

**COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE  
CYNGOR GWYNEDD**

**(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972)**

**1 May 2025**

**Hybrid Meeting**

**Attendance:**

**Councillors:** Ioan Thomas (Chair)  
Elin Walker Jones (Vice-chair)

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

**Officers:**

Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive), Geraint Owen (Corporate Director), Dylan Owen (Corporate Director and Statutory Director of Social Services), Dewi Morgan (Head of Finance Department), Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Carys Fôn Williams (Head of Housing and Property Department), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Service Manager), Siôn Huws (Propriety and Elections Manager), Arwel Evans (Procurement Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

**Apologies:**

Councillors:- Beth Lawton, Edgar Owen, Nigel Pickavance, John Pughe and Gareth Roberts.

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 1: CHAIR**

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**DECISION**

**To appoint Councillor Ioan Thomas as Chair for 2025/26.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	46
Against	6
Abstaining	5

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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 2: VICE-CHAIR**

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**DECISION**

**To appoint Councillor Elin Walker Jones as Vice-chair for 2025/26.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour of Councillor Beth Lawton	22
In favour of Councillor Elin Walker Jones	38

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 9: ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S POLITICAL BALANCE**

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**DECISION**

- To adopt the list of committees and sub-committees to be established for the municipal year, as noted in **Appendix A** (below), together with the adoption of the seat allocation and the senior salaries set out in the Appendix.
- To delegate the authority to the Head of Democracy Services to make appointments to the committees on the basis of political balance, and in accordance with the wishes of the political groups.
- To allocate the chairpersonships of scrutiny committees on the basis of political balance as follows:-

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

- To adopt the seat allocation for the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee Overview and Scrutiny Joint Committee for the term of this Council unless there is a significant change in the political balance – there is 1 seat for the Plaid Cymru Group and 1 seat for the Independent Group

**APPENDIX A - ALLOCATION OF SEATS ON COMMITTEES**

A	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Labour Liberal	Total
Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee	12	6	0	18
Communities Scrutiny Committee	12	5	1	18
Care Scrutiny Committee	12	5	1	18
Governance and Audit	8	4	0	12

B	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Labour Liberal	Total
Democratic	10	4	1	15

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Services				
Planning	10	4	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
<b>Number of seats</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>148</b>

C	Plaid Cymru	Independent	Labour Liberal	Total
Pensions	4	2	1	7
Local Joint Consultative Committee	7	4	0	11
SACRE	5	2	0	7

<b>Total seats</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>173</b>
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#### Senior Salaries

In accordance with the previous decision of the Council, the senior salaries are paid as follows:

- Leader
- Deputy Leader
- 8 other Cabinet members
- The Leader of the largest Opposition
- Committee Chairs
  - Scrutiny Committee (x3)
  - Planning Committee
  - Licensing Committee (Central and General counts as one Committee)
  - 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	53
Against	1
Abstaining	7

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#### DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 10: APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR TO THE DEMOCRACY SERVICES COMMITTEE 2025/26**

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**DECISION**

**To appoint Councillor Anne Lloyd Jones as Chair of the Democracy Services Committee for 2025/26.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	59
Against	2
Abstaining	1

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 11: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE - INTERVIEW PANEL  
RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**DECISION**

**That the Council appoint Non Gibson and Sonal Khade as Independent Members of the  
Standards Committee for a period of 6 years.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	60
Against	0
Abstaining	1

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 12: AMENDMENT OF THE CONSTITUTION**

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**DECISION**

**To accept the report on the amendments to the Scheme of Delegation in Appendix 1 to the report submitted to the Council.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	57
Against	1
Abstaining	1

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 13: URGENT CABINET DECISION**

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**DECISION**

**To accept and note the report.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	49
Against	8
Abstaining	2

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 14A: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ELFED WYN AP ELWYN**

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**DECISION**

**The Council calls upon the Westminster Government to devolve powers over water reservoirs and the water network in Wales, which will allow Wales to benefit from one of its most important resources.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	49
Against	2
Abstaining	3

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 14B: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BECA BROWN**

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**DECISION**

1 in 4 women and 1 in 6 men have experienced sexual abuse during their childhood, and this figure could be even higher.

Not only were these experiences horrific to them at the time, but they must live with the effects of these dreadful crimes throughout their lives.

Victims of sexual abuse consistently say that there is not enough support available to them, and that there is insufficient awareness of the trauma they carry every day, forever.

1 May is an annual day to remember the victims; to raise awareness of this appalling crime, and to remind us that sexual abuse can happen to any child, in any community. Sexual abuse does not recognize cultural, social, linguistic, religious, gender or racial differences. It can happen anywhere, to anyone.

Not My Shame is the campaign group that organises this annual event, holding a minute's silence on this date each year to remember the pain of sexual abuse victims around the world.

We call upon Cyngor Gwynedd to recognise this date every year from now on, and to adopt it as a day of remembrance for victims. We call on the Council to fly the campaign flag above its headquarters on 1 May every year to clearly state that sexual abuse is not the victim's shame, it is the offender's shame. We call upon Cyngor Gwynedd to draw public attention on 1 May every year to the support available to victims, and to explain to the public how and where they can report sexual abuse or child protection concerns.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	47
Against	0
Abstaining	2

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 14C: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR GWYNFOR OWEN**

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**DECISION**

Welsh public services are facing a loss of up to £65m due to the increase to national insurance announced by the Labour government in Westminster.

Once again, Welsh Councils will experience an actual loss as the government uses the Barnett formula to determine how much funding is allocated to devolved countries. The Barnett formula is based on population size rather than on need.

It is unfair that Welsh public services will not receive full funding for the increase. This is another example of how Wales is at a total disadvantage as a result of a Labour government in the Senedd in Wales and in Westminster.

As we are still awaiting details from the two governments it is not possible to calculate the exact figure at present, but Cyngor Gwynedd is likely to be at a loss of around £1m, which is an amount we have had to pass on to our taxpayers.

Cyngor Gwynedd is therefore calling on the Welsh Government to demand a fairer method of funding our country from their masters in London.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	41
Against	1
Abstaining	2

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

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**SUBJECT**

**Item 14D: NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ELIN HYWEL**

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**DECISION**

1. This Council notes the disproportionate and cumulative effects of austerity policies on the most vulnerable inhabitants of our society by successive UK governments – whether Conservative or Labour governments.
  2. Following the UK Government's recent announcement of further cuts to benefits totalling £5 billion, this Council recognises that these cuts are the continuation and progression of austerity policies. With a proportion of 18.1% of Gwynedd's population considered as being disabled, the people of Gwynedd will be hit particularly hard by the cuts. Furthermore, people considered as disabled in Gwynedd are less likely to be in employment, with only 50.5% in a paid job, and are therefore more likely to rely on benefits as their only source of income.
  3. The Council notes our growing responsibility to mitigate the brutal effects of austerity policies through the Council's services. We are seeing an increase in demand for services such as social housing, emergency accommodation and social care, and the subsequent increasing cost of maintaining these services. We recognise the pressure this places on the Council's budgets.
  4. For the sake of the residents of Gwynedd, Cyngor Gwynedd calls upon the Welsh Government to stand up for Wales and demand that their fellow Labour members in the UK Government make a U-turn on their plans to cut benefits.
  5. In order to ensure respect and dignity for all, Cyngor Gwynedd calls upon the Welsh Government and the UK Government to adequately fund benefits and social services.
  6. In order to end austerity in Wales, this Council demands that the Welsh Government calls upon the UK Government to devolve welfare and benefits, together with all the necessary levers to enable the Welsh Government to protect, care for and sustain our society.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	40
Against	0
Abstaining	1

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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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