

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD
COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE**

(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972)

5 March 2026

Multi-location Meeting

Attendance:

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

Craig ab Iago, Menna Baines, Beca Brown, Stephen Churchman, Wendy Cleaver, Robert Glyn Daniels, Dafydd Owen Davies, Elwyn Edwards, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Gwion Emyr, Alan Jones Evans, Gwilym Evans, Dylan Fernley, Delyth Lloyd Griffiths, Jina Gwyrfai, John Brynmor 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, Linda Morgan, Dewi Owen, Edgar Wyn Owen, Gwynfor Owen, Llio Elenid Owen, Gareth Coj Parry, Geraint Parry, Nigel Pickavance, John Pughe, Rheinallt Puw, Beca 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), Ian Jones (Head of Corporate Services), Nia Grisdale (Legal Service Manager), Ffion Madog Evans (Assistant Head - Accountancy and Pensions), Delyth Jones-Thomas (Investments Manager), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Service Manager) and Annes Sion (Democracy Team Leader).

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors: Anwen Davies, Annwen Hughes, Louise Hughes, Arwyn Herald Roberts and Elfed Roberts

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Item 7: BUDGET 2026/27

DECISION

1. To set a budget of £379,701,110 for 2026/27, to be funded by £264,009,390 of Government Grant and £115,691,720 of Council Tax income (which is a base increase of 4.75% plus a further 0.42% to meet the levy from the Fire Authority, which gives a total of 5.17%).

2. A capital programme of £40,179,430 in 2026/27 should be established, to be funded from the sources set out in Appendix 4 of the report.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	52
Against	5
Abstentions	7

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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SUBJECT

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

DECISION

To accept the report and to approve the Capital Strategy for 2026/27.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	55
Against	3
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 9: ANNUAL REPORT - PAY POLICY FOR THE WORKFORCE

DECISION

To adopt the draft Pay Policy Statement for 2026/27.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	55
Against	5
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

The Chief Executive, on behalf of the chief officers who were present, as the report related to their salaries.

He was of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest and, along with Head of Finance and the Head of Democracy Services, the Monitoring Officer withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on the item, as they did not need to be in attendance to advise.

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

DECISION

The amendments to the Inter-Authority Agreement (IAA) for the Wales Pension Partnership were accepted.

The Head of Legal, in consultation with the Head of Finance, was authorised to take the necessary steps to complete the agreement.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	56
Against	2
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 11: AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT AND THE COUNCILS WHISTLE BLOWING POLICY

DECISION

1. To adopt the amendments to the Principles of Conduct and Code of Conduct for Members in accordance with the statutory requirement. The Council is also asked to authorise the Monitoring Officer to amend the Local Resolution Procedure to accompany the Code of Conduct where reference is made to these provisions.

 2. The content of the revised Whistleblowing Policy was noted in the Constitution.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	59
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item : COMMITTEES CALENDAR 2026/27

DECISION

To adopt the Committees Calendar for 2026/27.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	58
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 13(A): NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CLLR GRUFFYDD WILLIAMS

RESOLVED:

In accordance with the Notice of Motion received in accordance with Section 4.19 of the Constitution, Councillor Gruffydd Williams proposed 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 3 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.

OUTCOME OF THE VOTE

In favour	53
Against	5
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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Item 13(B): NOTICE OF MOTION FROM CLLR ELIN HYWEL

RESOLVED:

In accordance with the Notice of Motion received in accordance with Section 4.19 of the Constitution, Councillor Elin Hywel proposed 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 Cyngor Gwynedd 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.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	38
Against	7
Abstentions	10

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest were received.
