

**COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE
GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

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

4 March 2021

Virtual Meeting

Attendance:

Councillors:- Edgar W. Owen (Chair)
Simon Glyn (Vice-chair)

Craig ab Iago, Menna Baines, Freya Bentham, Dylan Bullard, Stephen Churchman, Steve Collings, Annwen Daniels, R.Glyn Daniels, Anwen Davies, Elwyn Edwards, Alan Jones Evans, Aled Evans, Dylan Fernley, Peter Antony Garlick, Gareth Wyn Griffith, Selwyn Griffiths, Alwyn Gruffydd, Annwen Hughes, John Brynmor Hughes, Louise Hughes, R.Medwyn Hughes, Judith Humphreys, Nia Jeffreys, Peredur Jenkins, Aeron M.Jones, Aled Wyn Jones, Anne Lloyd Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Elin Walker Jones, Elwyn Jones, Eric Merfyn Jones, Gareth Tudor Morris Jones, Huw Wyn Jones, Keith Jones, Kevin Morris Jones, Sion Wyn Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Cai Larsen, Beth Lawton, Dilwyn Lloyd, Dafydd Meurig, Dilwyn Morgan, Linda Morgan, Dafydd Owen, Dewi Owen, W.Roy Owen, Jason Parry, Rheinallt Puw, Peter Read, Dewi Wyn Roberts, Elfed P.Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Mair Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Dyfrig Siencyn, Mike Stevens, Gareth Thomas, Ioan Thomas, Hefin Underwood, Catrin Wager, Cemlyn Williams, Eirwyn Williams, Elfed Williams, Gareth Williams, Gethin Glyn Williams, Gruffydd Williams and Owain Williams.

Officers:

Dilwyn Williams (Chief Executive), Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Iwan Evans (Head of Legal Services / Monitoring Officer), Geraint Owen (Head of Corporate Support Department / Head of Democracy Service), Sion Huws (Senior Solicitor - Corporate), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

Also in attendance:

Dafydd Gibbard (Head of Housing and Property Department) and Dewi Morgan (Assistant Head – Revenue and Risk) (for item 8), Eurig Huw Williams (Human Resources Advisory Services Manager) (for item 9), Dewi Jones (Council Business Support Service Manager) (for item 10) and Ffion Madog Evans (Senior Finance Manager) (for item 11).

Apologies:

Councillors:- Nigel Pickavance and Gareth A. Roberts

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SUBJECT

Item 8: COUNCIL TAX: DISCRETIONARY POWERS TO ALLOW DISCOUNTS AND / OR RAISE A PREMIUM 2021/22

DECISION

For 2021/22, that Gwynedd Council:

- **Allows NO discount on class A second homes, in accordance with Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**
- **Allows NO discount and RAISES A PREMIUM of 100% on class B second homes, in accordance with Section 12B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**
- **Allows NO discount on homes that have been empty for 6 months or more and RAISES A PREMIUM of 100% on homes that have been empty for 12 months or more, in accordance with Section 12A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992.**

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	38
Against	16
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

- Councillor Aled Wyn Jones because a close relative of his had a second home and holiday homes in Gwynedd.
 - Councillor Elfed Roberts because a close connection of his paid tax on a second home.
 - Councillor Menna Baines as she was joint owner of an empty property.
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- Councillor Gethin Glyn Williams as close connections of his had empty properties and second homes.
 - Councillor Angela Russell because she owned a second home.
 - Councillor Linda Morgan because she had family who owned second homes and a connection with somebody who paid the premium.
 - Councillor Anwen Daniels because a close relative of hers had a second home in her ward.
 - Councillor Peredur Jenkins because he had registered in two homes, Hafod and Hendre.
 - Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn as he had a close connection to a person who paid the premium for second homes and empty properties.
- Councillor Dewi Roberts as he had a close connection to a person who had a second home.

The members were of the opinion that they were prejudicial interests, and they withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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SUBJECT

Item 9: ANNUAL REVIEW - COUNCIL'S PAY POLICY 2021/22

DECISION

To approve the recommendation of the Chief Officer Appointment Committee to adopt the Pay Policy for 2021/22, including the decision to increase the salary of the post of Monitoring Officer immediately to a maximum of approximately £70,000.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	40
Against	7
Abstentions	7

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

The Monitoring Officer, on behalf of the chief officers who were present, as the report involved their salaries.

He was of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest and, along with the Corporate Director, the Head of Finance Department and the Head of Corporate Support Department, the Monitoring Officer withdrew from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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SUBJECT

Item 10: GWYNEDD COUNCIL PLAN 2018-23 - 2021/22 REVIEW

DECISION

To adopt the Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-2023: 2021/22 Review to be implemented during 2021/22.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	49
Against	0
Abstentions	3

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 11: 2021/22 BUDGET

DECISION

1. To approve the recommendations of the Cabinet, namely:-

- (a) Establish a budget of £275,669,610 for 2021/22 to be funded through a Government Grant of £194,793,140 and £80,876,470 of Council Tax income with an increase of 3.7%.
- (b) Establish a capital programme of £47,085,960 in 2021/22, to be funded from the sources noted in Appendix 4 of the report.

2. That it be noted that the Cabinet Member for Finance, in a decision notice dated 18 November 2020, approved the calculation of the following amounts for 2021/22 in accordance with Regulations made under Section 33 (5) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 ("The Act"):-

- (a) 51,885.56 being the amount calculated as Gwynedd's Tax Base in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) (Wales) Regulations 1995 as amended, as its Council Tax base for the year.
- (b) Part of the Council's Area - Community Tax Base -

Aberdaron	542.74	Llanddeiniolen	1,832.32
Aberdyfi	980.22	Llandderfel	496.58
Abergwyngregyn	117.00	Llanegryn	157.54
Abermaw (Barmouth)	1,148.25	Llanelltyd	288.90
Arthog	617.37	Llanengan	2,105.34
Y Bala	771.50	Llanfair	311.58
		Llanfihangel y	
Bangor	3,844.96	Pennant	223.75
Beddgelert	296.64	Llanfrothen	224.08
Betws Garmon	130.44	Llangelynnin	407.39
Bethesda	1,696.45	Llangywer	137.01

Bontnewydd	433.07	Llanllechid	336.00
Botwnnog	448.54	Llanllyfni	1,407.84
Brithdir a			
Llanfachreth	426.50	Llannor	905.46
Bryncrug	325.38	Llanrug	1,127.82
Buan	224.84	Llanuwchllyn	304.53
Caernarfon	3,596.36	Llanwnda	789.27
Clynnog Fawr	446.26	Llanycil	198.76
Corris	296.99	Llanystumdwy	864.34
Criccieth	931.77	Maentwrog	283.93
Dolbenmaen	603.77	Mawddwy	346.60
Dolgellau	1,233.10	Nefyn	1,458.93
Dyffryn Ardudwy	831.65	Pennal	215.54
Y Felinheli	1,136.66	Penrhyndeudraeth	779.36
Ffestiniog	1,713.50	Pentir	1,260.20
Y Ganllwyd	86.79	Pistyll	259.32
Harlech	769.40	Porthmadog	2,016.47
Llanaelhaearn	449.24	Pwllheli	1,729.10
Llanbedr	336.30	Talsarnau	325.03
Llanbedrog	720.36	Trawsfynydd	499.20
Llanberis	768.82	Tudweiliog	457.21
Llandwrog	1,027.80	Tywyn	1,624.58
Llandygai	1,000.88	Waunfawr	558.03

namely the amounts calculated as the Council Tax Base amounts for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

3. That the following amounts now be calculated by the Council for the year 2021/22 in accordance with Sections 32 to 36 of the Act:-

- (a) £409,390,260 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32(2)(a) to (e) of the Act (gross expenditure).
- (b) £131,672,530 Being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 32 (3)(a) to (c) of the Act (income).
- (c) £277,717,730 Being the sum that corresponds with the difference between the above aggregate 3 (a) and the above aggregate 3 (b) calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 32(4) of the Act, as its budgetary requirements for the year (net budget).
- (ch) £194,297,483 Being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable for the year into its fund in respect of redistributed Non-domestic Rates and Revenue Support Grant, less the estimated cost to the Council of discretionary Non-domestic rate relief granted.

- (d) £1,532.26 Being the amount in 3(c) above, less the sum in 3(ch) above, all divided by the sum noted in 2(a) above, that was calculated by the Council in accordance with 33(1) of the Act, which is the basic amount of Council Tax for the year (Gwynedd Council tax and the average community council tax).
- (dd) £2,543,780 Being the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34 (1) of the Act (community council precepts).
- (e) £1,483.23 Being the sum in 3(d) above, less the result of dividing the amount in 3(dd) above divided by the amount in 2(a) above, that was calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34(2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no special item relates (Band D for Gwynedd Council Tax only).

(f) For parts of the Council's area -

Aberdaron	1,510.87	Llanddeiniolen	1,500.59
Aberdyfi	1,521.33	Llandderfel	1,501.35
Abergwyngregyn	1,508.87	Llanegryn	1,518.14
Abermaw (Barmouth)	1,535.48	Llanelltyd	1,509.19
Arthog	1,504.29	Llanengan	1,509.35
Y Bala	1,518.23	Llanfair	1,534.58
		Llanfihangel y	
Bangor	1,584.18	Pennant	1,534.74
Beddgelert	1,518.63	Llanfrothen	1,524.73
Betws Garmon	1,503.16	Llangelynnin	1,507.29
Bethesda	1,557.61	Llangywer	1,514.25
Bontnewydd	1,525.95	Llanllechid	1,529.21
Botwnnog	1,497.72	Llanllyfni	1,518.75
Brithdir a			
Llanfachreth	1,511.37	Llannor	1,503.29
Bryncrug	1,522.75	Llanrug	1,536.43
Buan	1,499.91	Llanuwchllyn	1,529.20
Caernarfon	1,538.42	Llanwnda	1,519.77
Clynnog Fawr	1,523.57	Llanycil	1,503.35
Corris	1,514.65	Llanystumdwy	1,504.06
Criccieth	1,528.31	Maentwrog	1,504.54
Dolbenmaen	1,513.04	Mawddwy	1,510.64
Dolgellau	1,540.00	Nefyn	1,536.18
Dyffryn Ardudwy	1,543.35	Pennal	1,512.74
Y Felinheli	1,518.42	Penrhyndeudraeth	1,536.48
Ffestiniog	1,617.46	Pentir	1,526.87
Y Ganllwyd	1,517.80	Pistyll	1,529.50
Harlech	1,574.21	Porthmadog	1,514.27
Llanaelhaearn	1,538.88	Pwllheli	1,530.08

Llanbedr	1,527.83	Talsarnau	1,550.92
Llanbedrog	1,514.46	Trawsfynydd	1,523.29
Llanberis	1,524.85	Tudweiliog	1,500.73
Llandwrog	1,547.44	Tywyn	1,538.83
Llandygai	1,509.57	Waunfawr	1,504.73

being the amounts given by adding the amounts of the item or special items relating to dwellings in those parts of the Council's area mentioned above, to the sum given in 3(e) above, divided in each case by the amount of 2(b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 34(3) of the Act, as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which one or more special items relate.

- (ff) In respect of part of the Council's area, the figures noted in Appendix 1 (see *Appendix 1 to Appendix 11 to Item 11 on the Council agenda*), being the amounts given by multiplying the sums specified in 3(f) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5 (1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36 (1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

4 That it be noted that for the year 2021/22 the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner has stated the following amounts in a precept issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Act, for each of the categories of dwellings shown below:

Band A	Band B	Band C	Band D	Band E	Band F	Band G	Band H	Band I
203.70	237.65	271.60	305.55	373.45	441.35	509.25	611.10	712.95

5 Having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at 3(ff) and 4 above, the Council, in accordance with Section 30(2) of the Act, hereby sets the amounts noted in Appendix 2 (see *Appendix 2 to Appendix 11 to Item 11 on the Council agenda*) as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2021/22 for each of the categories of dwellings shown in the Appendix.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	38
Against	13
Abstentions	2

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 12: CAPITAL STRATEGY 2021/22 (INCLUDING INVESTMENT AND BORROWING STRATEGIES)

DECISION

To accept the report and to approve the Capital Strategy for 2021/22.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	45
Against	0
Abstentions	2

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 13: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021

DECISION

- 1. To accept the information.**
 - 2. To ask the Audit and Governance Committee to approve and monitor a work programme in response to the provisions of the Act.**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	44
Against	0
Abstentions	5

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 14: RE-APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

DECISION

To re-appoint David Wareing as an independent member of the Standards Committee to serve for a further four-year term.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	46
Against	0
Abstentions	3

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 15: COMMITTEES CALENDAR 2021/22

DECISION

To adopt the Committees Calendar for 2021/22.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	48
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 16: NOTICE OF MOTION

DECISION

To adopt the proposal, namely that this Council:

a) believes that the current benefits system is failing our citizens and causes hardship to many Gwynedd communities;

b) notes the concept of Universal Basic Income (UBI) - where every citizen receives a sum that is not based on means tests by the state to pay basic living costs, paid to all citizens individually, whatever their employment status, their wealth, or marital status;

c) believes that there is a need to test UBI, as UBI has the potential to get to grips with key challenges such as post-pandemic recovery, inequality, poverty, insecure employment, and loss of community by:

i) giving employers a more flexible workforce and workers more freedom to change their jobs;

ii) appreciating unpaid work, such as caring for family members and voluntary work;

iii) removing the negative impact of benefit sanctions and conditionality;

iv) giving more equal resources to people in the family, the workforce and society.

ch) noting the UBI Lab Network work when developing proposals to pilot and test UBI;

d) believes that the UBI pilot should not be measured only according to the impact on those who benefit from paid work, but also the impact on communities and what the people within them do, how they feel, and how they identify with others and the surrounding environment;

dd) believes that Gwynedd is in an ideal situation to trial UBI;

e) requests the Cabinet to look into the commitment that would be required and to consider whether to volunteer to collaborate with bodies such as UBI Lab Cymru;

f) decides to send a copy of this Proposal to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions, the Chancellor, leader of Plaid in the Government, their peers in every opposition party in the Senedd, First Minister of Wales and all Gwynedd MPs.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	35
Against	1
Abstentions	9

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
