

**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)**

**9 December 2021**

**Virtual Meeting**

**Present:**

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

Aled Evans, Alwyn Gruffydd, Selwyn Griffiths, Judith Humphreys, Elwyn Jones, Gareth Tudor Morris Jones, Huw Wyn Jones, Dewi Owen, Rheinallt Puw, Elfed P. Roberts, Mair Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Dewi Roberts and Mike Stevens.

**Co-opted Members:** Ruth Roe (Meirionnydd Parent/Governors' Representative) and Manon Williams (Arfon Parent/Governors' Representative).

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

**Present for item 5:** Councillor Gareth Thomas (Cabinet Member for the Economy and Community), Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community), Dylan Griffiths (Economy Development Programmes Manager) and Kelvin Roberts (Employability Programme Leader).

**Present for item 6:** Councillor Cemlyn Williams (Cabinet Member for Education), Garem Jackson (Head of Education Department), Debbie Anne Jones (Corporate Education Services Manager) and Bethan Griffith (Education Ancillary Services Manager)

**Present for item 7:**

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

GwE Alwyn Lloyd Jones (Assistant Director - Standards), Elfyn Vaughan Jones (Senior Leader – Secondary), Sharon Vaughan (Core Leader - Secondary) and Geraint Evans (Core Leader - Primary).

**Apologies:** Colette Owen (The Catholic Church), Karen Vaughan Jones (Parent / Governors' Representative Dwyfor) and Dilwyn Elis Hughes (UCAC).

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**SUBJECT**

Item 5: UNEMPLOYMENT LEVELS AND SUPPORT TO RETURN TO EMPLOYMENT

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**DECISION**

**To accept the report, noting the observations made during the meeting.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	16
Against	0
Abstentions	0

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**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.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 6: SCHOOL DINNERS

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**DECISION**

**To accept the report, and ask the Education Department for regular updates as the new plans move forward.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	18
Against	0
Abstentions	0

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

Councillor Dewi Roberts declared a personal interest because a close relative was a Governor at Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle. 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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**SUBJECT**

Item 7: EDUCATION ANNUAL REPORTS

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**DECISION**

**To accept the reports, noting the observations made during the meeting.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstentions	0

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 8: THE AMENDED SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2021-22

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**DECISION**

**To approve the amended work programme.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	11
Against	0
Abstentions	0

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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