

## Wholesale Charges Board Assurance Statement

### Wholesale Charges Document 2025/26

The Board considered the Wholesale tariffs for 2025/26 at its meetings held on 5 December and 23 December 2024. The Board noted the information requirements and relevant supporting materials and made appropriate enquiries of the Executive Team, in particular the Strategy and Regulation Director. The Board considered a report from Jacobs, who had been engaged to provide external assurance that the systems and processes used to produce the information published about the wholesale tariffs are robust and to review the process for ensuring compliance with legal obligations.

Having made reasonable and relevant enquiries as detailed above, we are able to confirm that, to the best of our understanding, the tariffs contained in Dŵr Cymru's Wholesale Charges Document 2025/26 comply with the various legal obligations to which the company is subject under the Water Industry Act 1991 (as amended) and other relevant legislation, taken as a whole.

The document and the required additional information have been prepared by experienced staff using appropriate processes and internal systems of control and have accordingly been prepared to a standard that could be reasonably expected of a diligent undertaker.

Having regard to 'Wholesale Charging Rules issued by the Water Services Regulation Authority under sections 66E and 117I of the Water Industry Act 1991' published in October 2021, we are of the opinion that our tariffs are consistent with these requirements, taking the wholesale charging rules as a whole.

The Board has been given relevant information on the effects the tariffs have on customers occupying eligible premises and notes that wholesale charges for non-households increase by 26% as a result primarily of the PR24 Final Determination to be applied to tariffs in 2025/26. The Board confirms that appropriate communication and handling strategies are in place for these customers.

The final wholesale charges are around three percentage points higher than the indicative figures published in October 2024. This is principally due to movements in allowed revenues between the PR24 Draft and Final Determination, offset by rebalancing of tariffs between customer groups.

The company has corresponded with retailers operating within the region and engaged with CCW in a timely and effective manner in respect of the Wholesale Charges.

At the Board meeting of 23 December 2024 the Board provided its approval of this Assurance Statement.

**Jane Hanson CBE**  
Chair

On behalf of the Board  
13 January 2025