



## **COUNCIL**

**UNRESTRICTED** Minutes of the meeting held at 2.15 p.m. on Thursday 18 September 2025 at the Teaching and Learning Building, Carmarthen campus

**UWTSD and UW Council Members:**

Emlyn Dole (Chair)  
Professor Elwen Evans KC (Vice-Chancellor)  
John Edge  
Timothy Llewelyn  
Nigel Roberts  
Dr Liz Siberry

**UW Council Members:**

Dr Stuart Robb  
Deris Williams

**UWTSD Council Members:**

Richard Bills  
Dr Tracy Cruickshank  
Professor Kyle Erickson  
Dr Deborah Hughes  
Rowland Jones  
Katrín Shaw  
Jennifer Taylor

**In attendance:**

Gavin Bessant, Director of Financial Services  
Sarah Clark, University Secretary and Clerk to the Councils  
Vanessa Cashmore, Acting Principal, Coleg Sir Gar  
Rebecca Doswell, Head of Planning  
Peter Mannion, Chief Operating Officer  
Dr Chris Marshall, Chief of Staff  
Jane O'Rourke, Executive Director of Human Resources  
Professor Mirjam Plantinga, PVC (Education)  
Lynwen Davies (Translator)  
Margaret Williams, Secretary

The formal business was preceded by a planning and briefing session which covered scene-setting for the year ahead by the Vice-Chancellor; discussion of the draft new UWTSD Strategic Plan led by the Chief of Staff and Head of Planning; a session on UWTSD student data delivered by the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Education); and a session on annual and financial planning, led by the Chief Operating Officer and the Director of Financial Services. Council also considered and agreed its institutional risk appetite for 2025/26.

Minute	Main discussion points
25.57 Apologies	Apologies for absence were received from Gwyneira Davies, Geraint Evans, Professor Conny Matera-Rogers, Geraint Roberts, Emlyn Schiavone, Iwan Thomas and Debra Williams.
25.58 Declarations of interest	Council RECEIVED the full Register of Interests 2025/26 (JCO404).  The Clerk noted that the register was currently in a draft format as she was awaiting updated declarations from a small number of members.
25.59 Terms of reference and work plan	Council RECEIVED its terms of reference and work plan 2025/26 (JCO405).
25.60 Chair's report	Council RECEIVED the Chair's report (JCO357).
25.61 Vice-Chancellor's report	Council RECEIVED the Vice-Chancellor's report (JCO407).
25.62 Financial and cash management report	Council CONSIDERED an oral report from the Director of Financial Services on the financial and cash management position.  The DFS reported on a positive surplus and cash flow as the financial year came to an end. It was expected that the UW would report a small increased surplus of which was driven by the UW Press continuing trend in decreasing its deficit and sales being ahead of budget. Core operations were ahead of budget owing to payroll savings through vacancies and timing variances on collaborative income and associated costs.
25.63 Scheme of Delegation 2025/26	Council CONSIDERED its proposed Scheme of Delegation 2025/26, which had been reviewed by the Clerk (JCO411). The item was accompanied by a short presentation by the Clerk on delegated authority.  Council APPROVED the Scheme of Delegation 2025/26.

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25.64 Minutes	Council APPROVED the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2025 (JCO412a).
25.65 Associated Bodies	Council APPROVED the list of Associated Bodies 2025/26, in accordance with the requirements of Ordinance 21 (JCO413).
25.66 Annual confirmation of signatories	Council:  (a) ENDORSED the list of authorised signatories 2025/26 (JCO414).;  (b) APPROVED the renewal of the power of attorney in relation to the Chief Operating Officer;  (c) NOTED the authorised operators of the Seal 2025/26.
25.67 Staff declarations of interest procedure	Council RECEIVED confirmation of the staff declarations of interest procedure (JCO420).
25.68 Declarations of Interest	No additional declarations were made during the meeting.
25.69 Date of next meeting	The next meeting would be held on 26 November 2025.

Meeting terminated 3.45