

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD EDUCATION AND ECONOMY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DECISION NOTICE**

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

9 November 2023

Hybrid Meeting

Present:

Councillors: Councillor Elwyn Jones (Chair)
Councillor Paul Rowlinson (Vice-chair)

Councillors:- Jina Gwyrfai, Iwan Huws, Dawn Lynne Jones, Dewi Jones, Gareth Tudor Jones, Gwilym Jones, Cai Larsen, Beth Lawton, Dewi Owen, Llio Elenid Owen, John Pughe Roberts, Huw Llwyd Rowlands and Rhys Tudur.

Co-opted Members: Colette Owen (The Catholic Church), Manon Williams (Parent / Governor Representative Arfon) and Gwilym Jones (NASUWT).

Officers in attendance: Bethan Adams (Scrutiny Advisor) and Eirian Roberts (Democracy Services Officer).

Present for item 5: Councillor Beca Brown (Cabinet Member for Education).

Education Department:- Debbie Anne Jones (Assistant Head: Corporate Services), Ffion Edwards Ellis (Assistant Head: Special Educational Needs and Inclusion), Gwern ap Rhisiart (Assistant Head: Primary), Gwyn Tudur (Assistant Head: Secondary), Llion Williams (Assistant Head: Well-being and Equality) and Rhys Glyn (Head of Gwynedd Immersion Education System).

GwE:- Elfyn Vaughan Jones (Senior Regional Leader – Secondary Schools and Pupil Referral Units) and Euros Davies (Senior Regional Leader – Primary and Special Schools).

Present for item 6:- Councillor Nia Jeffreys (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Operational Economy Matters), Amanda Davies (Byw'n Iach Managing Director) and Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community).

Present for item 7: Councillor Nia Jeffreys (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Operational Economy Matters), Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community), Llyr Jones (Assistant Head of Economy and Community) and Bryn Pritchard-Jones (Maritime Service Manager).

Apologies: Councillors Gwynfor Owen, Richard Glyn Roberts and Sasha Williams; Elise Poulter (NEU).

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SUBJECT

Item 5: ESTYN REPORT ON EDUCATION SERVICES IN CYNGOR GWYNEDD

DECISION

To accept the report and to note the observations and receive a progress report on the response to the recommendations in 9 months' time.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	14
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 6: BYW'N IACH

DECISION

1. To accept the report and to note the observations.
2. To write to the Health and Social Services Minister highlighting the work being carried out by Cwmni Byw'n Iach in respect of the National Exercise Referral Scheme and the need for additional finance to fund its operation in Gwynedd.

THE RESULT OF THE VOTE

In favour	10
Against	0
Abstentions	0

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND PROTOCOL MATTERS

Councillors Beth Lawton, Llio Elenid Owen and Gareth Tudor Jones declared a personal interest because they were Directors of Byw'n Iach.

The members were not of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, but although they did not leave the meeting during the discussion, they did not take part in the discussion or vote. In accordance with Section 7.6 of the Constitution, no member may be involved in scrutinising on decisions in which he/she has been directly involved.

Councillor Dewi Jones declared a personal interest because he was a member of Byw'n Iach.

The member was not of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest, and he did not leave the meeting during the discussion.

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Item 7: GWYNEDD BEACH MANAGEMENT

DECISION

To accept the report and to note the observations.

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.

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SUBJECT

Item 8: AUTISM PLAN TASK AND FINISH GROUP

DECISION

1. That Councillors Dawn Jones and Gwynfor Owen (who have a connection with the autism field) submit applications for dispensations to allow them to represent the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee on the Autism Plan Task and Finish Group.
 2. To ask the Standards Committee to convene a special meeting to consider applications for dispensations from Councillors Dawn Jones and Gwynfor Owen.
 3. To elect Councillors Cai Larsen and Beth Lawton as reserve members to represent the Committee on the Task and Finish Group.
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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.
