

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	29 March 2022
Date decision will come into force and be implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution	13 April 2022

SUBJECT

Item 6: APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR CORONER FOR THE NORTH WALES AREA

DECISION

- a) **To delegate powers to the Head of Legal Services to prepare job and personal details as well as an appointment process for the post of Senior Coroner and make arrangements to advertise.**
 - b) **To establish a Panel including the Chief Executive, Head of Legal Services and Head of Department to be designated by the Chief Executive in order to draw up a short-list and interview applicants, and to appoint Senior Coroners as needed.**
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following discussions between the UK Government's Courts and Tribunals Department and Gwynedd and Denbighshire Councils (i.e. the relevant authority for the North Wales Area (East and Central), the Chief Coroner resolved that he would not seek to merge Coroner areas here, therefore, a permanent Senior Coroner should be appointed for the North West Wales Area.

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

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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

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Item 7: NO WRONG DOOR STRATEGY

DECISION

To accept the 'No Wrong Door' strategy as the strategic direction for future developments in the children and young people field, as well as supporting its implementation locally in Gwynedd as part of a wider regional plan.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was explained that the strategy was in accordance with the principles of Ffordd Gwynedd and lay within the arrangements of Gwynedd Council's Children and Supporting Families Department for developing the way the service strengthens front door arrangements, access to services, and the approach of offering early and preventative interventions to avoid problems from getting worse. It would strengthen the Department's ability to extend its services and integrate them with partners.

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Item 8: NATIONAL COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS FOR WELSH (LOCAL AUTHORITY) ADOPTION AND FOSTERING SERVICES

DECISION

- a) **To adopt arrangements for the development of governance arrangements for the National Adoption Service for Wales as it takes responsibility for Foster Wales.**
 - b) **To agree that the authority signs the Joint Committee's Agreement for the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales and establishment of the National Joint Committee.**
 - c) **To appoint the Cabinet Member for Children and Supporting Families to represent the Authority on the Joint Committee.**
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was noted that reaching an agreement on the proposals and signing the Joint Committee's Agreement would formalise Gwynedd Council's collaboration in the governance arrangements, which would enable the Wales National Adoption Service to take responsibility for Foster Wales.

It was reiterated that there would be roles and responsibilities to maintain and deliver national functions that support and enable local authorities to achieve their adoption and fostering responsibilities and for them to be formalised by adopting the system.

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Item 9: STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING PANEL REPORT 2021-2022

DECISION

To accept the report and note the information about the work of the Strategic Safeguarding Panel for 2021-22.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

- a) It was noted that it was essential for Cabinet members to be aware of the safeguarding panel's work and that they were able to satisfy themselves that the Panel has undertaken the work that is needed both thoroughly and conscientiously.
 - b) That the Statutory Director was required to consistently and regularly report upon safeguarding matters to members.
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Item 10: THE EFFECT OF COVID-19 ON BYW'N IACH'S 2022/23 BUDGET

DECISION

- a) **To authorise the Head of Finance to extend the period of assurance previously given to Byw'n Iach Cyf up to the end of the 2022/23 financial year, and confirm that if the Covid-19 crisis continues, that Gwynedd Council will support the company financially until at least 31/03/2023.**

 - b) **That a further review of the company's business plan is submitted to the Cabinet within 6 months**
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was explained that the assurance of financial support would enable the company to continue trading lawfully from 1 April 2022 until the end of the financial year.

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