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Notice of the Decisions of the **Meeting of the Cabinet** held at the Council Chamber, Neuadd Cyngor Ceredigion, Penmorfa, Aberaeron and remotely on **Tuesday, 5 November 2024**

This Notice is published at 5.00pm on Thursday, 7 November 2024. Requests to call-in any decision to be delivered to the Head of Democratic Services by 5.00pm on Thursday, 14 November 2024. The decisions will come into force (if no valid call-in application is received) on Friday, 15 November 2024.

PRESENT: Councillor Bryan Davies (Chair), Councillors Catrin M S. Davies, Clive Davies, Keith Henson, Wyn Thomas, Matthew Vaux and Alun Williams.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Councillors Euros Davies, Marc Davies, Elaine Evans, Eryl Evans, Keith Evans, Raymond Evans, Hugh Hughes, Chris James and Ann Bowen Morgan.

(10.00am- 11.41am)

87 Apologies

- i. Councillor Gareth Davies, Cabinet Member for Finance and Procurement apologised for his inability to attend the meeting.
- ii. James Starbuck, Corporate Director and Duncan Hall, Corporate Lead Officer: Finance and Procurement apologised for their inability to attend the meeting.

88 Chair's Announcements

- i. Councillor Catrin M S Davies on behalf of the Cabinet expressed her condolences to all impacted by the legal case against former Gwynedd headteacher Neil Foden. The Cabinet asked for reassurance from Officers that the appropriate safeguarding processes were in place to ensure that the same would not happen in Ceredigion and that the local authority was meeting the requirements of the 'Clywch' report by Peter Clarke.

Audrey Somerton-Edwards, Statutory Director of Social Services and Corporate Lead Officer: Porth Cynnal and Elen James, Chief Education Officer and Corporate Lead Officer: Lifelong Learning outlined the various processes in place to safeguard children and young people. Reassurance was provided that the local authority was taking the appropriate steps and that the wellbeing of children and young people was a priority for all.

- ii. Congratulations were extended to Ceredigion Young Farmers' Club on winning the YFC National Eisteddfod held in Carmarthen recently.
- iii. Congratulations were also extended to Llangwryfon Young Farmers' Club for winning the NFYFC Community Spirit Award 2024.
- iv. Thanks were extended to Councillor Raymond Evans for arranging volunteers to undertake work at Hafan y Waun Residential Care Home.

89 Disclosure of Personal / Prejudicial Interests

- i. Councillor Bryan Davies declared a personal and prejudicial interest in relation to item 94 and withdrew from the meeting whilst the matter was being discussed.

- ii. Councillors Euros Davies and Keith Henson declared a personal interest in relation to item 94.

90 To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Cabinet and any matters arising from those Minutes

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Cabinet held on 1 October 2024.

Matters arising: There were no matters arising from the minutes.

91 Any petitions received: "More early morning sessions be made available for adult lane swimming at Lampeter Swimming Pool"

It was noted that the above petition had been received and would be dealt with in accordance with the guidelines in the Petitions Protocol.

92 Reports of any decisions (if any) having been called in from Overview and Scrutiny Committees

None.

93 Any feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees not otherwise on the agenda

None.

94 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Schools and Lifelong Learning upon the Feasibility Study - Review of Post-16 Education Provision including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

DECISION:

- To note the content of the Feasibility Report.
- To approve the proposal to start the process of adopting Option 2, which is to ensure suitable arrangements for joint planning of the Post-16 curriculum, for September 2026.
- To approve the proposal to carry out further investigation into Option 4, in order to give more detailed consideration to establishing a Centre of Excellence (on one or more suitable sites).
- To note the feedback from the Learning Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Reason for the decision:

- Approve the start of the adoption of Option 2, in order to ensure suitable arrangements for joint planning of the Post-16 curriculum, for September 2026.
- Approving further investigation into Option 4, in order to give more detailed consideration to establishing a Centre of Excellence (on one or more suitable sites).

95 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Schools and Lifelong Learning upon the LA Representative on Governing Bodies

DECISION:

To confirm the nomination outlined in the report as LA representative on the Governing Body of the relevant School.

Reason for the decision:

To nominate representatives of the LA on Governing Bodies.

96 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officers for Schools and Lifelong Learning and Porth Cymorth Cynnar upon the Official Opening of Ysgol Dyffryn Aeron; the extension and refurbishment works undertaken at Cardigan Primary and Secondary Schools and the All-Weather Pitch at Plascrug Leisure Centre

DECISION:

- i. To nominate Eluned Morgan MS, First Minister of Wales to officially open Ysgol Dyffryn Aeron.
- ii. To nominate Councillor Keith Evans, Chair of Ceredigion County Council to officially open the extension and refurbishment works undertaken at Cardigan Primary and Secondary Schools and the All-Weather Pitch at Plascrug Leisure Centre.

Reason for the decision:

Agree to invite appropriate persons to officially open Ysgol Dyffryn Aeron; the extension and refurbishment works undertaken at Cardigan Primary and Secondary Schools and the All-Weather Pitch at Plascrug Leisure Centre.

97 To consider the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public Protection upon the Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 - Fees for new Special Procedures Licensing Scheme

DECISION:

1. To recommend to Council that the Corporate Lead Officer - Policy, Performance & Public Protection be authorised under The Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 to undertake Special Procedures Licensing functions.
2. To approve the proposed fee structure in respect of the new licensing scheme for special procedures.

Reason for the decision:

- The Public Health (Wales) Act 2017 will place a statutory duty on local authorities in Wales to administer and enforce the special procedures licensing scheme.
- To ensure that appropriate delegations are in place so that officers within the Public Protection service can utilise delegated powers to carry out their duties.
- To ensure that the Local Authority can fulfil this statutory obligation efficiently, an appropriate fee structure and scheme of delegated powers is required to be adopted.

98 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Policy, Performance and Public Protection upon the Annual Report of Compliments, Complaints, and Freedom of Information (2023-2024) including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Cabinet noted the report, the Annual letter from the Ombudsman and the feedback from the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 99 To note the report of the Corporate Lead Officer for Customer Contact, ICT and Digital upon the Annual SIRO Report including feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Cabinet noted the report and the feedback from the Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

- 100 Any other matter the Chairman decides is for the urgent attention of the Cabinet**

None.

Confirmed at the Meeting of the Cabinet held on 3 December 2024

Chairman: _____

Date: _____