

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD**  
**EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE**

**(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972)**

**08 October 2026**

**Multi-location Meeting**

**Councillors:** Councillor Rhys Tudur (Chair)

Councillors:- Jina Gwyrfai, Dawn Lynne Jones, Elwyn Jones, Gwilym Jones, Cai Larsen, Beth Lawton, Dewi Owen, Gwynfor Owen, Dyfrig Siencyn, Elin Walker Jones, John Pughe Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts and Sian Williams.

**Co-opted Members:** Sharon Roberts (Arfon Parent/Governor Representative), Colette Owen (Catholic Church) and Gweno Glyn Williams (Dwyfor Parent/Governor Representative).

**Officers present:** Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Service Manager), Llywela Haf Owain (Senior Language and Scrutiny Advisor) and Jasmine Jones (Democracy Services Officer).

**Present for item 5** - Councillor Nia Jeffreys (Council Leader), Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive), Dylan Owen (Statutory Director of Social Services), Councillor Dewi Jones (Cabinet Member for Education), Councillor Menna Trenholme (Cabinet Member for Children and Supporting Families), Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer/Head of Legal Services), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education Department), Sharron Williams Carter (Head of Children and Supporting Families Department) and Ian Jones (Head of Corporate Services).

**Present for item 6** - Councillor Dewi Jones (Cabinet Member for Education), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Head of Education Department) and Steffan Williams (Youth Service Manager).

**Present for item 7** - Councillor Medwyn Hughes (Cabinet Member for Economy and Community), Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community Department) and Roland Evans (Assistant Head of Economy and Community Department).

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**SUBJECT**

Item 5: UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF THE RESPONSE PLAN: OUR BRAVERY BROUGHT JUSTICE

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**DECISION**

- To ask the cabinet member to contact the Welsh Government to state concern and disappointment that the new national procedures and guidelines for Part 5 did not reflect or fully address the changes recommended in the OBBJ report and recommended that they amend it.
  - Add a response to the Welsh Government's schools governance reorganisation consultation to the committee's forward work programme when timely.
  - Subject to receiving a seal of approval and resources from the Scrutiny Forum and assurance that it did not disrupt or duplicate the Welsh Government's work on the subject, declare support to establish a task and finish group to look at the current schools governance procedure, to facilitate the committee to respond to the proposed consultation on schools governance reorganisation based on data and evidence.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

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| In favour   | 14 |
| Against     | 0  |
| Abstentions | 0  |

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 6: THE YOUTH SERVICE'S 5-YEAR STRATEGY

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**DECISION**

- To accept the report and note the observations, asking the service to map where the social clubs provision for young people (from any body/partner, e.g. football clubs) was available within schools' catchment areas.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

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| In favour   | 12 |
| Against     | 0  |
| Abstentions | 0  |

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**SUBJECT**

Item 7: GWYNEDD CULTURE PLAN

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**DECISION**

- To accept the report and note the observations made, noting an appreciation that the Department had agreed to implement the following points:
    - Consider revisiting the wording of the vision to include a specific reference to the Welsh Language, wording the vision to note an ambition/aim
    - Request for the service to report on data that compares the outward migration in similar areas (such as the Lake District) to compare with Gwynedd's situation to see whether this culture anchors people to the County.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

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| In favour   | 8 |
| Against     | 1 |
| Abstentions | 0 |

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**SUBJECT**

Item 8: EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD PROGRAMME  
2026/27

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**DECISION**

- To adopt the amended work programme for 2026/27.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

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| In favour   | 9 |
| Against     | 0 |
| Abstentions | 0 |

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**SUBJECT**

Item 9: PERFORMANCE CHALLENGE MEETINGS

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**DECISION**

- To elect Councillors Beth Lawton and Geraint Parry as the committee's representatives to attend the performance challenge meetings of the Education Department.
  - To elect Councillor Cai Larsen as a reserve if the councillors above were unable to be present.
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

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| In favour   | 9 |
| Against     | 0 |
| Abstentions | 0 |

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