

**CABINET DECISION NOTICE
CYNGOR GWYNEDD**

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	08 April 2025
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SUBJECT

Item 6: GWYNEDD INCLUSION PROVISION

DECISION

1. To adopt the option of creating a Portfolio Pupil Referral Unit Model (multi site).
 2. To accept the financial plan presented in the report delegating the timetable for implementation and realising the plan to the Head of Education Department in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The proposed changes require remodelling the service in order to improve what is being provided currently. The Department intends to fund the cost of establishing the changes in 2025/26 from existing sources within the Department. A process of reorganisation will be carried out during 2025/26, and if there continues to be a funding gap following this process, the Cabinet will need to be prepared for a probable bid for recurring funding from 2026/27.

**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: 2025/26 SHARED PROSPERITY FUND IN GWYNEDD

DECISION

1. To agree to the continuation of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund's regional governance procedure for the 2025/26 transitional year, and authorise the Head of Economy and Community Department - in consultation with the Head of Finance, Head of Legal Service and the Chief Executive - to confirm the arrangements.
 2. To agree to continue with the UK Shared Prosperity Fund's local governance arrangements in Gwynedd for the 2025/26 transitional year.
 3. To agree that it is required for every scheme in Gwynedd, which receives funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund, to realise two principles, namely:
 - 3.a. That targeted efforts are made to ensure that SPF money and the resulting benefits are beneficial to communities and residents in all parts of Gwynedd
 - 3.b. That targeted efforts are made to encourage activities (and organisations), that have not previously received funding, to obtain access to support.
 4. To agree to evolve and adapt activities from the existing projects and extend then for the transitional year, in accordance with the principle of the UK Government that the 2025/26 funding of the Shared Prosperity Fund is an extension of the 2022/24 to 2024/25 period, which transitions to a new funding procedure.
 5. To ask the Shared Prosperity Fund Panel to give detailed consideration to the individual schemes being considered for the Gwynedd allocation of the Shared Prosperity Fund, and present a recommendation back to the Cabinet on the individual allocations.
 6. Within the £7,900,000 budget, to agree to the continuation of four funds (with a total budget of approximately £2.29 million) to distribute smaller sums of Shared Prosperity Fund money to the county's enterprises and communities, authorising the continuation of three funds under Cyngor Gwynedd's control.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The UK Government established the Shared Prosperity Fund for a period of three financial years up to the end of 2024/25. Governance arrangements were established and money was committed to projects in line with the timetable.

The UK Government has decided to continue with the Fund for another year (2025/26), and so the Cabinet needs to confirm the arrangements for this additional year and decide how to use the money.

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Item 8: FOSTERING OFFER FOR MAETHU CYMRU GWYNEDD FOSTER CARERS

DECISION

1. To allow a reduction of 50% (25% for a short break Foster Carers) in Council Tax bills of the main residence of foster carers who are registered with the Council, before considering any discounts, exemptions and/or Council Tax Reductions they are already eligible for.
 2. To offer a free annual parking permit.
 3. Unlimited use of leisure centres.
 4. Adopt a Fostering Friendly policy for Maethu Cymru Gwynedd foster carers who are employed by the Council.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Section 13A(1)(c) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 gives billing authorities such as Cyngor Gwynedd a general discretionary power to reduce liability for Council Tax in relation to any person, or group of persons, in addition to any relevant national discounts and exemptions that may apply.

Section 67 of the 1992 Act lists those sections of the Act where only the Full Council can decide on them. As Section 13A(1)(c) does not appear on this list, the Cabinet can decide to grant relief under this Section.

Over the past few years, a number of billing authorities in Wales have decided to grant a reduction for Council Tax bills of certain foster parents, as part of a package in order to attract more people to undertake this role.

This issue has received attention from officers and members across several departments and portfolios. It has also been supported by the Council's Corporate Parenting Panel.

**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT
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A declaration of personal interest was received from Councillor Nia Jeffreys (Council Leader) because she had applied to become a foster parent with Maethu Cymru Gwynedd. It was noted that it was a prejudicial interest and she withdrew from the meeting during the discussion.

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Item 9: CORPORATE PARENTING CHARTER

DECISION

To approve the adoption of the Corporate Parenting Charter published by the Welsh Government.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Welsh Government published principles for the Corporate Parenting Charter in September 2023. The Government is asking public sector bodies to sign the Charter to demonstrate their commitment to promoting the rights and life opportunities of children and young people who have experience of being in care.

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Item 10: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER 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.

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Item 11: 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.

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Date on which the decision will come into force: This matter is considered to be an urgent matter due to the timetabling requirements of the project and in accordance with paragraph 7.25.2 of the Council's Constitution and with the permission of the Council's Chair this decision is exempt from the calling in procedure and will come into effect on the date of the meeting and decision.	08 April 2025

SUBJECT

Item 13: UPDATE FOLLOWING HIGH COURT JUDGEMENT RELATING TO CONFIRMATION OF THE ARTICLE 4 DIRECTION

DECISION

1. To note High Court leave decision relating to the Article 4 Direction and further information provided.
 2. Having regard to the contents of the report and the appendices, confirm its support for Option 3 to continue to defend the case.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Cyngor Gwynedd (Cabinet) resolved to confirm an Article 4 Direction (without immediate effect) on 16 July 2024. In response to the decision made by the Cabinet (confirmation of the Article 4 Direction) an application for judicial review was made.

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