

**CABINET DECISION NOTICE
CYNGOR GWYNEDD**

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	26 November 2024
Date decision will come into force and implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Cyngor Gwynedd Constitution.	11 December 2024

SUBJECT

Item 6: COUNCIL TAX: DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO ALLOW DISCOUNTS AND / OR RAISE A PREMIUM ON SECOND HOMES AND LONG-TERM EMPTY DWELLINGS

DECISION

Recommend to the full Council on 5 December 2024 that the following is the preferred option with regards to the level of Premium on the Council Tax of Second Homes and Long-Term Empty Dwellings for the 2025/26 financial year:

- That Cyngor Gwynedd allows NO discount on class A second homes, under Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (i.e. no change).
 - That Cyngor Gwynedd allows NO discount and RAISES A PREMIUM OF 150% on class B second homes, under Section 12B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (i.e. no change).
 - That Cyngor Gwynedd allows NO discount on homes that have been empty for 6 months or more and CHARGES A PREMIUM of 100% on homes that have been empty for 12 months or more, in accordance with Section 12A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (i.e. no change).
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council must make an annual decision as to whether it is to continue to charge a Council Tax Premium on long-term empty properties and second homes (periodically occupied dwellings). Without a decision, there would be 50% discount on the Council Tax of such properties.

While the final decision on the Council Tax discount or premium, and the level of discount or premium, must be made by the full Council, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet needs to make a recommendation to the full Council.

For financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25, the Council has raised a Council Tax Premium of 150% on second homes and 100% on long-term empty dwellings, but legislation allows the Council to charge a Premium of up to 300%.

However, if the Council were to increase the Premium rate it will have to consider whether such a decision would be reasonable after considering statutory guidance (Appendix 2) and legal advice which the authority has obtained.

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

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which were included in the report.

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Item 7: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND PROPERTY

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to ensure effective performance management.

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

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Item 8: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBERS FOR ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to ensure effective performance management.

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

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Item 9: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SERVICES

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to ensure effective performance management.

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

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Item 10: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULTS, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to ensure effective performance management.

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

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