

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD
COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE**

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

4 May 2023

Multi-location meeting

Present:

Councillors: R. Medwyn Hughes (Chair)
Beca Roberts (Vice-chair)

Craig ab Iago, Menna Baines, Beca Brown, Stephen Churchman, Glyn Daniels, Elwyn Edwards, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Alan Jones Evans, Dylan Fernley, Delyth Lloyd Griffiths, Jina Gwyrfai, John Brynmor Hughes, Iwan Huws, Elin Hywel, Nia Wyn Jeffreys, Anne Lloyd Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Dawn Lynne Jones, Dewi Jones, Elin Walker Jones, Elwyn Jones, Gwilym Jones, Gareth Tudor Jones, Huw Wyn Jones, Linda Ann Jones, June Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Cai Larsen, Beth Lawton, Dafydd Meurig, Dilwyn Morgan, Linda Morgan, Dewi Owen, Edgar Wyn Owen, Gwynfor Owen, Llio Elenid Owen, Gareth Coj Parry, John Pughe, Rheinallt Puw, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Elfed P Roberts, Gareth A.Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Dyfrig Siencyn, Ioan Thomas, Peter Thomas, Menna Trenholme, Rob Triggs, Rhys Tudur, Hefin Underwood, Einir Wyn Williams, Elfed Williams, Gareth Williams, Gruffydd Williams and Sasha Williams.

Officers:

Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive), Geraint Owen (Corporate Director), Dylan Owen (Corporate Director and Statutory Director of Social Services), Dewi Morgan (Statutory Finance Officer), Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Ian Jones (Head of Democracy Services), Garem Jackson (Head of Education Department), Aled Davies (Head of Adults, Health and Well-being Department), Sion Huws (Propriety and Elections Manager), Sandra Thomas (Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Manager), Hawis Jones (Commissioning, Contracts and Projects Manager), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Service Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

Apologies:

Councillors:- Anwen J.Davies, Dafydd Owen Davies, Annwen Hughes, Louise Hughes, Kim Jones and Eirwyn Williams.

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SUBJECT

Item 1: CHAIR

DECISION

To appoint Councillor Richard Medwyn Hughes as Chair for 2023/24.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour of Councillor Beth Lawton | 19 |
| In favour of Councillor Richard Medwyn Hughes | 41 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 2: VICE-CHAIR

DECISION

To appoint Councillor Beca Roberts as Vice-chair for 2023/24.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour of Councillor Beth Lawton | 21 |
| In favour of Councillor Beca Roberts | 38 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 9: GWYNEDD AND ANGLESEY PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD WELL-BEING PLAN

DECISION

To adopt the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2023-28.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

| | |
|-------------|----|
| In favour | 43 |
| Against | 11 |
| Abstentions | 6 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 10: ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S POLITICAL BALANCE

DECISION

1. To adopt the list of committees and sub-committees to be established for the 2023/24 municipal year, as noted below, and to adopt the allocation of seats as noted.

ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES

| A | Plaid Cymru | Independent | Labour Liberal* | Total |
|--|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------|
| Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee | 12 | 6 | 0 | 18 |
| Communities Scrutiny Committee | 11 | 6 | 1 | 18 |
| Care Scrutiny Committee | 11 | 6 | 1 | 18 |
| Governance and Audit | 8 | 4 | 0 | 12 |

| B | Plaid Cymru | Independent | Labour Liberal | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|----------------|------------|
| Democratic Services | 9 | 5 | 1 | 15 |
| Planning | 9 | 5 | 1 | 15 |
| Central / General Licensing | 10 | 5 | 0 | 15 |
| Language | 10 | 5 | 0 | 15 |
| Chief Officers Appointment | 10 | 5 | 0 | 15 |
| Employment Appeals | 5 | 2 | 0 | 7 |
| Number of seats | 95 | 49 | 4 | 148 |

| C | Plaid | Independent | Labour Liberal | Total |
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| Pensions | 4 | 2 | 1 | 7 |
| Local Joint Consultative Committee | 7 | 4 | 0 | 11 |
| SACRE | 4 | 3 | 0 | 7 |
| Total seats | 110 | 58 | 5 | 173 |

* Labour/Liberal Democrats Group

2. To delegate the authority to the Head of Democratic Services to make appointments to the committees on the basis of political balance, and in accordance with the wishes of the political groups.
3. To adopt the chairpersonships of scrutiny committees on the basis of political balance, as follows:

Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee - Independent Group
Communities Scrutiny Committee – Plaid Cymru Group
Care Scrutiny Committee - Independent Group

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

| | |
|-------------|----|
| In favour | 57 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstentions | 1 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 11: HIGHER SALARIES

DECISION

To adopt the following higher salaries for 2023/24:

- **Leader**
 - **Deputy Leader**
 - **Up to 8 other Cabinet members**
 - **The Leader of the largest Opposition party***
 - **Committee Chairs:**
 - o **Scrutiny Committees (x3)**
 - o **Planning Committee**
 - o **Licensing Committee (the Central and General Licensing committees count as one Committee)**
 - o **Pensions Committee**
 - **Civic head (Chair of the Council)**
 - **Deputy civic head (Vice-chair of the Council)**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

| | |
|-------------|----|
| In favour | 52 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstentions | 3 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

The Leader, on behalf of those members who receive higher salaries at present.

He was not of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and those members did not leave the meeting during the discussion on the item.



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SUBJECT

Item 12: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR TO THE DEMOCRACY SERVICES COMMITTEE

DECISION

To appoint Councillor Dewi Owen as Chair of the Democracy Services Committee for 2023/24.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

| | |
|-------------|----|
| In favour | 52 |
| Against | 1 |
| Abstentions | 1 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 13: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES 2022/23

DECISION

To adopt the report for information.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

| | |
|-------------|----|
| In favour | 56 |
| 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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SUBJECT

Item 14: GWYNEDD ADULTS POPULATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

DECISION

- 1. To approve the Gwynedd Adults Population Needs Assessment.**
 - 2. To adopt the recommendations in the report in order to incorporate them in the Council Plan.**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

| | |
|-------------|----|
| In favour | 57 |
| 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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SUBJECT

Item 15(A): NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR RHYS TUDUR

DECISION

In order for the Council to be innovative in its method of monitoring the implementation of Welsh medium education and progress in detail and effectively in our schools, I ask the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee to consider the most appropriate way of gathering data and monitoring the Welsh-medium provision in every secondary school against the baselines of the categories in which the schools are included.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

| | |
|-------------|----|
| In favour | 48 |
| Against | 2 |
| Abstentions | 5 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 15(B):

DECISION

Wales has a praiseworthy ambition of being the first Nation of Sanctuary in the World. Gwynedd has acted in line with this ambition by offering sanctuary to refugees from across the world. Despite the ambition of Wales, the Westminster Government are introducing an Illegal Migration Act which endangers the rights of refugees and asylum seekers and criminalises the act of reaching the British Isles in search of asylum. This conflicts against the principles of the Refugees Convention 1951, and our ambition here in Wales. Considering the fear that the unwelcome messages of the UK Government can trigger, this Council confirms its ambition of assisting refugees, in order to mitigate some of this fear.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

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| In favour | 48 |
| Against | 0 |
| Abstentions | 4 |

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
