

**COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE
GWYNEDD COUNCIL**

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

7 October 2021

Virtual Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Simon Glyn (Chair)
Elwyn Jones (Vice-chair)

Craig ab Iago, Menna Baines, Beca Brown, Stephen Churchman, Steve Collings, R. Glyn Daniels, Elwyn Edwards, Alan Jones Evans, Aled Evans, Peter Antony Garlick, Gareth Wyn Griffith, Selwyn Griffiths, Alwyn Gruffydd, Annwen Hughes, John Brynmor 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, 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, Dafydd Meurig, Dilwyn Morgan, Dafydd Owen, Dewi Owen, Edgar Wyn Owen, Gwynfor Owen, Jason Parry, Nigel Pickavance, Rheinallt Puw, Peter Read, Dewi Wyn Roberts, Elfed P. Roberts, Gareth A. Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, W. Gareth Roberts, Mair Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Dyfrig Siencyn, Mike Stevens, Ioan Thomas, Hefin Underwood, Catrin Wager, Cemlyn Williams, Eirwyn Williams, Elfed Williams, Gareth Williams, Gethin Glyn Williams, Gruffydd Williams and Owain Williams.

Officers:

Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive), Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Dafydd Edwards (Statutory Finance Officer), Geraint Owen (Head of Democracy Service), Carys Fôn Williams (Head of Housing and Property Department), Gareth Jones (Assistant Head of Environment Department), Sion Huws (Senior Solicitor – Corporate), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Manager), Gwenan Mai Roberts (Public Protection Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

Apologies:

Councillors:- Dylan Bullard, Annwen Daniels, Anwen Davies, Dylan Fernley, Louise Hughes, Linda Ann Jones, Linda Morgan, W. Roy Owen and Gareth Thomas.

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SUBJECT

Item 7: GWYNEDD COUNCIL'S DIVERSITY DECLARATION

DECISION

To adopt the Diversity Declaration below and request that the Democratic Services Committee develop a work programme to support the declaration:-

“This Council commits to being a Diverse Council. Therefore, we wish to reflect the community in which we live by, in the first instance, increasing the number of females, young people, disabled and ethnic minority who stand in the elections to be a Gwynedd Councillor.

We agree to:-

- *Provide a clear public commitment to improving diversity in democracy*
- *Demonstrate an open and welcoming culture to all, promoting the highest standards of behaviour and conduct*
- *Promote actions as a Diverse Council ahead of the 2022 local elections*
- *Work towards the standards set out in the Wales Charter for Member Support and Development*
- *Demonstrate a commitment to a duty of care for Councillors*
- *Consider how to provide flexibility in council business by reviewing our practical arrangements*
- *Continue to encourage all members to take up the allowances and salaries to which they are entitled, particularly any reimbursement for costs of care, so that all members receive fair remuneration for their work and that the role of member is not limited to those who can afford it.*
- *Work towards ensuring that councillors from under-represented groups are represented whenever possible in high profile, high influence roles.”*

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	54
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 8: LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND ELECTIONS (WALES) ACT 2021 - UPDATE FOR HYBRID MEETINGS

DECISION

To accept the report for information.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	57
Against	1
Abstentions	3

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 9: AMENDMENTS TO THE INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT OF THE WALES PENSION PARTNERSHIP

DECISION

To approve the amendments to the Inter Authority Agreement of the Wales Pension Partnership as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report to the Council.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	56
Against	0
Abstentions	4

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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SUBJECT

Item 10: REGULATION OF SEX ESTABLISHMENTS - LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1982

DECISION

- **To adopt, county-wide, the provisions of Schedule 3 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1982, as amended by the Crime and Policing Act 2009, to become operational no earlier than 1 December 2021.**
 - **To instruct the Head of Legal Services to publish the statutory notices associated with the decision to adopt for two consecutive weeks, with the first no later than 28 days before the date when the decision to adopt comes into force.**
 - **To delegate the matters of determining fees, setting standard conditions and a plan for processing applications to the General Licensing Committee.**
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	56
Against	0
Abstentions	2

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 11: REVIEW OF GWYNEDD ELECTORAL BOUNDARIES

DECISION

To accept the report for information.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	29
Against	18
Abstentions	9

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 12(A): Notice of Motion by Councillor Elwyn Edwards

DECISION

1. That the Council asks the Cabinet to consider officially recognising St David's Day by giving a day's leave to its workforce in order to celebrate our Patron Saint's Day on 1 March 2022 and every year thereafter.
2. That the Council calls on the Westminster Government to devolve to Welsh Government the power to create bank holidays for Wales (via the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971) – in the same manner as already happens in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	56
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 12(B): Notice of Motion by Councillor Catrin Wager

DECISION

1. This Council wishes to declare a warm welcome to refugees from Afghanistan who have recently, or will shortly, be arriving in Gwynedd.
 2. This Council supports the fundamental principles of:-
 - Article 14 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights 1948, which recognizes the right of persons to seek asylum from persecution in other countries, and the
 - 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and the 1967 Protocol Relating to the Status of Refugees.
 3. The Council is concerned that the UK government's proposed new plan for Immigration does not uphold the principles outlined above, and objects to the criminalisation of the act of seeking refuge.
 4. This Council expresses its gratitude to the residents of Gwynedd for their immense generosity and their willingness to support refugees over the years, and to the county's voluntary organisations such as Pobl i Bobl, Croeso Menai and Cefn for their exceptional work in this field.
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THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	49
Against	0
Abstentions	3

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

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SUBJECT

Item 12(C): Notice of Motion by Councillor Gruffydd Williams

DECISION

To reject the notice of motion.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour (of the notice of motion)	15
Against (the notice of motion)	25
Abstentions	13

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.
