

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD**  
**EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE**

**(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972)**

**11 December 2025**

**Multi-location Meeting**

**Present:**

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

Councillors: Beca Brown, Jina Gwyrfai, Dawn Lynne Jones, Elwyn Jones, Gareth Tudor Jones, Gwilym Jones, Beth Lawton, Dewi Owen, Geraint Parry, 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), Gwilym Jones (NASUWT) and Gweno Glyn Williams (Dwyfor Parent / Governor Representative).

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

**Present for items 5 and 6 -** Councillor Dewi Jones (Cabinet Member for Education), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education), Debbie Anne Jones (Assistant Head of Education Services), Ffion Edwards Ellis (Assistant Head of Special Education Needs and Inclusion) and Alison Halliday (Assistant Head of School Support).

**Present for item 7 -** Councillor Richard Medwyn Hughes (Cabinet Member for Economy and Community), Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community), Roland Wyn Evans (Assistant Head of Culture) and Llyr Beaumont Jones (Assistant Head of Economy and Community).

**Present for item 8 -** Councillor Huw Wyn Jones (Cabinet Member for Finance), Dewi Aeron Morgan (Head of Finance), Huw Ynyr (Assistant Head of Information Technology), Sian Pugh (Assistant Head of Finance – Sustainability and Developments) and Ffion Madog Evans (Assistant Head of Finance – Accounting and Pensions)

**Apologies:** Councillor Gwynfor Owen.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 5: SCHOOLS' STRATEGY

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**DECISION**

1. To welcome the strategy and accept the report noting the comments.
  2. That the Scrutiny Committee recommends to the Cabinet Member for Education that further information on safeguarding, poverty, social equity, faith schools, access to parents' voice, inclusion, the Welsh language, staff well-being and governance needs to be included in the Schools' Strategy.
  3. That information about the Schools Support Service be distributed to members.
  4. Ask the Education Department to ensure that safeguarding is integrated into the department's planning.
  5. That the Cabinet is aware of the importance of staff well-being to attract and retain staff and does all that is possible to promote well-being and favourable conditions.
  6. Ask the Education Department to give full consideration to the Welsh Government's new recommendations regarding governance when these are received.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	18
Against	0
Abstentions	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 6: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

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**DECISION**

1. To accept the report noting the questions on home education, de-registration, use of units, school meals, monitoring arrangements, youth clubs and safeguarding.
  2. To note the importance of giving a high-profile for safeguarding in documentation for the purpose of providing comfort to the public, and that the matter is prioritised by the authority.
  3. To ask the Cabinet Member for Education to:
    - consider carrying out an exercise to find out why so many children are not taking advantage of free school meals.
    - consider whether there are ways of effectively informing governors about how to question at meetings of school governing bodies.
    - ensure that all steps are taken to avoid de-registration in our schools.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	16
Against	0
Abstentions	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 7: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ECONOMY

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### **DECISION**

- 1. To accept the report and note the observations.**
  - 2. Ask the Economy and Community Department to convene a group early in the new year to consider the challenges facing the agricultural industry.**
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### **THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	10
Against	0
Abstentions	0

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### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

Councillor Gareth Tudor Jones and Sharon Roberts (Arfon Parent/Governor Representative) declared a personal interest. The members considered them to be prejudicial interests and left the meeting during the discussion on the item.

Councillor Beth Lawton declared a personal interest. The member did not consider it to be a prejudicial interest, and did not leave the meeting during the discussion.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 8: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE

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

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	9
Against	0
Abstentions	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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