

**COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE
CYNGOR GWYNEDD**

(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972)

4 December 2025

Hybrid Meeting

Attendance:

Councillors: Ioan Thomas

Craig ab Iago, Menna Baines, Beca Brown, Wendy Cleaver, Glyn Daniels, Elwyn Edwards, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Gwion Emry, Alan Jones Evans, Gwilym Evans, Dylan Fernley, Delyth Lloyd Griffiths, Annwen Hughes, John Brynmor Hughes, Louise Hughes, Medwyn Hughes, Elin Hywel, Nia Wyn Jeffreys, Anne Lloyd Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Dawn Lynne Jones, Dewi Jones, Elin Walker Jones, Elwyn Jones, Gwilym Jones, Gareth Tudor Jones, Huw Wyn Jones, June Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Cai Larsen, Beth Lawton, Dafydd Meurig, Dilwyn Morgan, Dewi Owen, Edgar Wyn Owen, Llio Elenid Owen, Geraint Parry, Nigel Pickavance, Rheinallt Puw, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Beca Roberts, Elfed P Roberts, Gareth A Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Dyfrig Siencyn, Peter Thomas, Menna Trenholme, Rhys Tudur, Hefin Underwood, Einir Wyn Williams, Elfed Williams, Gareth Williams, Gruffydd Williams, Sasha Williams and Sian Williams.

Officers:

Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive), Dewi Morgan (Head of Finance), Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Dylan Owen (Corporate Director), Catrin Thomas (Corporate Director), Carys Fôn Williams (Head of Housing and Property), Ian Jones (Head of Corporate Services), Aled Gibbard (Interim Head of Children's Department), Nia Grisdale (Legal Services Manager), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Service Manager) and Annes Sion (Democracy Team Leader).

Apologies:

Councillors:- Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Stephen Churchman, Linda Morgan, Dafydd Davies and Jina Gwyrfai.

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SUBJECT

Item 7: COUNCIL TAX: DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO ALLOW DISCOUNTS AND/OR RAISE A PREMIUM ON SECOND HOMES AND LONG-TERM EMPTY DWELLINGS

DECISION

The following was agreed for the 2026/27 financial year:

- That Cyngor Gwynedd allows NO discount on class A second homes, in accordance with 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 RAISES A PREMIUM OF 150% on homes that have been empty for 12 months or more, under Section 12A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (i.e. increase the premium from 100% to 150%).

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	39
Abstentions	3
Against	10

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

A declaration of interest was received from the following Councillors, they were prejudicial interests and they left the meeting - Councillors Dewi Jones, Huw Rowlands, Elwyn Jones and Beth Lawton

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SUBJECT

Item 8: COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2026/27

DECISION

Resolved:

1. That Cyngor Gwynedd's Local Scheme for the year commencing 1 April 2026 continues as it was during 2025/26. Therefore, the following conditions (a - c below) regarding the continuation of the discretionary elements would continue:
 - a. to apply a 100% disregard for war disablement pensions, war widows' pensions and war widowers' pensions, for both pensioners and working age claimants.
 - b. Not to increase the extended reduction periods for pensioners and working age claimants from the standard four weeks in the Prescribed Scheme.
 - c. Not to increase the backdated period for pensioners and working age claimants from the standard three months contained within the Prescribed Scheme.
2. Where appropriate, to delegate powers to the Head of Finance Department, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, to make minor amendments to the scheme for 2026/27, on condition that it will not change the substance of the scheme.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	48
Abstentions	4
Against	1

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Declarations of personal interest were received from the following Councillors, but they were not prejudicial interests and therefore they did not need to leave the meeting - Councillors Dewi Jones, Nia Jeffreys and Gruffydd Williams.

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Item 9: ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT AND SELF ASSESSMENT 2024/25

DECISION

Cyngor Gwynedd's Annual Performance Report and Self-assessment 2024/25 was approved and adopted.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	47
Abstentions	3
Against	1

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 10: LOCAL RESOLUTION PROCEDURE

DECISION

The amended Internal Resolution Procedure was adopted.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	49
Abstentions	0
Against	1

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 11 (a): NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR BECA BROWN

DECISION

In accordance with the Notice of Motion received in accordance with Section 4.19 of the Constitution, a motion was received from Councillor Beca Brown proposing as follows:-

We would like to welcome the publication of the Child Practice Review on 4 November, noting our deep thanks to chair, Jan Pickles, for her careful work, and so too to the panel and to the North Wales Safeguarding Board.

We would like to note the title of the report, which is Our Bravery Brought Justice. It is important that we always acknowledge the title when discussing this report, as it pays a well-deserved tribute to the bravery of children – children who were supposed to be safe in their schools, and children who ended years of horrific offending by one of the most powerful men in this county. We owe them a great deal. Our thoughts are with them, and we thank them from the bottom of our hearts for their remarkable determination and resilience.

We as a council are committed to learning all the lessons that come from the report, but beyond that, we are committed to looking at any relevant issues that have fallen outside the remit of the CPR, which looked at the case of this offender in the period from 2017 to September 2023.

We therefore call on the Cabinet to consider what further independent investigations are needed to address matters outside the boundaries of the CPR. We are fully alert to the fact that further work needs to be done and ask the Cabinet to work tirelessly to identify what is yet to be achieved.

We once again express our sincere apologies to the children who have suffered harm, and we pledge to leave no stone unturned to ensure, to the best of our ability, that 'never again' means 'never again'.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Result of Vote

In favour	44
Abstentions	1
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 11 (b): NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR NIA JEFFREYS

DECISION

In accordance with the Notice of Motion received in accordance with Section 4.19 of the Constitution, Councillor Nia Jeffreys will propose as follows:-

Propose that the Council:

1. Notes: that suicide figures in Wales registered in 2024 were 15.7 per 100,000 people which was an increase on the figure for 2023, which was 14.0 per 100,000. There are several factors associated with suicide, including: poverty, unemployment, mental and physical health problems, grief, abuse, loneliness, relationship problems, alcohol and substance misuse etc.

We also note that suicide is the leading cause of death of young people up to the age of 35 according to the Papyrus charity, because young people rarely die from other causes.

Middle-aged men between the ages of 30-44 in Wales are most likely to commit suicide. 76% of deaths by suicide were men. There is a correlation between poverty and suicide, with 15.8 in 100,000 suicides occurring in deprived areas, and 8.6 in 100,000 in the least deprived areas. 126.7 in 100,000 are unemployed.

Suicide is preventable, and support is available.

2. Believes: That the people of Wales have a right to live in communities that are free of the fear and stigma that are associated with suicide and self-harm. We believe that the people of Wales have a right to be empowered and supported to access and offer support wherever they are needed (Welsh Government, 2025).

We all have a role, as individuals and organisations, to support those affected by suicide. We believe that the Council has a role to work with other stakeholders, to take action to prevent suicide, reduce stigma, and offer support. We believe that the Council has a role to play in taking concrete steps to protect our young people, empowering them to look after themselves and others.

Principles - Welsh Government's Suicide Prevention Strategy (Understanding: suicide and self-harm prevention strategy

1. Self-harm and suicide are everyone's business, and everyone can make a difference with the right training and support.

2. It must be clear who leads on and is responsible for every action in the strategy.

- 3. *The focus is on prevention, identifying risks early on and offering appropriate support to keep people safe.*
- 4. *Services should be fair and accessible to all, removing barriers that affect different groups.*
- 5. *There is a need to focus on higher risk groups, providing proportionate and appropriate support.*
- 6. *Anyone should be able to get help immediately ('no wrong door') without having to repeat their story.*
- 7. *The voices of people with lived experiences must be listened to and individual-centres services must be co-planned.*
- 8. *The strategy should support the Welsh language, ensuring that people are cared for in their own language without having to ask.*
- 9. *The actions must be evidence-based and their consequences clear.*
- 10. *The work should be trauma-informed, providing compassionate and empathetic care.*
- 11. *It is important to address stigma, promoting understanding and compassion.*
- 12. *A rights-based approach should be adopted, protecting the rights of all individuals.*
- 13. *The strategy must cover all ages, ensuring that support is available to everyone from babies to older people.*
- 14. *The social and economic factors that influence health and well-being should be recognised.*
- 15. *The role of digital technology should be considered, where it can improve outcomes or sustainability.*
- 16. *Funding and resources must be made available, testing what steps are realistic within the existing resources.*

3. I call on my fellow Members to support the motion.

- (a) That this Council declares firm support for the principles of the Welsh Government's Suicide Prevention Strategy and supports the work of the Cabinet to establish a strategy for Cyngor Gwynedd.
- (b) That members should do all they can to ensure that the Council implements policies that support individuals, prevent suicide, empowering the Council's structures,
- (c) It supports opportunities in schools to discuss suicide as an aspect of mental health discussions, in the context of personal and social education, equipping our pupils to look after themselves and others in a sensitive way, by teachers who are given the appropriate support, supervision and training to provide such education.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	34
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
