

CYNGOR GWYNEDD
COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972

22/01/2026

Hybrid Meeting: Siambr Hywel Dda and via ZOOM

Attendance:

COUNCILLORS: Annwen Hughes (Chair) and Delyth Lloyd Griffiths (Vice-chair)

Beca Brown, Stephen Churchman, Wendy Cleaver, Elwyn Edwards, Jina Gwyrfai, Berwyn Parry Jones, Linda Morgan, Edgar Wyn Owen, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Beca Roberts, Elfed Powell Roberts, Peter Thomas, Elfed Williams, Robert Glyn Daniels and Gruffydd Williams.

Officers present:

Bethan Adams (Scrutiny Adviser) and Rhodri Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

Present for Items 5 and 6:

Councillor Craig ab Iago (Cabinet Member for Environment), Dylan Owen (Corporate Director) and Bethan Richardson (Climate Change Programme Manager, Corporate Leadership Team)

Present for Item 7:

Councillor Craig ab Iago (Cabinet Member for Environment), Dafydd Williams (Head of Environment Department), Gerwyn Jones (Assistant Head of Environment Department, Transport) and Iwan ap Trefor (Traffic and Projects Service Manager).

Present for Item 8:

Councillor Menna Trenholme (Deputy Council Leader), Sandra Lynne Thomas (Programme Manager for Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillor Dafydd Owen Davies.

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SUBJECT

Item 5: REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC - CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY PLAN FUNDING MATTERS

DECISION

It was resolved to:

- Note the response of the officers, acknowledge that governance arrangements were in place and to continue to scrutinise the Plan on an annual basis.
- Recommend to the Cabinet Member for Environment that consideration should be given to ways of increasing the response to public consultations and obtaining input from the public and others.
- Request that information on expenditure be highlighted and detailed in the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan Annual Report to ensure transparency.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Abstentions	3
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 6: REVIEW OF THE CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY PLAN

DECISION

It was resolved:

- To accept the report, noting the observations made during the discussion.
- That the Committee welcomed the intention to revisit the Council's ambition to be Net Zero Carbon by 2030.
- To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Environment that:
 - the successes and work carried out to deliver the Plan should be communicated to the public.
 - the use of open questions in public consultations needed to be increased in order to receive responses that would enrich the information available to inform future direction.
 - consideration should be given to modifying the following wording: "... we will continue to reduce our emissions over the next few decades until we reach the net zero target ' (Page 6, Climate and Nature Emergency Plan, Version 2), in order to be more ambitious in meeting the target.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 7: ACTIVE TRAVEL

DECISION

It was resolved:

- To accept the report, noting the observations made during the discussion.
- That the Committee welcomed the work of trying to meet the maintenance costs of active travel routes.
- To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Environment that:
 - there was a need to look at expenditure for the maintenance of active travel routes and costs of grass cutting/growth on verges to consider whether there were any potential savings.
 - questions about the maintenance of active travel routes and a question about local issues should be included in the public consultation.
 - risk assessment arrangements should be examined.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 8: GWYNEDD AND ANGLESEY PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD PROGRESS REPORT

DECISION

Resolved:

- To accept the report, noting the observations made during the discussion.
- That the Committee welcomed the Board's work in relation to poverty, children's rights and being trauma informed.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 9: COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME

DECISION

A revised work programme for 2025/26 was adopted.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
Abstentions	0
Against	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
