

GWYNEDD COUNCIL
EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020)

21 October 2021

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Beth Lawton (Chair)
Cai Larsen (Vice-chair)

Steve Collings, Alwyn Gruffydd, Selwyn Griffiths, Judith Humphreys, Elwyn Jones, Gareth Tudor Morris Jones, Dewi Owen, Rheinalt Puw, Paul Rowlinson, Dewi Roberts and Mike Stevens.

Co-opted Members: Ruth Roe (Meirionnydd Parent/Governors' Representative), Manon Williams (Arfon Parent/Governors' Representative) and Dilwyn Elis Hughes (UCAC).

Officers present: Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Services Manager), Bethan Adams (Scrutiny Adviser) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

Present for item 5:

Education Department

Councillor Cemlyn Williams (Cabinet Member for Education)
Garem Jackson (Head of Education)
Gwern ap Rhisiart (Meirion/Dwyfor Area Education Officer)
Debbie Anne Jones (Education Corporate Services Manager)

Legal Services

Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer)
Sion Huws (Senior Solicitor – Corporate)

Present for item 6:

Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community Department)
Dylan Griffiths (Economic Development Programmes Manager)
Colin Morris (Business Support Manager)

Present for item 7:

Education Department

Councillor Cemlyn Williams (Cabinet Member for Education)
Garem Jackson (Head of Education)
Debbie Anne Jones (Education Corporate Services Manager)
Diane Jones (Arfon Area Education Officer)
Gwern ap Rhisiart (Meirion/Dwyfor Area Education Officer)
Rhian Parry Jones (Gwynedd Secondary Education Officer)
Ffion Edwards Ellis (Assistant Head of ALN and Inclusion)

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Arwyn Thomas (Managing Director)
Alwyn Jones (Assistant Director (Standards))
Elfyn Vaughan (Senior Secondary Leader)
Sharon Vaughan (Core Leader – Secondary)
Geraint Evans (Core Leader – Primary)

Headteachers:

Rhys Glyn (Head of Ysgol Cefn Coch and Ysgol Talsarnau)
Dylan Minnice (Head of Ysgol Botwnnog)
Bethan Morris Jones (Head of Ysgol Pendalar)

Apologies: Councillors Aled Evans and Mair Rowlands, Colette Owen (The Catholic Church) and Councillor Gareth Thomas (Cabinet Member for Economy).

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SUBJECT

Item 5: CABINET DECISION - 28-09-21 - ITEM 8 - YSGOL ABERSOCH

DECISION

That the scrutiny committee refers the matter back to the Cabinet for reconsideration on the grounds that a sufficient response had not been received to the second reason for calling in, namely:-

"2. The report does not take future Housing and Employment that would come into force in the Village into consideration.

(a) A new development to construct a new hotel that would create a minimum of 40 full-time posts in the area – employees and their families would need resources, including education for our children.

(b) Welsh Government, Gwynedd Council's Housing and Property Department and a Housing Association (which owns land in the village) are currently exploring the potential to construct more homes – Welsh Government has stated that a grant is available to develop this land to potentially construct 15 homes.

The Housing Association has confirmed that plans have already been drawn up for the Bryn Garmon site.

There is no mention in the report of the new plan by the Housing and Property Department and nothing about the developments underway in the Village and therefore, by not doing so, the Education Department has not responded to the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act."

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	8
Against	6
Abstentions	1

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Councillor Dewi Roberts declared a personal interest as he was a governor at Ysgol Abersoch, however, as he had been appointed to this role by the Authority, he was of the opinion that it was not a prejudicial interest, and he did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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Item 6: THE ECONOMY AND BUSINESS SUPPORT

DECISION

To accept the report and to look forward to receiving more information regarding grants for businesses in due course.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Councillor Selwyn Griffiths declared a personal interest as his son was the author of the report to the committee. He was of the opinion that it was not a prejudicial interest, and he did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

Councillor Mike Stevens declared a personal interest as he had a manufacturer business in Gwynedd and was also Chairman of the Tywyn and District Chamber of Tourism. He was of the opinion that it was not a prejudicial interest, and he did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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Item 7: WELL-BEING AND ACHIEVEMENT GAP

DECISION

To accept the report and record our thanks to the workforce for their contribution during the last 18 months.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 8: REVISED SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2021-22

DECISION

To approve the work programme for the 9 December meeting, and to discuss the rest of the programme at the informal meeting to follow the committee.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Accepted without any objection.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
