

CYNGOR GWYNEDD
EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972)

18 June, 2026

Hybrid Meeting

Attendance:

Councillors: Councillor Geraint Wyn Parry (Vice-chair)

Councillors: Jina Gwyrfai, Dawn Lynne Jones, Elwyn Jones, Gareth Tudor Jones, Gwilym Jones, Cai Larsen, Beth Lawton, Gwynfor Owen, John Pughe Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands and Dyfrig Siencyn.

Co-opted Members: Sharon Roberts (Arfon Parents/Governors' Representative), Colette Owen (Catholic Church), Gwilym Jones (NASUWT) and Elise Poulter (NEU).

Officers present:

Bethan Adams (Scrutiny Adviser) and Jasmine Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

Present for item 7 - Councillor Llio Elenid Owen (Cabinet Member for Corporate and Legal Services and the Welsh Language) and Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer).

Present for item 8 - Councillor Dewi Jones (Cabinet Member for Education), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education) and Robert John Jones (Education Transport Manager).

Present for item 9 - Councillor Dewi Jones (Cabinet Member for Education), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education), Robert John Jones (Education Transport Manager), Alison Halliday (Assistant Head of School Support) and Ffion Edwards Ellis (Assistant Head of Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion).

Present for item 10 - Councillor Medwyn Hughes (Cabinet Member for Economy and Community), Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community); Roland Evans (Assistant Head of Culture) and Llŷr Jones (Assistant Head of Economy and Community).

Present for item 11 - Councillor Llio Elenid Owen (Cabinet Member for Corporate and Legal Services and the Welsh Language), Ian Jones (Head of Corporate Services) and Iwan Evans (Head of Legal Service).

Apologies: Councillors: Sian Williams, Elin Walker Jones, Dewi Owen, Rhys Tudur and Gweno Glyn Williams (Dwyfor Parents/Governors' Representative).

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SUBJECT

Item 1: ELECTION OF CHAIR

DECISION

Cllr Rhys Tudur was elected as Chair for 2026/27.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstaining	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 2: ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

DECISION

Cllr Geraint Wyn Parry was elected as Vice-chair for 2026/27.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

Cllr Geraint Wyn Parry	7
Cllr Beth Lawton	5

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 7: MEMBERS' WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

DECISION

- That the Committee declared support for the policy and asked the Monitoring Officer to make changes in line with his response to members' comments.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	12
Against	0
Abstaining	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 8: EDUCATION TRANSPORT POLICY

DECISION

1. To accept the report and note the observations.
 2. To ask the Cabinet to pay particular attention to the Empty Seats Scheme when making a decision.
 3. To recommend to the Cabinet Member for Education:
 - That consideration should be given to modifying the Draft Education Transport Policy to designate parishes rather than distance in terms of transportation to faith schools.
 - To look at reducing the number of forms that parents of pupils with Additional Learning Needs had to complete.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	13
Against	0
Abstaining	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Councillor Gwynfor Owen declared a personal interest as he was a Governor of Ysgol Hafod Lon. The member did not consider it to be a prejudicial interest and did not leave the meeting during the discussion.

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SUBJECT

Item 9: EDUCATION DEPARTMENT PERFORMANCE REPORT

DECISION

1. To accept the report and note the observations.
 2. To ask the Head of Education to share national comparative data on de-registration with members of the Committee together with the Youth Service Annual Report.
 3. That there was a need to look at including information and data in relation to pupils' attainment in the future performance report.
 4. That the Committee scrutinised the situation in relation to de-registration and Elective Home Education as part of its work programme when timely.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	12
Against	0
Abstaining	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 10: ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE REPORT

DECISION

1. To accept the report and note the observations.
 2. To ask the Economy and Community Department to share data on numbers using Arosfan (motorhome) sites and information relating to enforcement issues with Committee members.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	8
Against	0
Abstaining	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Sharon Roberts (Parent/Governor Representative for Arfon) declared a personal interest because of her position with the Welsh Government. The member considered that it was a prejudicial interest and she withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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SUBJECT

Item 11: CORPORATE AND LEGAL SERVICES PERFORMANCE REPORT

DECISION

1. To accept the reports and to note the observations.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	7
Against	0
Abstaining	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
