

## **GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

<b>Date of Cabinet Meeting:</b>	22 November 2022
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### **SUBJECT**

Item 6: COUNCIL TAX PREMIUM ON SECOND HOMES AND LONG-TERM EMPTY PROPERTIES

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### **DECISION**

To recommend to the Full Council on 1 December 2022 that the following is the favoured option in relation to the level of Council Tax Premium on Second Homes and Long-term Empty Properties 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).
- That Cyngor Gwynedd 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%).
- That Cyngor Gwynedd 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).

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Council must make an annual decision as to whether it is to continue to charge a Council Tax Premium on long-term empty properties and second homes ("periodically occupied dwellings"). Without such decision, a Council Tax discount of 50% would have to be offered to such properties. Legislative changes mean that the Council can charge a Premium of up to 300% from 1 April 2023 onwards.

Although the Full Council has to make the final decision regarding the Council Tax discount or premium, and the level of the discount or premium, in accordance with the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet needs to make a recommendation to the Full Council

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### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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## **ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION**

A Public Consultation was undertaken on the matter on 30 September, which remained open for 28 days. The results could be seen in the report.

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which were included in the report.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 7: ADOPTION OF RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

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### **DECISION**

To adopt the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.

To delegate powers to the Head of Environment Department to make non-material modifications to the document prior to its publication.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 places a duty on local authorities to prepare and publish a Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP). The purpose of the ROWIP is to set a framework to prioritise, manage and improve the rights of way network.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 8: PV PANELS ELECTRICITY PRODUCING SCHEME – PHASE 4

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### **DECISION**

To proceed to invest 2.8m in the fourth phase of the PV panels electricity generating scheme, leading to an annual revenue saving.

To fund the capital investment from the Council's balances leading to permanent revenue savings at once as a contribution to the savings / cuts scheme.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

After the Council declared a Climate Emergency and set a Net Zero target by 2030, Welsh Government's Energy Service (WGES) was appointed to assess further opportunities in the building field.

A desktop review of current energy management practices was undertaken along with a quantitative analysis of the efficiency of those buildings used by Cyngor Gwynedd. Specific energy saving opportunities were noted. One of the main projects identified was expanding PV further namely adding to the electricity producing Solar Panels that are already installed.

The Cabinet's decision is needed in order to approve the investment in the project

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 9: THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2021 – CYNGOR GWYNEDD SELF-ASSESSMENT (DRAFT) 2021/22

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### **DECISION**

The Cyngor Gwynedd Self-assessment (Draft) 2021/22 was approved, accepting the recommendations made by the Governance and Audit Committee and to recommend its adoption to the Full Council.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, the Council has a duty to report on performance, based on a self-assessment method. This was the Council's first Self-assessment of Performance, which looked back at 2021/22.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 10: PETITIONS SCHEME

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### **DECISION**

To approve the Petitions Scheme and recommend its adoption by the Full Council.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Part 3 of the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 notes the need for Local Authorities to adopt a Petitions Scheme. The Cabinet is asked to approve it and recommend it to the Full Council.

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Item 11: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE NORTH WALES REGIONAL PARTNERSHIP BOARD 2021/22

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### **DECISION**

To accept the report and note the work and progress made in 2021/2022 in the areas of work that were brought forward regionally through the North Wales Regional Partnership Board.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The purpose of the North Wales Regional Partnership Board's Annual Report was to provide information to partners in relation to its activities during 2021/22. The report demonstrates the progress made and the Board's work streams during the year.

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 requires that every Regional Partnership Board in Wales produce and publish an annual report on its work to be presented to the Welsh Government.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 12: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULTS, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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### **DECISION**

To accept and note the information in the report.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To ensure effective and transparent performance management, a Cabinet Member is required to periodically report to the Cabinet on the performance of the field for which the Member is responsible.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 13: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES

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### **DECISION**

To accept and note the information in the report.

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