

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD
CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	20 July 2023
Date decision will come into force and be implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Cyngor Gwynedd Constitution.	04 August 2023
SUBJECT	
Item 3: URGENT MATTERS - PAYMENTS FOR FAMILIES ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS OVER THE 2023 SUMMER HOLIDAYS	
DECISION	
<p>It was resolved that the Council would fund the cost of providing the 'Free School Meals Provision during School Holidays' to families eligible for free school meals over the 2023 summer holidays.</p> <p>It was emphasised that this decision was relevant to this holiday only and following the Welsh Government's announcement in a letter dated 28 June 2023, that they would not extend the scheme over the 2023 summer holidays.</p> <p>It was agreed to draft a letter to the Welsh Government to express the Cabinet's disappointment that the scheme would not be undertaken over the summer and this confirmation had been received late in the day close to the start of the summer holidays. It was explained that the letter would include the Cabinet's reasons to fund the scheme over the summer.</p>	
REASONS FOR THE DECISION	
<p>The relevant families in Gwynedd, and indeed across the whole of Wales, are used to budgeting for meals for their children as it had been funded for a while by the Welsh Government. Therefore, the Education Department feels that it would not be appropriate for them to suffer financially without a fair notice and with it being so close to the start of the summer holidays.</p>	
DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE	
<p>No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.</p>	
ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION	

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SUBJECT

Item 5: UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND: COMMITMENTS FROM THE GWYNEDD ALLOCATION

DECISION

1. It was agreed to commit a total of £21,352,966 of Gwynedd's allocation from the UK's Shared Prosperity Fund to the Schemes listed in Appendix 1 of the report in accordance with the amounts noted.
2. The Head of Economy and Community Department was authorised, in consultation with the Head of Legal Service, the Head of Finance Department and the Chief Executive, to authorise the release of offer letters to the schemes subject to completing final checks and receiving the seal of approval of the Shared Prosperity Fund: Gwynedd Panel to any special conditions.
3. It was agreed to establish four Enabling Funds (with a total budget of £6,131,000) to distribute smaller amounts of Shared Prosperity funding to enterprises and communities in the county and to authorise the implementation of three funds under the management of Cyngor Gwynedd.
4. The Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee was requested to carry out an investigation into the work area of supporting community / social enterprises to increase the Council's understanding and to ensure that the efforts of the organisations assimilate and reinforce each other.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

At the Cabinet meeting on 24 January 2023 (Item 6), a procedure was established to administrate the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) in Gwynedd and to determine applications for funding from the Fund within the county.

A 'Shared Prosperity Fund: Gwynedd' was established (which included the Council Leader and Deputy Leader, the Cabinet Member for Finance, the Chief Executive, the Head of Economy and Community Department and the Head of Legal Services) to confirm which schemes would be selected to receive funding.

It was noted that Elected Members on the Panel would exclude themselves from discussing a scheme located within their constituency or where they had a personal interest in the application. It was also noted that consideration should be given to refer such a situation to the Cabinet for a decision to ensure propriety and transparency.

In accordance with the above, the Panel had decided to refer their recommendations, along with which schemes should be selected to receive funding to the attention of the Cabinet for a decision.

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

It was declared that Cabinet members had an interest in this as the Cabinet were trustees of the Lloyd George Museum. It was confirmed that this was not a prejudicial interest.

Councillor Dafydd Meurig declared a personal interest as he was the Chairman of the board of one of the applicants. It was noted that this was a prejudicial interest and the Councillor withdrew from the meeting for this discussion.

Councillor Ioan Thomas declared a personal interest as he had a family connection who was Chief Executive of one of the applicants. It was noted that this was a prejudicial interest, and the Councillor withdrew from the meeting for this discussion.

A declaration of personal interest was received from Sion Huws (Propriety and Elections Manager) as he had a family connection with one of the applicants. It was noted that this was a prejudicial interest, and the Officer withdrew from the meeting for this discussion.

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SUBJECT Item 6: ASSISTANT HEAD OF TRANSPORT	
DECISION It was resolved that the Council releases £265,000 from the transformation fund to finance the position of Assistant Head of Transport for a period of 3 years initially.	
REASONS FOR THE DECISION In accordance with the procedure for approving expenditure from the Transformation Fund, any application to the fund above £100,000 requires the Cabinet's formal approval.	
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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SUBJECT Item 8: BANGOR HEALTH AND WELLBEING CENTRE	
DECISION <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The reference to establish the Bangor Health and Wellbeing Centre was supported and to authorise the Head of Economy and Community Department - in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Head of Finance to continue with the discussions and to report further to the Cabinet in accordance with the outline programme.2. To authorise the Head of Economy and Community Department - in consultation with the Head of Legal Services to complete the Options Agreement for parts of Canolfan Menai, Bangor in accordance with the terms to be specified by the Council's Estates Manager.	
REASONS FOR THE DECISION To protect the relevant units of Canolfan Menai during the plan's preparatory period, with the intention of leasing it when the Bangor Health and Wellbeing Centre has been approved and a full financial package confirmed.	
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