

CYNGOR GWYNEDD
EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

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

17 October 2024

Multi-location Meeting

Attendance:

Councillors: Councillor Cai Larsen (Chair)
Councillor Rhys Tudur (Vice-chair)

Councillors: - Jina Gwyrfai, Iwan Huws, Dewi Jones, Elwyn Jones, Gareth Tudor Jones, Gwilym Jones, Beth Lawton, Dewi Owen, John Pughe Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands and Sian Williams.

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

Officers present: Bethan Adams (Scrutiny Advisor) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

Present for item 6: - Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education), Ffion Edwards Ellis (Assistant Head: Assistant Head of Special Educational Needs and Inclusion) and Ellen Rowlands (Inclusion Manager).

Present for item 7: - Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education) and Sioned Owen (Early Years Service Manager)

Present for item 8: - Councillor Menna Trenholme (Cabinet Member for Corporate Services), Catrin Love (Assistant Head of Corporate Support Department) and Gail Warrington (Health, Safety and Well-being Advisory Services Manager).

Present for item 9: - Rhys Glyn (Head of Gwynedd's Immersion Education System)

Apologies: Councillors Dawn Lynne Jones, Gwynfor Owen, Llio Elenid Owen and Richard Glyn Roberts.

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SUBJECT

Item 1: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

DECISION

To elect Councillor Rhys Tudur as Vice-chair of this Committee for 2024/25.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	12
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 6: PROGRESS REPORT ON RESPONSE TO ESTYN RECOMMENDATIONS

DECISION

1. To accept the report and to note the observations received.
 2. To request an update on progress to the Committee in the future.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 7: TRANSFORMING EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN IN THEIR EARLY YEARS

DECISION

1. To accept the report and to note the observations.
 2. To note concern regarding the lack of resources available to move the work forward.
 3. That the committee looks forward to seeing wider cooperation with the other relevant agencies.
 4. To request an update to this Committee in a year.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 8: STAFF WELL-BEING STRATEGY

DECISION

1. To accept the report and to note the observations received.
 2. That the Committee notes concern regarding the high level of staff absences and requests that updates on the Strategy in future detail specific data, i.e. comparison over periods, etc.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	12
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 9: ENGAGEMENT SESSIONS TO DISCUSS GWYNEDD'S EDUCATION LANGUAGE POLICY

DECISION

To elect Councillors Jina Gwyrfai, Elwyn Jones, Beth Lawton, Richard Glyn Roberts and Rhys Tudur to attend the engagement session to discuss Gwynedd's Education Language Policy on 4 December between 1:30 and 3:30 in the afternoon.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Unanimously accepted.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
