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**GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET  
MINUTES  
15 December 2015**

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**Present –**

Councillors: Dyfed Edwards (Chairman), Peredur Jenkins, John Wynn Jones, Dafydd Meurig, W. Gareth Roberts, Dyfrig Siencyn, Gareth Thomas, Ioan Thomas, Mandy Williams-Davies.

**Also present –**

Dilwyn Williams (Chief Executive), Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director), Iwan Trefor Jones (Corporate Director), Iwan G D Evans (Head of Legal Services), Dewi Aeron Morgan (Senior Finance Manager), Geraint Owen (Head of Corporate Support Department), Hawis Jones (Strategic Planning and Performance Manager), Arwel Ellis Jones (Senior Manager - Democracy and Delivery), Bethan Richardson (Cabinet Support Team Leader - Taking the minutes).

**1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES**

Cabinet Members, Cllr. Angela Russell and Officers were welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mair Rowlands.

**2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST**

There were no declarations of personal interest.

**3. URGENT ITEMS**

There were no urgent items.

**4. MATTERS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES**

The Chair of the Communities Scrutiny Committee, Cllr. Angela Russell, was welcomed to the meeting by Cllr. Dyfrig Siencyn.

All members who were present welcomed the opportunity to strengthen the lines of communication between the Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees. It was noted that presenting the report was an experiment, in order to share the recommendations of the Scrutiny Committees and Scrutiny Investigation Groups with Cabinet members, and to receive a formal response from Cabinet members to those recommendations.

Response to the report –

A. Item – The Welsh Language and the Planning System

Cllr. Dafydd Meurig confirmed that he would welcome the input of the Language Committee and the Communities Scrutiny Committee to the process of forming the new Planning Policy Guidance within the Local Development Plan.

B. Item – Section 106 Agreements

Cllr. Dafydd Meurig confirmed that he welcomed the recommendation of the Communities Scrutiny Committee to form a working group of Members and Officers who would co-operate with professional people within the field in order to assess different options on implementing Section 106 Agreements.

C. Item – Post-16 Transport

The Communities Scrutiny Committee's worries were outlined, namely that they were still awaiting a response to their recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Education submitted in December 2014.

Cllr. Gareth Thomas responded to the enquiries in the order they were outlined in the report to the meeting –

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- i. Once the Education Department is aware of a situation of overfill, they respond immediately, usually by providing more buses.
- ii. Discussions are progressing with bus companies in order to try and solve the situation.
- iii. This is a matter under the management of the Welsh Government, and the Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulatory agreed to contact the Government to resolve the situation.
- iv. Since this was not a recommendation submitted by the Scrutiny Working Group, Cllr. Gareth Thomas agreed to make further inquiries and report back the Scrutiny Committee before September 2016, with the aim of implementing a new system by the start of the 2016/17 academic year.

It was confirmed that the Cabinet Member will appear again before the Scrutiny Committee to confirm which recommendations have been verified to be implemented from September 2016, and also that the Cabinet Member will offer reports in the meantime if matters arise where the input of Scrutiny would be beneficial.

**5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chairman signed the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 24 November 2015.

**6. GWYNEDD COUNCIL 2015/16 PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW – THE FIELDS OF ENVIRONMENT, DEPRIVATION, ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY**

The report was submitted by Cllr Dyfed Edwards.

**DECISION**

To accept and note the information submitted in the report to the meeting.

**7. GWYNEDD CARE AND NURSING HOMES ANNUAL QUALITY STATEMENT REPORT 2014/15**

The report was submitted by Cllr W Gareth Roberts.  
It was seconded by Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn.

**DECISION**

The Cabinet accepts the 'Annual Quality Statement' for 2014/15 (Appendix 1 to the committee report).

Agree to accept the 'Annual Quality Statement' as a standing annual item for the Cabinet in the future.

**8. CARE AND SOCIAL SERVICES INSPECTORATE WALES PERFORMANCE EVALUATION REPORT 2014/15**

The report was submitted by Cllr W Gareth Roberts.  
It was seconded by Cllr Ioan Thomas.

**DECISION**

To accept the Performance Evaluation Report 2014/15 submitted as Appendix 1 to the meeting.

**9. GWYNEDD COUNCIL'S CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The report was submitted by Cllr Dyfed Edwards.

**DECISION**

Approve the Forward Work Programme included in the meeting papers.

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and concluded at 2.25pm.

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**CHAIRMAN**