
COUNCIL CABINET
17 DECEMBER 2013

Present – Councillor Dyfed Edwards (Chairman)
Councillors – Sian Gwenllian, W. Gareth Roberts, Ioan Thomas, R.H. Wyn Williams, Peredur Jenkins, John Wyn Williams, John Wynn Jones, Brian Jones and Paul Thomas.

Also present – Harry Thomas (Chief Executive), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Iwan G.D. Evans (Monitoring Officer), Iwan Trefor Jones (Corporate Director), Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director), Guto Rhys Huws (School Reorganisation Programme Coordinator), Dewi Lake (Lead Manager – Secondary School Reorganisation), Gwenan Jones-Parry (School Organisation Project Manager School Organisation Support Officer), Rhian Tomos (Cabinet Support Team Leader).

Members invited:

Councillors John Pughe Roberts, Louise Hughes, Dyfrig Siencyn, Gethin Glyn Williams for Item 7.
Cllr Liz Saville Roberts for Item 8.

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Cabinet members, the Press, members of the public and the officers were welcomed to the meeting.

The Chairman, on behalf of himself and the Cabinet, expressed his most sincere condolences to Dilys Phillips, Monitoring Officer, following the recent passing of her mother.

Also, on behalf of himself and the Cabinet, he expressed his most sincere condolences to Elfyn Vaughan Jones, Senior Leader – Gwe System, his wife Sian and their family at the loss of their daughter, Mared.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor **John Pughe Roberts** declared a personal interest because he was a member of the governing body of Ysgol Dinas Mawddwy, as his daughter was a pupil in Ysgol y Gader and as his sister was a member of staff at Ysgol y Gader. The Member was of the opinion that it was not a prejudicial interest, and he did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the Item.

Councillor Peredur Jenkins declared a personal interest because he was a member of the governing body of Ysgol y Gader and as his daughter was the head teacher of Ysgol Rhydymain and Ysgol Brithdir. He had obtained a dispensation from the Standards Committee to speak during local discussions and informal discussions within the Council, but not at any formal meeting where a decision would be made. The Member was of the opinion that it was not a prejudicial interest at this meeting and he did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the Item.

Councillor Gethin Williams declared a personal interest as he was a member of the governing body of a school in the catchment area, as his children were pupils in a school in the catchment area and as his partner worked for the Provider Department. The Member was of the opinion that it was not a prejudicial interest, and he did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the Item.

Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn declared a personal interest as he was a member of the Governing Bodies of Ysgol y Gader and Ysgol Gynradd Dolgellau, and his son was a pupil at Ysgol Gynradd Dolgellau.

3. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no matters arising from scrutiny committees.

5. MINUTES

The Chairman signed the minutes of the Council Cabinet meeting held on 26 November 2013 as a true record.

6. SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

Submitted - a report by Councillor Wyn Williams, Cabinet Member for Care.

DECISION:

- To agree to formalise the current shadow procedure, namely establish a Safeguarding Adults Board which would increase the strategic status of Safeguarding Adults in Gwynedd.
- To agree to a joint Board with Anglesey in accordance with the context of a history of collaboration in this field on a regional, two-tier model.
- That the role of the Board is to make multidisciplinary decisions and to act and

- advise on matters involved with safeguarding adults in accordance with the recommendations in the Social Services and Well-being Bill.
- To agree to the regional two-tier model being proposed.

7. Y GADER CATCHMENT AREA

The report was submitted by Councillor Sian Gwenllian, Cabinet Member for Education.

DECISION:

- To confirm extending the work in order to create a range of models which will serve the catchment area in its entirety, with the aim of putting before the Cabinet specific recommendations for statutory consultation in accordance with Section 48 of the Schools Standards and Organisation Act 2013.
- To give authority to undertake an assessment in order to identify and measure the need within the catchment area for education provision of a specific category and designation as part of, and to meet the requirements of, the process of identifying recommendations in accordance with i. above.
- To consider the possible financial implications and the options for meeting those implications and thus guarantee that any further requirements for implementing this plan are included in the review of the asset management plan.
- Since the Church Voluntary Schools come within the remit of the process, delegate to the Education Cabinet Member the task of conducting a pre-consultation with the Church if necessary, in accordance with the Schools Organisation Code 2013 requirements, before submitting a further report to the Cabinet on the favoured option, requesting permission to undertake a statutory consultation period on this option.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION

The report was submitted by Councillor Sian Gwenllian, Cabinet Member for Education.

DECISION:

To accept the recommendations of the Scrutiny Investigation for inclusion in a broader work programme to raise educational standards in the county.

9. GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET'S FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

Submitted - the report by the Leader.

DECISION:

To approve the forward work programme.

The meeting commenced at 1pm and concluded at 3pm.

CHAIRMAN