

CYNGOR GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	10 March 2026
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SUBJECT

Item 6: OUR BRAVERY BROUGHT JUSTICE: CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S RESPONSE PLAN

DECISION

To approve and adopt the revamped Response Plan (Appendix 1).

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Response Plan to offences was adopted by Cyngor Gwynedd's Cabinet in January 2025, and has been a live plan that has evolved over time since then. The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, the Cabinet Member for Education and the Cabinet Member for Children, was given delegated rights to make minor editorial adjustments as required. Nevertheless, it was recognised that the Plan would need to be fully revised following the publication of the Child Practice Review report.

On 4 November 2025, 'Our Bravery Brought Justice' was published and the Response Plan has subsequently been rewritten. This is the biggest change to the Plan since its adoption.

The revamped Response Plan was submitted to the Response Board on 8 December, and observations and input were received prior to its submission to the Care Scrutiny Committee on 13 January 2026, the Governance and Audit Committee on 15 January and the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee on 19 January. In addition, a Ministerial Assurance Group has been established by the Minister for Education, the Minister for Social Services and the Minister for Housing and Local Government and the Leader and relevant Cabinet Members attend and report on the progress of the Response Plan every other month - it last met on 22 January.

The committees were asked to scrutinise the following stating that the recommendations of those committees would be conveyed to the extraordinary meeting of the Council on 5 February.

- That the Plan responds appropriately and fully to the 'Our Bravery Brought Justice' Report.
 - Consider the main priorities for immediate action.
 - Advise on dealing with dependencies (e.g. waiting for regional or national recommendations) and mitigating potential risks.
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The Full Council was asked for further comments for the Cabinet to consider when adopting the Response Plan.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which were included in the report.

The report was submitted to the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee and the Care Scrutiny Committee, and their recommendations are included in the report.

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Item 7: QUARTERLY REPORT - CHAIR OF THE RESPONSE PLAN PROGRAMME BOARD (MARCH 2026)

DECISION

To accept the report which is the third quarterly report from the Chair of the Response Plan Programme Board.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Cyngor Gwynedd's Cabinet adopted the Response Plan in January 2025 to collate all the support, reviews, investigations and other work streams relating to the response to the crimes of Headteacher Neil Foden.

There was a promise to report quarterly to Cabinet Members on the progress of the Response Board's work programme and operation.

The report is shared by the Chair of the Response Plan Programme Board, with the aim of raising awareness of the developments the Board has achieved and those that still need to be delivered by the Response Plan Programme Board.

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Item 8: CYNGOR GWYNEDD PLAN 2023-28 - 2026/27 REVIEW

DECISION

To accept the report as a record of the technical changes to date in the review of the Council's Plan requesting further editorial work before submitting the review in its final form to the Full Council.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure that there is agreement on the content of the Plan, including any updates that have been made to it, before it is presented to a meeting of the Full Council for adoption at its meeting on 14 May 2026.

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Item 9: ONE-OFF BIDS 2026/27

DECISION

To approve the one-off bids of £2,870,280 for 2026/27, to be financed from the Transformation Fund.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The bids for one-off resources are presented in a separate report to the Budget report as the allocation of one-off resources does not have an impact on setting our annual revenue budget and is not a consideration when setting the Council Tax rate. This report is submitted prior to the start of the 2026/27 financial year so that it can be implemented from 1 April 2026.

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Item 10: DELEGATION OF EXPENDITURE RESPONSIBILITIES ARRANGEMENTS

DECISION

That the Cabinet approves a change in the right to delegate expenditure of the climate plan fund from the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader and members of the Climate and Nature Board, to the Cabinet Member leading the climate and nature portfolio, in consultation with the members of the Climate and Nature Board and the Social Services Director (Lead Director of the Climate and Nature Board).

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Local Government Act 1972, the Local Government Act 2000, the Local Authorities Regulations 2007, and the constitution of Cyngor Gwynedd outline where responsibilities lie in setting a budget, and then who gets to make decisions on how to spend that budget.

At the Council meeting on 3 March 2022, it was agreed to create a £3m 'climate plan fund' through the one-off revenue bidding process, for the purpose of implementing the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan.

Then, at a meeting of Cyngor Gwynedd's Cabinet on 12 March 2024 it was agreed that the Cabinet would delegate the right to prioritise expenditure from the remainder of the climate plan fund to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader and Members of the Climate and Nature Board.

Since summer 2025 there have been changes in the membership of the Climate and Nature Board, of which neither the Chief Executive nor the Leader of the Council are current members, so the delegated right needs to be amended to reflect the current membership of the Climate and Nature Board.

At a meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee on 22 January 2026 a request to scrutinise the funding and expenditure arrangements of the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan by a member of the public was discussed. The request enquired about the rationale and opportunities to improve the delegation of financial decisions so that they had a political and broader input.

The proposed new delegation of expenditure responsibilities arrangements would also further strengthen public accountability and transparency, as the decisions would be published via an Individual Cabinet Member Decision Notice on the Council's website. Following the publication, there is a further opportunity to challenge the decision in accordance with section 7.25.1 of the Constitution of Cyngor Gwynedd.

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Item 11: UK LOCAL GROWTH FUND IN WALES: GOVERNANCE AND OPERATING ARRANGEMENTS 2026/27

DECISION

That Cyngor Gwynedd continues to act as the lead local authority for the Shared Prosperity Fund in north Wales until the end of the programme (30 September 2026) and completes its administration (01 January 2027).

That the Gwynedd Shared Prosperity Fund Panel continues until the revised end date of the Fund; with the Economy and Community Cabinet Member, the Finance Cabinet Member, and the Corporate Services and Legal Cabinet Member together with the Chief Executive, Head of Economy and Community, Head of Finance and the Head of Legal Services (or their representatives) as members.

That Cyngor Gwynedd agrees to act as the lead local authority for north Wales on behalf of the UK Local Growth Fund in Wales for the first year of the programme (2026/27).

That Cyngor Gwynedd agrees to continue the regional governance arrangements of the Shared Prosperity Fund for the purposes of the Local Growth Fund for the first year (2026/27), by submitting a plan outlining the intention to the Welsh Government.

The Head of Economy and Community – in consultation with the Head of Finance, Head of Legal Services and Chief Executive subject to 1.6 below was authorised to agree and complete the agreements with the government(s) for the purposes of carrying out the lead authority function.

The Head of Economy and Community Department was authorised - in consultation with the Head of Finance Department and the Head of Legal Services and the Chief Executive – to establish inter-authority legal agreements and funding conditions with the other north Wales authorities to protect Cyngor Gwynedd's interests.

That Cyngor Gwynedd agrees to continue the local governance arrangements for the purposes of the Local Growth Fund in Gwynedd as outlined in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The UK Government has extended the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) period by six months. Cyngor Gwynedd is required to continue acting as the lead local authority for the programme for the duration of the extension.

Appropriate internal arrangements within the Council will need to continue to monitor the SPF during the additional period, although there is a desire to amend the membership. The successor to the SPF, the Local Growth Fund, will become operational from 1 April 2026. There is a request to continue with the SPF administrative arrangements for the first year of the Local Growth Fund (2026/27), and therefore Cyngor Gwynedd is asked to act as the lead local authority for the Local Growth Fund in north Wales.

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Item 12: ADOPTION OF A NEW ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY FOR GWYNEDD

DECISION

To approve the content of 'An Economy that Works for All: Gwynedd 2035' as set out in Appendix 1.

It was agreed to recommend the adoption of a 'Working Economy for All': Gwynedd 2035' to the full council of Cyngor Gwynedd.

The Head of Economy and Community was authorised to complete any minor adjustments necessary and agree the design of the Strategy in consultation with the Cabinet Member.

It was agreed to establish a 'Gwynedd Economy Forum' on the basis outlined in sections 4.19 to 4.24 of the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Section 4 of Cyngor Gwynedd's Constitution states that an economic development strategy is part of the Policy Framework and is required to be approved by the Full Council on a Cabinet recommendation.

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The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which were included in the report.

The report was submitted to the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee, and its

recommendations were included in the report.
