

CYNGOR GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	15 September 2026
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SUBJECT

Item 6: COMPACT: CYNGOR GWYNEDD AND THIRD SECTOR COLLABORATION AGREEMENT

DECISION

To approve and adopt the Compact: Cyngor Gwynedd and Third Sector Collaboration Agreement as a strategic framework for the relationship between the Council and Third Sector organisations in Gwynedd.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The current Compact has been in place since 2008 and was last reviewed in 2013. Since then, the operating context has changed significantly as a result of financial pressures, new legislative expectations, developments in procurement and commissioning, and an increasing emphasis on co-production and social value.

The adoption of a revised Compact provides a clear and consistent basis to guide the relationship between Cyngor Gwynedd and the Third Sector in the future.

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

Councillor Paul Rowlinson declared an interest in relation in Item 6. The member did not consider it to be a prejudicial interest, and he did not withdraw from the meeting.

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 presented to the Care Scrutiny Committee, and their recommendations are included in the report.

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SUBJECT

Item 7: ADOPT CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S ACTION PLAN FOR THE PREVENTION OF SUICIDE AND SELF-HARM 2026-2028

DECISION

To approve Cyngor Gwynedd's Action Plan for the Prevention of Suicide and Self-harm, which outlines the activities that will be carried out across Council departments as part of a corporate approach to support the objections of the Welsh Government's Suicide Prevention and Self-harm (Appendix 1).

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In December 2025, the Leader submitted a Notice of Motion to the Full Council calling on Cyngor Gwynedd to support the principles of the National Suicide Prevention and Self-harm Strategy and develop local arrangements to respond to these challenges. The motion stated that suicide prevention is a shared responsibility and that the Council should play a leading role in working with partners, reducing stigma and supporting individuals and communities.

The corporate action plan reflects Cyngor Gwynedd's commitment to joint action across services to strengthen prevention, awareness, support and early intervention in relation to suicide and self-harm.

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

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Item 8: NORTH WALES REGIONAL ANCHOR CHARTER

DECISION

- To note the content of the North Wales Regional Anchor Charter, approved by the Regional Partnership Board on 8 May 2026.
 - To note the cross-referencing work completed between the commitments of the Charter and the priorities of the 2023-28 Cyngor Gwynedd Plan and the Council's day-to-day work.
 - To acknowledge that the Council's existing work already makes a substantial contribution towards achieving the objectives of the Charter, and that there is an opportunity to strengthen these contributions in accordance with the Council Plan priorities.
 - To note the opportunity to share the learning from the cross-referencing process, as well as examples of noteworthy practice, with other partners across the region as a part of the Council's commitment to the Well-being, Prevention and Anchor Framework approved by the Regional Partnership Board on 8 May 2026.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

By submitting this report, the intention is to ensure that the Cabinet is aware of the Regional Anchor Charter and the way its principles correspond with the current priorities and work of Cyngor Gwynedd.

An Anchor Organisation can be defined as a place-based organisation that has a substantial influence on the well-being of their local population, often in ways that are additional to their core business, such as in their role as employers, procurers of goods and services, building and landowners, their impact on the environment and how they engage with and include their communities.

The aim of the Charter is to encourage public organisations and partners to make the best possible use of their role as employers, service commissioners, asset owners and community organisations in order to improve health and well-being, reduce inequalities and

increase economic and social opportunities for local people.

There is no request for the Cabinet to adopt a new policy or commit to an additional work programme. Instead, the report provides an overview of the regional framework and highlights the contribution already being made by the Council, in the context of the Regional Partnership Board's approval of the Charter earlier this year.

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

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ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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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 quarterly to Cabinet Members on the progress of the Response Board's work programme and implementation.

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.

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

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ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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SUBJECT

Item 10: LEASE OF THE FORMER YSGOL CWM Y GLO SITE TO MENTER FACHWEN

DECISION

To authorise the Assistant Head of Housing and Property Department;

- (a) to lease the former Ysgol Cwm y Glo site directly to Menter Fachwen for nominal rent in accordance with the General Disposal Consent (Wales) 2003.
 - (b) subject to Menter Fachwen securing funding and planning permission for a multi-purpose community hub, to agree on the terms and conditions of the tenancy and complete the lease.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure compliance with the requirements of the General Disposal Consent (Wales) 2003 to lease the former Ysgol Cwm y Glo site directly to Menter Fachwen for less than market rent, the Cabinet's decision is required.

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

Councillor Paul Rowlinson declared an interest in relation to Item 10, and the Member withdrew from the meeting.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers and the nearby Local Member were consulted to seek their views, which had been included in the report.

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Item 11: ADOPTION OF AN EDUCATION TRANSPORT POLICY TO BE OPERATIONAL SEPTEMBER 2027 ONWARDS

DECISION

Subject to considering the content of the Report and the Appendices, as well as the results of the consultations and engagement, to decide on adopting a new Education Transport Policy that will be operational on 1 September 2027.

To delegate authority to the Cabinet Member for Education, in consultation with the Head of Education Department, to keep the Policy under review within the national statutory framework and make operational and editorial changes according to the need, subject to any matters that are subject to requiring consultation to be referred to the Cabinet.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The purpose of this report is to seek the Cabinet's decision regarding the adoption of the amended Education Transport Policy. The decision sought is based on the content of this report that summarises the consultation policy undertaken recently, following the Cabinet's permission to conduct a public consultation on the draft Policy.

It is timely to review the policy because of the need to ensure that we address the existing statutory guidelines and requirements. The need for consultation at least 12 months before introducing a change to part or all of the discretionary elements of the Policy and ensure clarity about the discretionary elements to be fair to the children, young people and their families. There is inconsistency in the content of the Policy across all areas, and it is also inconsistent with the transport policies of some other counties. We need to ensure that the Policy is fit for purpose in terms of the reasonableness of operating within the available resources. The Policy has dated which means that elements of it can no longer be implemented in light of statutory requirements and guidance.

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

Councillor Nia Jeffreys declared an interest in relation to Item 11. The member did not consider it to be a prejudicial interest, and she did not withdraw from the meeting. Item 11 was chaired by the Deputy Leader.

Councillor June Jones declared an interest in relation to Item 11. The member did not consider it to be a prejudicial interest, and she did not withdraw from the meeting.

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 its recommendations have been included in the report.

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SUBJECT

Item 12: YSGOL NEBO - OBJECTION REPORT

DECISION

To consider the Objection Report, the summary of the statutory objections received during the objection period, and the responses given to those objections, and having done that, finally confirm the proposal given through statutory notice to close Ysgol Nebo on 31 December 2026 and provide space for learners at Ysgol Llanllyfni from 1 January 2027 onwards, in accordance with Section 53 of the Schools Standards and Organisation Act (Wales) 2013 and the requirements of the School Organisation Code (011/2018).

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The purpose of this report is to submit to the Cabinet a report on the statutory objection period held following the publication of a statutory notice on the proposal to close Ysgol Nebo on 31 December 2026 and provide space at Ysgol Llanllyfni from 1 January 2027 onwards.

The statutory notice was issued on 3 June 2026, commencing a statutory objection period. The objection period ended on 30 June 2026. Twenty objections were received during this period. In addition, a petition was submitted by the Governing Body of Ysgol Nebo, objecting to the proposal, with 358 signatures supporting the petition.

As a result of receiving statutory objections, an Objection Report was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the School Organisation Code (011/2018). The Cabinet is required to consider the Objection Report, the summary of the objections received, the Council's response to those objections, and all other relevant information, before deciding whether the proposal should be finally confirmed or not.

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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SUBJECT

Item 13: YSGOL BALADEULYN - OBJECTION REPORT

DECISION

To consider the Objection Report, the summary of the statutory objections received during the objection period, and the responses given to those objections, and having done that, finally confirm the proposal given through statutory notice to close Ysgol Baladeulyn on 31 December 2026 and provide space for learners at Ysgol Talysarn from 1 January 2027 onwards, in accordance with Section 53 of the Schools Standards and Organisation Act (Wales) 2013 and the requirements of the Welsh Government's School Organisation Code (011/2018).

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The purpose of this report is to submit to the Cabinet a report on the statutory objection period held following the publication of a statutory notice on the proposal to close Ysgol Baladeulyn on 31 December 2026 and provide space for learners at Ysgol Talysarn from 1 January 2027 onwards.

The Statutory Notice was issued on 3 June 2026, commencing a statutory objection period. The objection period ended on 30 June 2026. 25 objections were received during this period. In addition, a petition was presented by the Governing Body of Ysgol Baladeulyn, objecting to the proposal, with 500 signatures supporting the petition.

As a result of receiving statutory objections, an Objection Report was prepared in accordance with the requirements of the School Organisation Code (011/2018). The Cabinet is required to consider the Objection Report, the summary of the objections received, the Council's response to those objections, and all other relevant information, before deciding whether the proposal should be finally confirmed or not.

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

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SUBJECT

Item 14: COMPLAINTS AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT REPORT QUARTER 1 2025/26

DECISION

To approve the report and offer any relevant comments or suggestions about the Council's performance in dealing with complaints in an appropriate and timely manner.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The purpose of the report is to provide an overview of the Council's performance in relation to dealing with complaints and improving services, highlighting successes, challenges, and developments. This is to ensure that the Cabinet is satisfied with the performance over the periods in question.

An analysis of quantitative and qualitative data is submitted, which is a measure of the Council's performance in this context for the period 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026, together with comparative information about the previous years.

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Item 15: FINANCIAL BID TO DEVELOP CLIMATE AND NATURE WORK IN CYNGOR GWYNEDD 2026/27 - 2029/30

DECISION

That the Cabinet approves the request for funding to fund the costs of maintaining posts and implementing projects within the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan:

Employment costs until March 2030 - £416,383

Project costs - £7,275,160

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The budget allocated by Cyngor Gwynedd's Cabinet in 2023 towards the use of implementing the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan has been spent or allocated. The Cabinet will need to approve a request for further funding in order to continue with the work from 2026/27 onwards.

The contracts of three current posts implementing the Climate and Nature Emergency Plan are coming to an end in 2027, therefore there is a need for a timely decision to ensure the continuation of the work.

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ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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

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SUBJECT

Item 16: EXPANDING THE FLYING START PROGRAMME

DECISION

To agree to expand the Flying Start Grant Programme within the Children and Communities Grant, extending the full plan to a new area, namely the Pwllheli area, due to the reduction of eligible children in the current programme.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Cabinet's approval is required for the direction to the expansion of the Flying Start Programme in the county, and to submit a business case to the Welsh Government as soon as possible.

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.
