## GWYNEDD COUNCIL WELSH LANGUAGE COMMITTEE DECISION NOTICE

(Section 100C of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Meetings) (Wales) Regulations 2020)

#### **22 November 2020**

#### **Virtual Meeting**

#### **PRESENT**

**COUNCILLORS:** Elwyn Edwards, Alan Jones Evans, Aled Evans, Alwyn Gruffydd, Judith Humphreys, Elin Walker Jones, Elwyn Jones, Eric M Jones, Kevin Morris Jones, Cai Larsen, Eirwyn Williams and Elfed Williams

**OFFICERS:** Vera Jones (Democratic and Language Services Manager), Llywela Haf Owain (Senior Language and Scrutiny Adviser), Gwenllïan Mair Williams (Workplace Language Development Officer), Siôn Elwyn Hughes (Welsh Language Learning and Development Officer), Llio Mai Hughes (Welsh Language Promotion Officer) and Lowri Haf Evans (Democratic Services Officer).

**OTHERS INVITED:** Councillor Nia Jeffreys (Cabinet Member for Corporate Support) and Edgar Wyn Owen (Council Chair).

#### **Present for item 7:**

Bet Huws (Gwynedd Language Development Officer)
Ifan Llywelyn (Gwynedd Language Development Officer).
Dylan Bryn (Welsh Language Development Centre Officer)

**Apologies:** An apology was received from Councillor John Pughe Roberts

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Date of the WELSH LANGUAGE COMMITTEE meeting	12 November 2020	
SUBJECT		

Item 1: ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2020/2021

#### **DECISION**

Councillor Elin Walker Jones was elected as Chair of this Committee for the 2020/21 period

#### THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	12
Against	0
Abstentions	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 A VICE-CHAIR FOR THE YEAR 2020/2021

#### **DECISION**

Councillor Cai Larsen was elected as Vice-chair of this Committee for the 2020/21 period

#### THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	12
Against	0
Abstentions	0

#### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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#### SUBJECT

Item 7: OVERVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES HELD THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF WELSH

#### **DECISION:**

- To accept the report with thanks to the Welsh Language Officers for their work during this time
- To write a letter to the Welsh Language Commissioner expressing concern that it is not always possible for Gwynedd Council staff to contribute in Welsh in virtual meetings arranged by outside organisations as they do not provide simultaneous translation service provision for virtual meetings.
- To write a letter to Microsoft encouraging them to provide simultaneous translation via Teams
- To receive an update on the work of the National Sub-group which discusses information technology issues at the next meeting.

#### THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	12
Against	0
Abstentions	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: WELSH LANGUAGE STANDARDS AND THE COUNCIL'S LANGUAGE POLICY

#### **DECISION**

### To accept the report

### THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	11
Against	0
Abstentions	0

#### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.