

CYNGOR GWYNEDD
EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972)

12 February 2026

Hybrid Meeting

Attendance:

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, Huw Llwyd Rowlands, Dyfrig Siencyn, Gwynfor Owen and Sian Williams.

Co-opted Members: 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 Nia Jeffreys (Council Leader), Hedd Vaughan-Evans (Head of Operations - Ambition North Wales), Elliw Hughes (Growth Deal Programme Manager, Ambition North Wales) and Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community Department)

Present for item 6 - Councillor Medwyn Hughes (Cabinet Member for Economy and Community), Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community Department), Roland Evans (Assistant Head of Culture) and Sian Jones (Tourism, Marketing and Events Manager).

Apologies: Councillor Richard Glyn Roberts and Colette Owen (The Catholic Church).

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SUBJECT

Item 5: BENEFIT OF THE GROWTH DEAL FOR GWYNEDD

DECISION

1. To accept the report and note the wide range of observations made, expressing dissatisfaction that some of the schemes were slow to mature, and regarding the balance between rural and urban investment.
2. That the Committee receives a report on the Trawsfynydd Science Centre and Glynllifon Rural Economy Hub projects as soon as possible.
3. Request an outline of the Growth Deal's cost to Cyngor Gwynedd and the outcomes for Gwynedd in terms of high-quality jobs, particularly in deprived areas.
4. Request that future progress reports include more detail in relation to the jobs created specifically in Gwynedd, and the type of contracts.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	16
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Sharon Roberts (Afon Parent / Governor Representative) 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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SUBJECT

Item 6: VISITOR LEVY

DECISION

1. To accept the report and note the observations.
2. Recommend that the Cabinet Member for Economy and Community:
 - Ensures that full consideration is given to all the complexities involved with the introduction of this new levy.
 - If the Council decides to introduce a Visitor Levy:
 - There is a specific commitment on how the money raised would be spent, giving priority to areas relating to tourism and the community.
 - Thorough consultation takes place across the county and with relevant partners to identify community priorities.
 - There should be transparency with those who pay the levy regarding how the money will be spent.
 - That communication about exceptions is effective and sensitive as necessary.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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