

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD**  
**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)**

**18 July 2024**

**Multi-location Meeting**

**Attendance:**

**Councillors:** Councillor Cai Larsen (Chair)

Councillors:- Jina Gwyrfai, Dawn Lynne Jones, Dewi Jones, Elwyn Jones, Gareth Tudor Jones, Gwilym Jones, Dewi Owen, Gwynfor Owen, John Pughe Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands and Rhys Tudur.

**Co-opted Members:** Colette Owen (The Catholic Church), Sharon Roberts (Parent/Governor Representative for Arfon) and Elise Poulter (NEU).

**Officers present:** Geraint Owen (Corporate Director), Bethan Adams (Scrutiny Advisor) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

**Present for item 7:-** Arwyn Thomas (GwE Managing Director) and Alwyn Jones (GwE Assistant Director (Standards)).

**Present for item 8:-** Councillor Beca Brown (Cabinet Member for Education) and Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education).

**Present for item 9:-** Councillor Beca Brown (Cabinet Member for Education), Dylan Owen (Statutory Director of Social Services), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education) and Llion Williams (Assistant Head: Well-being and Equality).

**Present for item 10:-** Councillor Nia Jeffreys (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Operational Economy Matters), Roland Jones (Assistant Head – Culture) and Angela Jones (Head of Eryri Partnerships – Eryri National Park).

**Apologies:** Councillors Iwan Huws, Beth Lawton, Llio Elenid Owen and Sian Williams; Karen Vaughan Jones (Parent / Governor Representative Dwyfor) and Gwilym Jones (NASUWT).

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**SUBJECT**

Item 1: ELECTION OF CHAIR

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**DECISION**

To elect Councillor Cai Larsen as Chair of this committee for 2024/25.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstention	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 2: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

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**DECISION**

**To defer this item until the next meeting.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

Unanimously deferred.

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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 7: GWE ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

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**DECISION**

**To accept the report and note the observations.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	15
Against	0
Abstention	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: MIDDLE TIER REVIEW

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**DECISION**

To accept the report and note the observations.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	15
Against	0
Abstention	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 9: SAFEGUARDING ARRANGEMENTS IN SCHOOLS

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**DECISION**

1. To accept the report and to note the observations.
  2. To recommend that the Education Department provides a simple guidance on referring any concerns, for use by all who deal with the system, such as governors and parents.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	15
Against	0
Abstention	0

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

The Chair declared a personal interest on behalf of every member who are school governors. It was not a prejudicial interest, and those members did not leave the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 10: GWYNEDD AND ERYRI SUSTAINABLE VISITOR ECONOMY PLAN 2025 – 35?

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**DECISION**

1. To accept the report and note the observations.
  2. To request that the Eryri National Park Authority make every effort to consult with county councillors where appropriate.
  3. That the Economy and Community Department when undertaking research, looks at the specific matters raised by the committee regarding data etc.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	9
Against	1
Abstention	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 11: 2024-25 FORWARD-PROGRAMME OF THE EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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**DECISION**

To adopt the work programme for 2024/25.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	10
Against	0
Abstention	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 12: FINANCE PERFORMANCE CHALLENGE MEETING

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**DECISION**

To nominate Councillor Cai Larsen to represent the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee in the Finance Department's Performance Challenge meetings.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	10
Against	0
Abstention	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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