

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting: 8 May 2018

The Decision will come into force and implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25.1 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution.

23 May 2018

SUBJECT

Item 6: SALE OF FORMER SCHOOL SITE, ABERDYFI

DECISION

To delegate the right to the Senior Property Manager to use powers under General Disposal Consent (Wales) 2003 to sell the former Ysgol Aberdyfi site directly to Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd (CCG) for less than market value to ensure the provision of social, economic and environmental benefits. To allocate the capital receipt towards funding the Council's contribution towards improving school buildings as part of the 21st Century Schools Programme.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following the closure of Ysgol Aberdyfi in 2013, the site of the former school stands empty. For a while after the closure of the school, the building was used as a Day Centre for the Elderly, but following the Community Council's unsuccessful bid to upgrade the building, it was not possible for the Community Council to continue with its plans for the future of the building.

Following discussions with the Housing Strategic Partnership, an application was received from Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd (CCG) to purchase the site for a residential development that would include a higher percentage of affordable housing than what is required on the site. The site is located within the boundaries of the Snowdonia National Park Authority; however, the development brief prepared by them states that the site is suitable for a housing development.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A declaration of personal interest was received from Cllr Nia Jeffreys as she was a member of the Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd Board, but it was not a prejudicial interest.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which had been included in the report. The Local Member attended the meeting also to express his opinion.
