

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD
DECISION NOTICE
OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972)

05 February 2026

Multi-location Meeting

Attendance:

Councillors: Ioan Thomas (Chair)
Elin Walker Jones (Vice-chair)

Craig ab Iago, Menna Baines, Beca Brown, Stephen Churchman, Robert Glyn Daniels, Dafydd Owen Davies, Elwyn Edwards, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Alan Jones Evans, Gwilym Evans, Dylan Fernley, Delyth Lloyd Griffiths, Annwen Hughes, Louise Hughes, R. Medwyn Hughes, Elin Hywel, Nia Wyn Jeffreys, Anne Lloyd Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Dawn Lynne Jones, Dewi 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, Gwynfor Owen, Llio Elenid Owen, Gareth Coj Parry, Geraint Parry, John Pughe, 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 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), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education), Ian Jones (Head of Corporate Services), Aled Gibbard (Interim Head of Children's Department), Nia Grisdale (Legal Service Manager), Sion Huws (Propriety and Elections Manager), Ffion Mai Jones (Senior Operational Officer), Alison Halliday (Assistant Head of Schools Support), Llion Williams (Quality Lead for Safeguarding and Well-being), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Service Manager) and Rhodri Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors:- Sasha Williams, John Brynmor Hughes, Jina Gwyrfai, Gwion Emyr, Wendy Cleaver and Anwen Davies.

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SUBJECT

Item 5: RE-APPOINT AN INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DECISION

RESOLVED to re-appoint Hywel Eifion Jones as an independent member of the Standards Committee to serve for a further term of four years from 05 February 2026.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	53
Against	0
Abstention	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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Item 8: OUR BRAVERY BROUGHT JUSTICE: CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S RESPONSE PLAN

The main points of the Meeting's discussion were confirmed as follows:

- To reiterate the request to the Welsh Government for a public inquiry, and share the Government's response to the request with the Members of the Full Council.
- To emphasise the importance of the efficiency of Whistleblowing, Safeguarding and Reasonable Force Policies.
- To ask for the wider distribution of Safeguarding Referral Forms rather than only to Headteachers and Chairs of Governing Bodies.
- To share information about expenditure on support, therapy and counselling for victims to give assurance that we are spending enough on this support.
- To emphasise the importance of the Reasonable Force Policy and that it is given due consideration in the response.
- To consider how to ensure that the safeguarding policy is followed when the information is confidential and not known to all members of a school's governing body.
- To give consideration to ensuring that concerns are taken seriously and that this is reinforced in culture.
- To ensure that record keeping arrangements, and any relevant training, are reviewed and that a dedicated officer be considered to verify the quality of records.
- The need for reassurance of what would be different if someone should raise concerns today.
- The need to publish a concise and easy-to-read version of the document.

RESOLVED:

To ask the Cabinet to consider the above observations, as well as those from an Extraordinary Meeting of the Care Scrutiny Committee (13 January 2026), an Extraordinary Meeting of the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee (19 January 2026) and the Governance and Audit Committee (15 January 2026), in adopting the new Response Plan.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	55
Against	1
Abstention	1

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No declarations of personal interest were received.
