

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD  
COUNCIL DECISION NOTICE**

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

**1 December 2022**

**Multi-location meeting**

**Present:**

**Councillors:** Elwyn Jones (Chair)  
R. Medwyn Hughes (Vice-chair)

Craig ab Iago, Beca Brown, Glyn Daniels, Anwen Davies, Dafydd Owen Davies, Elwyn Edwards, Elfed Wyn ap Elwyn, Alan Jones Evans, Dylan Fernley, Delyth Lloyd Griffiths, Jina Gwyrfai, Annwen Hughes, John Brynmor Hughes, Louise Hughes, Iwan Huws, Elin Hywel, Anne Lloyd Jones, Berwyn Parry Jones, Dawn Lynne Jones, Dewi Jones, Elin Walker Jones, Gwilym Jones, Gareth Tudor Jones, Huw Wyn Jones, Kim Jones, June Jones, Menna Jones, Eryl Jones-Williams, Cai Larsen, Beth Lawton, Dafydd Meurig, Dilwyn Morgan, Linda Morgan, Dewi Owen, Edgar Wyn Owen, Gwynfor Owen, Llio Elenid Owen, Gareth Coj Parry, Nigel Pickavance, John Pughe, Rheinallt Puw, Arwyn Herald Roberts, Elfed P Roberts, Gareth A. Roberts, John Pughe Roberts, Meryl Roberts, Richard Glyn Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands, Paul Rowlinson, Angela Russell, Dyfrig Siencyn, Ioan Thomas, Peter Thomas, Rob Triggs, Rhys Tudur, Hefin Underwood, Einir Wyn Williams, Eirwyn Williams, Elfed Williams, Gareth Williams, Gruffydd Williams and Sasha Williams.

**Officers:**

Dafydd Gibbard (Chief Executive), Geraint Owen (Corporate Director), Dylan Owen (Corporate Director and Statutory Director of Social Services), Dewi Morgan (Statutory Finance Officer), Iwan Evans (Monitoring Officer), Ian Jones (Head of Democracy Services), Carys Fôn Williams (Head of Housing and Property Department), Sion Huws (Propriety and Elections Manager), Vera Jones (Democracy and Language Service Manager) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

**Apologies:**

Councillors:- Menna Baines, Stephen Churchman, Nia Jeffreys, Linda A. Jones and Beca Roberts.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 7: COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2023-24

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**DECISION**

1. **To continue the Council's Local Scheme for the year commencing 1 April 2023 as it was in 2022/23. Therefore, the following conditions (a - c below) regarding the continuation of the discretionary elements would apply:**
    - a) **To apply a 100% disregard for war disablement pensions, war widows' pensions and war widowers' pensions, for both pensioners and working age claimants.**
    - b) **Not to increase the extended reduction periods for pensioners and working age claimants from the standard four weeks in the Prescribed Scheme.**
    - c) **Not to increase the backdate period for pensioners and working age claimants from the standard three months contained within the Prescribed Scheme.**
  2. **Where appropriate, to delegate powers to the Head of Finance Department, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, to make minor amendments to the scheme for 2023/24, provided that it will not change the substance of the scheme.**
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	60
Against	0
Abstentions	1

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

- Councillor Jina Gwyrfai because a member of the family claimed the benefit.
  - Councillor Gareth A.Roberts because a close member of family had received Council Tax discount.
  - Councillor Dewi Jones because a member of the family received a reduction.
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The members were not of the opinion that they were prejudicial interests, and they did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the item.

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**SUBJECT**

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

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**DECISION**

For the 2023/24 financial year, that Cyngor Gwynedd:

- **Allows NO discount on class A second homes, in accordance with Section 12 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (i.e. no change from 2022/23).**
  - **Allows NO discount and CHARGES A PREMIUM OF 150% on class B second homes in accordance with Section 12B of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (i.e. increase from 100% to 150%).**
  - **Allows NO discount on homes that have been empty for 6 months or more and CHARGES 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 (i.e. no change from 2022/23).**
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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	37
Against	21
Abstentions	0

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

- Councillor Jina Gwyrfai as she owned an empty property, which she intended to rent out to a local Welsh family.
  - Councillor Huw Llwyd Rowlands because a close relative owned a second property in Gwynedd which was likely to be affected by any decision to increase (or decrease) the Council Tax Premium during 2023/24.
  - Councillor Angela Russell because she owned a second home.
  - Councillor Linda Morgan because she had family and friends with second homes and empty properties.
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- Councillor Elfed P.Roberts because he owned property which he rented out and had family who rented out property.
  - Councillor Dewi Jones as a family member owned an empty property.

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: THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL SELF-ASSESSMENT REPORT

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**DECISION**

**To approve and adopt Cyngor Gwynedd's Self-assessment report for 2021/22.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	47
Against	1
Abstentions	2

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 10: APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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**DECISION**

**To appoint Mr Mark Jones as an Independent Member of the Standards Committee for a period of 6 years.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	48
Against	1
Abstentions	2

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 11: RECOMMENDATION OF THE INTERVIEW PANEL - APPOINTMENT OF LAY MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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**DECISION**

**To appoint Mrs Carys Edwards as a Lay Member of the Governance and Audit Committee for a period of 5 years.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	48
Against	0
Abstentions	1

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 12: PETITIONS SCHEME

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**DECISION**

**To adopt the Petitions Scheme.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	48
Against	0
Abstentions	1

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 13: SUPPORT FOR COUNCILLORS - REPORTING BACK ON THE FINDINGS OF THE COUNCILLOR QUESTIONNAIRE

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**DECISION**

To accept the information and ask the Head of Democracy Services to use the results as a basis to establish the committees' calendar for 2023/24 in line with the guidance of the relevant statutory Guidance.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	48
Against	0
Abstentions	1

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 14(A): NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR HUW ROWLANDS

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**DECISION**

That Cyngor Gwynedd writes to the relevant Governments and train companies, expressing discontent about the quality of the train services provided by Avanti West Coast and Transport for Wales in Gwynedd, and the negative impact of that on the County's residents and economy.

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	38
Against	0
Abstentions	2

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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### SUBJECT

Item 14(B): NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR LLIO ELENID OWEN

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### DECISION

That Cyngor Gwynedd calls on the Wales Air Ambulance and relevant bodies to retain the centres at Dinas Dinlle and Welshpool, and builds on the services in their current locations.

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### THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	38
Against	0
Abstentions	0

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### DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 14(C): NOTICE OF MOTION FROM COUNCILLOR ELFED WYN AP ELWYN

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**DECISION**

**That the Council supports the aim of the Welsh Government to re-open the railways of Wales, to create a railway through west Wales, and calls on them for a scoping/viability study of the line between Afon wen and Bangor.**

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**THE RESULT OF THE VOTE**

In favour	34
Against	0
Abstentions	0

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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