

**CARE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE
CYNGOR GWYNEDD**

Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972

13 January 2025

Multi-location Meeting: Siambra Hywel Dda and via ZOOM

Present:

Councillors:

Elwyn Jones (Chair), Beth Lawton, Eryl Jones-Williams, Sian Williams, Rheinallt Puw, Angela Russell, Meryl Roberts, Einir Wyn Williams, Elin Walker Jones, Menna Baines, Berwyn Parry Jones, Linda Morgan, Geraint Wyn Parry, Gwynfor Owen, Anwen Jane Davies,

Officers present:

Llywela Haf Owain (Senior Language and Scrutiny Consultant), Courtney Leigh Jones (Democracy and Civic Services Officer).

Present for item 4:

Councillor Nia Jeffreys (Leader of the Council), Councillor Menna Trenholme (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Children and Supporting Families) Councillor Dewi Jones (Cabinet Member for Education), Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive) Dylan Owen (Corporate Director), Ffion Mai Jones (Senior Executive Manager) Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education Department), Alison Halliday (Assistant Head of School Support) Aled Gibbard (Interim Head of Children Department), Catrin Love (Assistant Head of Corporate Services), Ian Jones (Head of Corporate Services Department)

Apologies:

Councillor Jina Gwyrfai.

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SUBJECT

Item 4: Response Plan to the Our Bravery Brought Justice Report

DECISION

- 1) Note the work programme
- 2) Request a progress report in 6 months on the work programme including information on the whistle blowing policy and its implementation
- 3) Request a report on securing Gwynedd a Child Friendly County status and becoming a Trauma Informed Council
- 4) Ask the Cabinet to consider the following:
 - add a female contact name to the poster sharing information about how to raise concerns and ensure the contact details are available on schools websites and the Council's website
 - address the importance of the family voice as well as the child's voice in work stream 1
 - amend the text under the heading '2.3 – Estyn's audit of the Council's Education Department' on page 18 of the Response Plan to include a sentence reflecting the context that despite the praise by Estyn a school headteacher was arrested a few months later
 - ensure that grooming training is available to all who need it
 - provide external specialist safeguarding training for members and governors
 - add "wellbeing of children and young people" to the description of work stream 7 - Supporting and Stabilising Ysgol Friars
 - correspondence with Welsh Government to express concern about the challenges and risks surrounding the role of school governors

RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	15
Against	0
Abstained	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

A declaration of interest was received from Councillor Elin Walker Jones. It wasn't a prejudicial interest they did not leave the meeting.
