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THE COUNCIL

Date and Time

1.30 pm, THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 2026

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Hybrid - Siambr Dafydd Orwig, Swyddfeydd y Cyngor, Caernarfon LL55 1SH

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WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Councillor,

MEETING OF CYNGOR GWYNEDD – THURSDAY, 5 MARCH 2026

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a multi-location meeting of **CYNGOR GWYNEDD** which will be held at **1.30 pm** on **THURSDAY, 5TH MARCH, 2026** in **SIAMBR DAFYDD ORWIG, SWYDDFEYDD Y CYNGOR, CAERNARFON LL55 1SH / VIRTUALLY ON ZOOM**, to consider the matters mentioned in the following agenda.

Yours faithfully,



Head of Democracy Services

The following rooms will be available for the political groups during the morning: -

Plaid Cymru - Siambr Dafydd Orwig
Independent – Siambr Hywel Dda
Lib / Lab – Ystafell Ogwen

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

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The Chair shall propose that the minutes of the previous meetings of the Council held on 4 December 2025 and 5 February 2026 be signed as a true record.

3. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

To receive any declarations of personal interest.

4. THE CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any Chair's announcements.

5. URGENT ITEMS

To note any items which are urgent business in the opinion of the Chair so they may be considered.

6. QUESTIONS

To consider any questions the appropriate notice for which have been given under Section 4.18 of the Constitution.

7. BUDGET 2026/27

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To submit the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance.

8. CAPITAL STRATEGY 2026/27 (INCLUDING INVESTMENT AND BORROWING STRATEGIES)

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To submit the report of the Cabinet Member for Finance.

9. ANNUAL REPORT - PAY POLICY FOR THE WORKFORCE

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To submit the report of the Chair of the Chief Officer Appointments Committee.

10. WALES PENSION PARTNERSHIP (WPP) - UPDATING THE INTER-AUTHORITY AGREEMENT (IAA)

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To submit the report of the Chair Of The Pensions Committee.

11. AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT AND THE COUNCILS WHISTLE BLOWING POLICY 219 - 247

To submit the report of the Monitoring Officer.

12. COMMITTEES CALENDAR 2026/27 248 - 251

To submit the report of the Head of Democracy Services.

13. NOTICES OF MOTION

(A) NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR GRUFFYDD WILLIAMS

In accordance with the Notice of Motion received under Section 4.19 of the Constitution, Councillor Gruffydd Williams will propose as follows:-

In January 2026, the Westminster Government made a U-turn regarding their plans to make digital ID cards mandatory for proving the right to work, following a significant response from members of the public with a petition with over three thousand names being submitted to the Government stating their opposition to DI. While the mandatory requirement for employment has been dropped, the government plans to move verification processes online by 2029, leading to concerns that a digital identification system will still be introduced gradually through the back door, as it were.

That this Council is totally opposed to the Digital Identification system and that Cyngor Gwynedd calls on the Welsh Government to oppose DI in line with the Government in Scotland and also in line with several local authorities across the UK. Convenience should never come at the expense of personal liberty.

(B) NOTICE OF MOTION BY COUNCILLOR ELIN HYWEL

In accordance with the Notice of Motion received under Section 4.19 of the Constitution, Councillor Elin Hywel will propose as follows:-

This Council recognises that trust is the foundation of democracy. We know that recent events locally, nationally and internationally have undermined that relationship with the people of Gwynedd. Democracy cannot function well without public trust in those who represent them; that trust enables people to participate in local democracy and, in turn, ensures their voice in shaping their future.

This Council notes evidence from the Office for National Statistics indicating that trust in politics and politicians is at a very low level, with only one in five trusting political parties, and that there is a direct link between low trust and low participation.

In light of that, this Council notes the low participation in the 2022 Gwynedd Council election, in line with wider trends throughout Wales, with around 38-39% voting, and that 28 of the 69 seats were elected without opposition, meaning that a large number of Gwynedd's electors did not have a democratic choice.

The Council recognises that these figures highlight a serious challenge to the health of local democracy and to the relationship between electors and their representatives.

It is recognised that our behaviour as public leaders sets the standard for democratic discussion. That trust cannot be built, or participation increased, unless we model those values ourselves.

This Council welcomes the actions of the Senedd through the Elections and Elected Bodies (Wales) Act to strengthen the integrity of public life and place honesty and truth at the heart of our democratic culture.

In accordance with this, this Council clearly states that we, personally and collectively, have the duty to maintain and restore public trust.

We are committed to the truth, to transparency, to fairness, and to respect - the cornerstones of our right to represent the people of Gwynedd.

14. RESPONSES / UPDATES TO PREVIOUS NOTICES OF MOTION 252 - 253

Letter from the Welsh Government in response to Cllr. Jina Gwyrfaï Notice of Motion to the 3 July 2025 Council meeting regarding Inheritance Tax.