

CYNGOR GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	13 October 2026
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SUBJECT

Item 6: THE VOICE OF THE CHILD STRATEGY

DECISION

1. To approve Cyngor Gwynedd's Voice of the Child Strategy (Appendices 1 - 5)
 2. To note that a corporate Action Plan will be developed and implemented to support the implementation of the Strategy across the Council's services.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Strategy establishes a corporate framework for ensuring that the rights, the opinions and experiences of children and young people meaningfully influence decisions, policies and services across Cyngor Gwynedd. It also sets consistent expectations across the Council's services and strengthens corporate accountability in relation to the voice of children and young people.

The adoption of the Strategy provides a clear strategic direction for the development and embedding of child and young people's participation arrangements across all service areas. It will ensure a consistent corporate approach to listening to children and young people, using their views in planning and improving services, and demonstrating how their contributions influence Council decisions.

Cabinet approval is required to adopt the Strategy as the Council's official corporate framework and to establish the governance, monitoring and operational arrangements that are necessary to implement it across the organisation. Without a clear corporate strategy, there is a risk that participation practices will remain inconsistent between services and that it will be difficult to systematically demonstrate how the views of children and young people inform the Council's decisions.

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: STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN 2024-28, ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26

DECISION

To note the content and approve the 2025-26 Annual Report, Equality Plan 2024-28.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Reporting progress annually on the Strategic Equality Plan is a duty in accordance with the Equality Act 2010 as it is implemented in Wales. It is also good practice within the Council for the Cabinet to be aware of the progress.

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Item 8: ANNUAL REPORT - WORKFORCE

DECISION

Approval of the annual report for 2025/26.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To reflect on the corporate strategy in this crucial field for the future.

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Item 9: ANNUAL REPORT ON HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

DECISION

This report is submitted to the Cabinet so that members have an essential overview of the main health and safety matters that arose during 2025/26.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

There is no need for a specific decision. Instead, this report is submitted because Cabinet members need to be aware of the matters outlined in this report and have a strategic overview of the current situation for the purposes of managing health and safety effectively within the Council.

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Item 10: ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2025-2026

DECISION

That the Cabinet accepts the Annual Monitoring Report 8 (Appendix 1) and agrees for it to be submitted to the Government by the end of October 2026.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plan) (Wales) Regulations 2005 set out the requirement to monitor the Local Development Plan annually and to present the Annual Monitoring Report to the Welsh Government by 31 October every year.

As with the previous two Annual Monitoring Reports, as the collaboration arrangement between Cyngor Gwynedd and the Isle of Anglesey County Council on Planning Policy matters has now come to an end, the content of this AMR focuses on evidence that is specifically relevant to the Gwynedd Local Planning Authority only. The information presented in this report will serve as valuable evidence to support the preparation of the Local Development Plan (LDP) for Gwynedd.

The Report presents the eighth Annual Monitoring Report, which applies to the period 1 April 2025 - 31 March 2026 together with the observations of the Planning Policy Working Group on the document.

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Item 11: CAPITAL STRATEGY

DECISION

To approve:

- funding of £1.49m for the funding gap of the North Promenade flood prevention project in Abermaw
- funding of £583k for the funding gap of the Ysgol Bontnewydd project
- the provision of £6.86m for the next phase of the Sustainable Schools rolling programme
- the provision of £4.11m for the next phase of the rolling Sustainable Schools programme and responding to traffic risks on Secondary School sites
- the delegation of the right to agree on the exact split of the £4.11m between secondary schools improvement and traffic risk response, to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education, the Head of Education and the Head of Finance after the completion of further work.
- the de-committing of £3.5m from the Council's existing asset plan to be released to contribute to the resources available to fund the above.

The Cabinet is requested to confirm commitments already approved for the cost increases of Ysgol Tryfan (16 December 2025 Cabinet) and the Trawsfynydd innovation centre (10 February 2026).

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Since the Council adopted its Asset Plan in July 2024, capital funding in excess of what has been included in the Local Government settlement has been received and a decision is required on its allocation.

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

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

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Item 12: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2026/27 – END OF AUGUST REVIEW (31 AUGUST 2026 POSITION)

DECISION

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

Approve the following revisions to the Capital Budget that was approved on 5 March 2026 from the programme's financing perspective (as shown in part 3.2.3 of the report), namely:

- an increase of £846,000 in the use of borrowing
 - an increase of £64,980,000 in the use of grants and contributions
 - an increase of £5,000 in the use of capital receipts
 - an increase of £673,000 in the use of revenue contributions
 - a decrease of £350,000 in the use of the capital reserve
 - an increase of £13,329,000 in the use of renewal and other reserves.
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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 are recommended here to secure definite sources of funding for the 2026/27 – 2028/29 capital schemes.

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