

CYNGOR GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	19 May 2026
Date on which the decision shall come into force and be implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Cyngor Gwynedd Constitution.	3 June 2026

SUBJECT

Item 6: YSGOL NEBO - CONSULTATION REPORT

DECISION

The content of the report on the outcome of the statutory consultation (Consultation Report) on the proposal to close Ysgol Nebo on 31 December 2026 and provide a place for learners at Ysgol Llanllyfni from 1 January 2027 was considered, and the publication of a statutory notice on the proposal was approved, in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The attached consultation report (Appendix A) sets out the results of the statutory consultation carried out on the proposal to close Ysgol Nebo on 31 December 2026 and provide a place for learners at Ysgol Llanllyfni from 1 January 2027. Cabinet will be asked to consider the content of the consultation report and approve the publication of a statutory notice on the proposal and hold a 28-day formal objection period, in line with the requirements of the School Organisation Code.

The need for a decision derived from the school's fragile situation, with low learner numbers for some time, a high percentage of vacancies, high costs per learner, and reliance on additional protection funding. Projections show that the numbers will remain low over the next few years.

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 and the Local Member were consulted to seek their views, which

had been included in the report.

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Item 7: YSGOL BALADEULYN - CONSULTATION REPORT

DECISION

The content of the report on the outcome of the statutory consultation (Consultation Report) on the proposal to close Ysgol Baladeulyn on 31 December 2026 and provide a place for learners at Ysgol Talysarn from 1 January 2027 was considered, and the publication of a statutory notice on the proposal was approved, in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The attached consultation report (Appendix A) sets out the results of the statutory consultation carried out on the proposal to close Ysgol Baladeulyn on 31 December 2026 and provide a place for learners at Ysgol Talysarn from 1 January 2027. Cabinet will be asked to consider the content of the consultation report and approve the publication of a statutory notice on the proposal and hold a 28-day formal objection period, in line with the requirements of the School Organisation Code.

The need for a decision derives from the school's fragile situation, with low learner numbers for some time, a high percentage of vacancies, high costs per learner, and reliance on additional protection funding. Projections show that the numbers will remain low over the next few years.

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Item 8: COMMISSIONING INVESTIGATIONS

DECISION

Resolved:

a) To commission the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Council Leader, and where relevant, the Monitoring Officer, to proceed with the further investigations and reviews noted in part 4 of this report following the publication of the Our Bravery Brought Justice report, including:

- (a) Agreement on the terms of reference and operational steps
- (b) Identify and appoint an external independent investigator where required
- (c) Arrange for the receipt of final reports and take steps to submit them to the relevant committees and forums

b) To authorise the Chief Executive to continue to communicate with other relevant bodies and partners about what action and investigations they are undertaking and the lessons learnt that may benefit the Council

c) To authorise the Chief Executive to divert staff resources to support independent investigators to complete the work

ch) To authorise the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Head of Finance and Cabinet Member for Finance, to prioritise and approve allocations from the fund established through the 2026-27 One-off Bids system to fund the investigations.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following the publication of the Our Bravery Brought Justice report, the Council Cabinet adopted its second formal Response Plan which referenced several objectives when proceeding to ensure that our response to all recommendations deriving from the Child Practice Review is comprehensive and thorough and that we strengthen our safeguarding systems as much as possible. At the Full Council meeting in December, it was resolved to support a request to Cabinet to consider what further investigations are needed to address

what extends beyond the boundaries of the Review.

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APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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Item 9: ALLOCATION OF INCOME FROM THE SECOND HOMES AND EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM FOR 2026/27

DECISION

Resolved:

To allocate the additional income from the premium on empty properties and second homes to the priority areas set out in Part 4 below.

To commission further work to formulate proposals for the use of the additional premium funding of £914k relevant to 2025/26 and the remaining £4k unallocated in this report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Councils are required to determine the use of the premium in accordance with the Council Tax Statutory Guidance on empty houses and second homes.

The Council has collected income from the premium that was above estimates during 2024/25 which needs to be earmarked to priority areas.

The Council will collect additional income from the increase in the Empty Property Premium from 100% to 150% for 2026/27, which needs to be earmarked for priority areas.

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Item 10: FINAL ACCOUNTS 2025/26 - REVENUE OUTTURN

DECISION

To accept the report and consider the final financial position of the Council's departments for 2025/26:

	<i>Column A</i>	<i>Column B</i>	<i>Column C</i>	<i>Column CH</i>	<i>Column D</i>
	Gross Over / (Under) Spend 2025/26	Recommended Adjustments			Adjusted Over/(Under) Spend 2025/26
	£ '000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Adults, Health and Well-being	1,381	(1,281)			100
Children and Families	3,396	(3,296)			100
Business & Care Commissioning	(99)				(99)
Education	(24)				(24)
Economy and Community	269		(269)		0
Highways, Engineering & YGC	407	(307)			100
Environment	1,378	(22)		(1,256)	100
Housing and Property	(20)				(20)
Corporate and Legal Management Team	(39)				(39)
Corporate Services	(20)				(20)
Finance	(38)				(38)

Noting that there is substantial expenditure above the budget by the Adults, Health and Well-being Department, the Children and Families Department and the Environment Department in 2025/26 (see Column A in the table above). The following financial virements (explained in Appendix 2) were approved –

- The departments that are over-spending to receive one-off financial assistance and to limit the overspend that will be carried forward by the Department to £100k (see column B in the table above).
- It was confirmed to provide financial support of £269k above the contracted

payment to Byw'n Iach (see column C in the table above).

- To fund the overspend of £1.256 million in the Waste field by using £786k from the Parc Adfer Contributory Earnings Recovery Fund and £470k from the Producer Extended Responsibility Fund for packaging materials (see column CH in the table above).
- To allocate a financial bid of up to £800k to the Housing and Property Department to fund the pressure on the emergency accommodation service in 2026/27.
- On Corporate budgets:
 - use from the corporate underspend (£2.8 million) to assist the departments that have overspent in 2025/26.
 - the remainder (of £3.174 million) required to fund all requirements to be funded from the Council's Financial Strategy Support Fund.
 - the underspend (of £914k) on Council Tax Premium is transferred to the Council Tax Premium fund for use to be determined by Cabinet.

The amounts to be carried forward were approved (the "Adjusted Over/(Under) Expenditure" column in column D above and column D of Appendix 1).

To approve the financial virements from the Council's Financial Strategy Support Fund as outlined in Appendix 3 following a review of the funds.

- £6.6 million being moved to the Council's general balances
- £1.5 million being moved to the Building Safeguarding Fund.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is the Cabinet's responsibility to act, as necessary, to secure appropriate control over the Council's budgets (e.g. approval of significant virements or supplementary budgets).

The Cabinet is requested to approve the final financial position for 2025/26, which is the basis of the statutory financial statements.

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Item 11: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2025/26 - END OF YEAR REVIEW (31 MARCH 2026 POSITION)

DECISION

To accept the report on the year-end review (31 March 2026 position) of the capital programme.

The following modifications to the Capital Budget approved on 6 March 2025 and adjusted on 11 November 2025 and 20 January 2026 were approved in terms of the funding methods of the programme (as set out in part 3.2.3 of the report), namely:

- a £35,000 increase in borrowing use
 - an increase of £14,058,000 in the use of grants and contributions
 - a £485,000 increase in use of capital receipts
 - an increase in the use of revenue contributions of £1,313,000
 - a £2,493,000 reduction in capital fund utilisation
 - a reduction of £667,000 in the use of renewal and other funds.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is the Cabinet's responsibility to take action, as necessary, to secure appropriate control over the Council's budgets. It is necessary to ensure proper financing arrangements for the Council's plans to spend on capital. The Cabinet has been authorised to revise the capital programme. Approval is sought for the proposed programme (part 3.2.2) and its financing (part 3.2.3).

Steps were recommended here to ensure definite sources of funding for the 2025/26 – 2027/28 capital schemes.

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