

CYNGOR GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	7 July 2026
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SUBJECT

Item 6: SUPPORTING PEOPLE PROGRAMME ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

DECISION

To accept the report presented which reported on the work of the Supporting People Programme for 2025/26.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Presenting the report enabled Cabinet to scrutinise progress made against the objectives of the Supporting People Programme, to understand the impact of the work carried out across the Council and in partnership with others.

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.

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Item 7: UPDATE TO CYNGOR GWYNEDD CLIMATE AND NATURE EMERGENCY PLAN 2022/23 - 2029/30

DECISION

That Cabinet approved the amendments to the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan and adopted Cyngor Gwynedd's Climate and Nature Emergency Plan 2022/23 – 2029/30 (V.2).

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council adopted the Cynllun-Argyfwng-Hinsawdd-a-Natur.pdf following a meeting of Cabinet on 8 March 2022. “Responding to the climate change crisis” is also one of 8 Council Improvement Priorities within the Cyngor Gwynedd Plan 2023-28.

During 2025/26 the Council reviewed our Climate and Nature Emergency Plan (CNEP/the Plan) to ensure it remained current and fit for purpose.

Modifications have been made to the Plan following public consultation; receiving observations from the Climate and Nature Board, and observations from the Communities Scrutiny Committee.

The revised plan (Appendix 1) would be presented to Cabinet once again to weigh up, and to accept or not accept the amendments made.

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report.

The report was presented to the Communities Scrutiny Committee, and their recommendations were included in the report.

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Item 8: WASTE AND RECYCLING STRATEGY AND USE OF EPR FUNDING

DECISION

Resolved:

To adopt Cyngor Gwynedd's Waste and Recycling Strategy 2025–2030 as the strategic document setting out the Council's direction, vision and priorities for waste and recycling over the next five years.

To approve the principle of using Extended Producer Responsibility Funding (EPR) as the main source of funding to support and enable the implementation of the Strategy's priorities, including plans to increase recycling, improve services, maintain existing infrastructure and invest in future infrastructure.

To approve the strategic direction for the use of EPR funding to:

- manage the service's direct financial risks by creating "just in case" financial provision, such as dealing with overspending on service delivery where there is no alternative approach, reducing the risk of penalties for failing to meet recycling targets and preparing for Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) costs.
- provide a sound financial basis for the implementation of the projects set out in the Strategy, including the steps to reach the 70% recycling target and the short-term investments needed for upgrades.
- establish a Co-Funding Fund to support significant development at future sites in Caernarfon and Harlech.

Note that further decisions would be required on some individual operational elements of the Strategy and the use of the EPR funding, but that adopting the Strategy and approving the EPR use direction provided a policy framework and the financial foundation to move forward with the work programme.

Note that the Council would need to consider all possible sources of funding when setting the revenue budget for 2027/28 and subsequent years and that the possibility of having to revisit the above decisions could not be ruled out if an element of the EPR funding needed to be diverted in order to be able to set an equal budget.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Why is this Strategy needed?

The Strategy set out the Council's vision to move towards a circular economy, continue to improve in the field of waste and recycling, responding directly to a combination of statutory requirements, significant financial risks, increasing operational pressures and the corporate commitment to reducing carbon emissions. Specifically:

- Statutory requirements: 70% recycling target, workplace recycling regulations.
- Financial risks: potential fines of up to £600k per year for failing to meet the target, and the costs of the Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) up to £1.5m.
- Operational pressure: increase in tourism, change in user behaviour, unsuitable infrastructure for new requirements, and increasing complexity when collecting new materials.
- Corporate commitment: significantly contribute to the Council's aim of reducing carbon emissions.

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A public consultation was held on a new Waste Strategy, the outcomes of which were reported in the Report.

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Item 9: QUARTERLY REPORT - CHAIR OF THE RESPONSE PLAN PROGRAMME BOARD (JULY 2026)

DECISION

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

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

A Response Plan was adopted by Cyngor Gwynedd's Cabinet in January 2025 to co-ordinate all the support, reviews, audits and other workstreams relating to the response to the crimes committed by the former school Headteacher, Neil Foden.

Following the publication of the Child Practice Review (Our Bravery Brought Justice) report in autumn 2025, a revised version of the Response Plan was adopted in March 2026, in line with the recommendations identified.

There has been a commitment to continue to report on a quarterly basis to Cabinet Members on the progress of the Response Board's work programme and implementation.

The report was 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.

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Item 10: STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING PANEL ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

DECISION

To accept the Safeguarding Strategic Panel's Annual Report for the year 2025/26.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was essential that Cabinet members were aware of the Panel's work on safeguarding and were satisfied that the Panel had undertaken the required work in a thorough and conscientious manner.

The Statutory Director was required to report consistently and regularly to Elected Members on safeguarding matters.

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No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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

The report was presented to the Care Scrutiny Committee, and their recommendations were included in the report.

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Item 11: SAFEGUARDING POLICY REVIEW (2026)

DECISION

That the Cabinet adopt the Revised Safeguarding Policy 2026 and approve the awareness actions set out in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Safeguarding Policy sets out how the Council intends to fulfil its statutory responsibilities for safeguarding children and adults who are at risk in accordance with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

The Safeguarding Strategic Panel agreed that the Safeguarding Policy should be reviewed every two years to ensure that it continued to reflect legislative requirements, national guidance and good practice.

This report presented the outcome of the 2026 review of the Policy. Cabinet approval was sought to adopt the revised Policy.

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Item 12: ALLOCATION OF INCOME SURPLUS FROM THE SECOND HOMES AND EMPTY HOMES PREMIUM FOR 2025-26

DECISION

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

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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

The Council had collected income from the premium during 2025/26 that exceeded the estimates that needed to be earmarked for priority areas.

In line with normal arrangements, an outturn review was carried out at the end of the financial year to calculate the Council's actual income and expenditure against the budget; this included a review of the income received from the premium.

The results of the work were reported to Cabinet at its meeting on 19 May 2026 and one of the decisions made was that an underspend of (£914k) on the Council Tax Premium in the 2025/26 financial year was to be transferred to the Council Tax Premium fund for use to be determined by Cabinet.

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Item 13: LOCAL GROWTH FUND: GWYNEDD 2026/27 PROJECTS

DECISION

To agree to commit the £6,317,640 from the funding provided for Cyngor Gwynedd to allocate to projects in 2026/27, to the 10 schemes listed in the report.

To authorise the Head of Economy and Community, in consultation with the Head of Legal Service, the Head of Finance and the Chief Executive, to confirm the details of the projects and financial contribution, decide on the provision of a letter of offer and any other documentation for agreeing the funding of the projects.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The arrival of the Local Growth Fund (LGF) was reported to Cabinet on 10 March.

The first year of the Fund (2026/27) had now commenced and an offer of Welsh Government funding to North Wales accepted.

The LGF's priorities were different from the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) which had been in place since 2022; but 2026/27 was seen as a transitional year to the LGF's new arrangements.

In line with the Welsh Government's wishes, the governance and administration arrangements established for the SPF would continue to apply in 2026/27.

Responsibility for the LGF would transfer to the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee from 2027/28.

£6,317,640 of the north Wales budget for 2026/27 was available for Cyngor Gwynedd to commit to projects. 73% of the funding was capital and planning was required on the basis that the money was spent before 31 March 2027.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS

APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Declarations of personal interest were received from Councillors June Jones and Dewi Jones. Both Members left the meeting during the discussion.

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Item 14: THE NATIONAL FOSTERING SERVICE AND FOSTER WALES NATIONAL JOINT COMMITTEE - REDUCING THE QUORUM FOR THE MEETING

DECISION

To agree to reduce the quorum of the meetings of the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales National Joint Committee from 60% to 40%, provided that at least three regions are represented.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Each local authority must make a formal decision in Cabinet, on the executive functions of the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales National Joint Committee.

Every other local authority in Wales had agreed to the change and most had now signed the Deed of Variation. A request was made to make the decision by July 2026 to enable amended arrangements to be considered and implemented through the Meeting of the National Adoption Service and Foster Wales National Joint Committee in October 2026.

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