

CYNGOR GWYNEDD
EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE
(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972)

16 October 2025

Hybrid Meeting

Attendance:

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

Councillors:- Beca Brown, Jina Gwyrfai, Gareth Tudor Jones, Gwilym Jones, Beth Lawton, Dewi Owen, Gwynfor Owen, John Pughe Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands, Dyfrig Siencyn and Sian Williams.

Co-opted Members: Colette Owen (Catholic Church), Sharon Roberts (Arfon Parent / Governor Representative) and Gweno Glyn Williams (Dwyfor Parent / Governor Representative).

Officers present: Bethan Adams (Scrutiny Adviser) and Jasmine Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

Present for item 5 - Councillor Medwyn Hughes (Cabinet Member for Economy), Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community Department), Dylan Griffiths (Economic Development Service Manager), Nia Bowden (Business Support Programme Manager).

Present for item 6 - Councillor Dewi Jones (Cabinet Member for Education), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education Department), Debbie Anne Jones (Assistant Head of Education Services), Siwan Llwyd Roberts (Head of the Gwynedd Immersion Education System).

Present for item 7 - Councillor Llio Elenid Owen (Cabinet Member for Corporate and Legal Services and the Welsh Language), Ian Jones (Head of Corporate Services Department), Arwel Evans (Procurement Manager), Miriam Fflur Hughes (Procurement Adviser).

Present for item 8 - Councillor Llio Elenid Owen (Cabinet Member for Corporate and Legal Services and the Welsh Language), Ian Jones (Head of Corporate Services), Catrin Love (Assistant Head of Corporate Services Department), Iwan Evans (Head of Legal Services).

Apologies: Councillor Elwyn Jones, Councillor Dawne Lynne Jones and Gwilym Jones (NASUWT).

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SUBJECT

Item 5: GWYNEDD ECONOMY STRATEGY

DECISION

1. Accept the strategy and note the observations.
 2. Express concern regarding the availability of grants for deprived areas such as Gwynedd, and express hope that there will be equality and fairness within the County in relation to the distribution of resources and support.
 3. Note the importance of collaboration between the Economy and Community Department and the Environment Department to ensure that the New Local Development Plan addresses the need to attract jobs and businesses to the County. In the same way, collaborate with Eryri National Park.
 4. Suggest that a clear structure is established to review the progress at the end of the year against the delivery plan.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	11
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Sharon Roberts declared a personal interest. The member considered that it was a prejudicial interest and she withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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Item 6: IMMERSION EDUCATION SYSTEM

DECISION

1. Accept the report and note the observations.
 2. Ask the Cabinet Member for Education to:
 - lobby the Welsh Government further for additional financial resources.
 - further consider the option of returning to five days and/or consider the length of the period spent in the language centres, taking into account the well-being of the pupils.
 - hold further consultation with stakeholders and ensure that there is flexibility in the future provision.
 3. That the Scrutiny Committee extends its gratitude to all those involved in immersion, both in the language centres and within mainstream schools.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstentions	3

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 7: PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

DECISION

1. Accept the report and note the observations.
 2. Ask the Cabinet Member for Corporate and Legal Services and the Welsh Language to ensure that everything possible, within the limitations, is done to keep the benefit local, to promote small companies, create social value and support the Welsh language.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	8
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 8: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE AND LEGAL SERVICES AND THE WELSH LANGUAGE

DECISION

1. Accept the report and note the observations.
 2. Welcome the steps taken to address stress, to promote the role of women in leadership, and to ensure that employees have a voice in relation to health and safety arrangements within the Departmental Forums.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	7
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 9: EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME 2025/26

DECISION

1. To adopt the work programme for 2025/26.
 2. To consider prioritising the scrutiny of the implementation of the Language Charter when timely.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	9
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
