

**PUBLIC AUDIT (WALES) ACT 2004,
ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (WALES) REGULATIONS 2014 AND (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2018**

**CERTIFY AND APPROVAL OF
JOINT PLANNING POLICY COMMITTEE ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020**

Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 and (Amendment) Regulations 2018 requires the Responsible Financial Officer of Gwynedd Council to sign and date the income and expenditure account and statement of balances (Annual Return), and certify that it presents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Joint Planning Policy Committee at the end of the year to which it relates and the Committee's income and expenditure for that year. The Regulations required that this be completed by 15 June 2020.

Regulation 15 of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulation 2014 and (Amendment) Regulations 2018 also requires that following the certification by the Responsible Financial Officer referred to above, the Joint Planning Policy Committee should approve and publish the Annual Return. The Regulations required that this be completed by 15 June 2020.

Although the Responsible Financial Officer signed and certified the Annual Return for the Committee on 26 May 2020, and were subsequently published on Gwynedd Council's website on 27 May 2020, due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the body has not met to approve the Annual Return before 15 June 2020.

The Annual Return for the year ended 31 March 2020 will be presented to the Joint Planning Policy Committee in September.

Date: June 2020