

## **GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

<b>Date of Cabinet Meeting:</b>	15 June 2021
<b>Date decision will come into force</b> and be implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution	30 June 2021

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 6: GWYNEDD COUNCIL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2020/21

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### **DECISION**

To approve the Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2020/21 and recommend the Full Council adopt it at its meeting on 8 July 2021

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In accordance with the Council's performance management procedure, the Performance Report for 2020/21 is initially submitted to the Cabinet for approval.

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

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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### **ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION**

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which had been included in the report.

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### SUBJECT

Item 7: YSGOL ABERSOCH

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### DECISION

The Cabinet, following consideration of the observations received during the statutory consultation period and the response of the Education Department to those observations

- i. Approved issuing a statutory proposal to close Ysgol Abersoch on 31 December 2021, and provide a place for the pupils at Ysgol Sarn Bach from 1 January 2022.
  - ii. Approved the publication of statutory notices on the proposal in (i) above in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.
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### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

At its meeting in September 2019, the Cabinet supported a recommendation to commence formal discussions with the Governing Body of Ysgol Abersoch in order to consider options for its future following a decline in the number of pupils at the school. During the meetings, a number of options were considered for primary education in the Ysgol Abersoch catchment area in order to ensure a sustainable provision for the future, and respond specifically to the main challenges facing the school.

In September 2020, the Cabinet resolved to undertake a statutory consultation process, in accordance with the requirements of section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, on the proposal to close Ysgol Abersoch on 31 August 2021 and to provide a place for the pupils at Ysgol Sarn Bach from 1 September 2021. The decision was confirmed by the Cabinet on 3 November 2020, after the original decision was called in and referred back to the Cabinet by the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee.

The Education Department commenced the consultation on 5 January 2021 originally, but as no child attended the School site that day due to the latest Covid-19 restrictions, there was local discontent that the authority had not acted in accordance with the requirements of the School Organisation Code to publish the consultation on a "school day". Welsh Government published a temporary modification to the School Organisation Code and it was decided to re-publish the consultation after 8 January 2021, and hold the consultation between 12 January and 23 February 2021.

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154 responses were received to the statutory consultation and the Cabinet considered the observations received during the statutory consultation period and the response to those observations, prior to making its decision.

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No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION**

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A Statutory Consultation was undertaken and the Local Member's observations were received, which have been included in the report.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 8: RESPONDING TO THE REPORT "SECOND HOMES - DEVELOPING NEW POLICIES IN WALES"

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### **DECISION**

To agree the Council's response to the report "Second Homes - Developing New Policies in Wales" as set out in part 9 of this report and in particular highlighting the need to modify recommendation number 7 - Short-term Holiday Accommodation and Business Rates.

The Leader agreed to formally communicate the response to the Welsh Government and call on them to adopt and implement the most effective recommendations as a matter of urgency in order to respond to the housing crisis facing the communities of Gwynedd.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In March this year a comprehensive report titled "Second Homes - Developing New Policies in Wales" was published in response to a commission from the Coleg Cymraeg Cenedlaethol and the Welsh Government's Minister for Mental Health, Well-being and the Welsh Language. The author of the report is Dr Simon Brooks.

It was noted that the report investigates the current situation regarding second homes and makes a number of policy recommendations that could be used to try to respond to the steady increase in numbers in our communities.

Therefore, the prompt implementation of the recommendations highlighted in the "Second Homes - Developing New Policies in Wales" report is absolutely essential and the Council therefore urgently request the Welsh Government to adopt them, incorporating the modification to recommendation no. 7 set out in the table in part 9 of this report.

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