGA Office
23 rd February	WLGA Executive Board	Remote
23 rd March	WLGA Council	Remote
26 th April	WLGA Executive Board	Remote
9 th May	Audit Committee	In person - *OCP
24 th May	WLGA Executive Board	In person – West Wales
28 th June	WLGA Council AGM	In person