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<b>RHYBUDD O GYFARFOD</b>	<b>NOTICE OF MEETING</b>
<b>PWYLLGOR GWAITH</b>	<b>THE EXECUTIVE</b>
<b>DYDD LLUN 20 HYDREF 2014 10.00 o'r gloch</b>	<b>MONDAY 20 OCTOBER 2014 10.00 am</b>
<b>SIAMBR Y CYNGOR SWYDDFEYDD Y CYNGOR LLANGFNI</b>	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER COUNCIL OFFICES LLANGFNI</b>
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## **Annibynnol/Independent**

R Dew, K P Hughes, H E Jones and Ieuan Williams (Cadeirydd/Chair)

## **Plaid Lafur/Labour Party**

J A Roberts (Is-Gadeirydd/Vice-Chair) and Alwyn Rowlands

## **Heb Ymuno / Unaffiliated**

Aled M Jones (Democratiaid Rhyddfrydol Cymru / Welsh Liberal Democrats)

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I Aelodau'r Cyngor Sir / To the Members of the County Council

Bydd aelod sydd ddim ar y Pwyllgor Gwaith yn cael gwahoddiad i'r cyfarfod i siarad (ond nid i bleidleisio) os ydy o/hi wedi gofyn am gael rhoddi eitem ar y rhaglen dan Reolau Gweithdrefn y Pwyllgor Gwaith. Efallai bydd y Pwyllgor Gwaith yn ystyried ceisiadau gan aelodau sydd ddim ar y Pwyllgor Gwaith i siarad ar faterion eraill.

A non-Executive member will be invited to the meeting and may speak (but not vote) during the meeting, if he/she has requested the item to be placed on the agenda under the Executive Procedure Rules. Requests by non-Executive members to speak on other matters may be considered at the discretion of The Executive.

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## **A G E N D A**

### **1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

To receive any declarations of interest from any Member or Officer in respect of any item of business.

### **2 URGENT MATTERS CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR HIS APPOINTED OFFICER**

No urgent matters at the time of dispatch of this agenda.

### **3 MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)**

To submit for confirmation, the minutes of the meeting of the Executive held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

### **4 MINUTES FOR INFORMATION (Pages 7 - 14)**

To submit for information, the draft minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel held on 8<sup>th</sup> September, 2014.

### **5 THE EXECUTIVE'S FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 15 - 28)**

To submit a report by the Interim Head of Democratic Services.

### **6 BUDGET 2015-16 (Pages 29 - 32)**

To submit a report by the Interim Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer.

### **7 RENT DE-POOLING AND SERVICE CHARGES (Pages 33 - 42)**

To submit a report by the Head of Housing Services.

### **8 NEWRY BEACH VILLAGE GREEN APPLICATION (Pages 43 - 46)**

To submit a report by the Head of Environment and Technical Services.

### **9 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Pages 47 - 48)**

To consider adoption of the following:-

*"Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during discussion on the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act and in the attached Public Interest Test".*

### **10 SMARTER WORKING PROJECT (Pages 49 - 140)**

To submit a report by the Deputy Chief Executive.

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**11 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Pages 141 - 142)**

To consider adoption of the following:-

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**12 SELLING LAND AT BRYN DU (Pages 143 - 146)**

To submit a report by the Head of Environment and Technical Services.

**13 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Pages 147 - 148)**

To consider adoption of the following:-

*"Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during discussion on the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act and in the attached Public Interest Test".*

**14 PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME (Pages 149 - 164)**

To submit a report by the Interim Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer.

**15 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC (Pages 165 - 166)**

To consider adoption of the following:-

*"Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, to exclude the press and public from the meeting during discussion on the following item on the grounds that it may involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the said Act and in the attached Public Interest Test".*

**16 EXTRA CARE OPTIONS IN AMLWCH AND LLANGFNI (Pages 167 - 176)**

To submit a report by the Director of Community.

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## THE EXECUTIVE

### Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2014

- PRESENT:** Councillor Ieuan Williams (Chair)  
Councillor J Arwel Roberts (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors R Dew, K P Hughes, A M Jones, H E Jones and Alwyn Rowlands
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Deputy Chief Executive,  
Director of Community,  
Director of Lifelong Learning,  
Director of Sustainable Development,  
Head of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer (for items 10, 11 & 13),  
Interim Head of Function (Resources) & Section 151 Officer (for items 7, 8 & 9),  
Interim Head of Democratic Services (for item 4),  
Head of Adults Services,  
Head of Children's Services (for item 13),  
Head of Service (Economic & Community Regeneration) (for item 16),  
Energy Island Programme Director (JIJ) (for item 16),  
Interim Accountancy Services Manager (BO) (for items 7, 8 & 9),  
Capital & Treasury Management Accountant (GR) (for items 7, 8 & 9),  
Business Planning & Programme Manager (GM) (for item 5)  
Committee Officer (MEH).
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillors Ann Griffith, John Griffith, T. Victor Hughes, Llinos M. Huws, R. Meirion Jones, Nicola Roberts.
- APOLOGIES:** None

#### 1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor H. Eifion Jones referred to Item 14 – Schools Modernisation (Rhosyr Area). He wished it to be noted that he is a Governor at 2 schools within the catchment area and has been advised by the Monitoring Officer that he did not need to declare an interest.

Councillor Ann Griffith declared an interest in respect of Item 13 – Establishment of a North Wales Regional Safeguarding Children Board.

**2 URGENT MATTERS CERTIFIED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OR HIS APPOINTED OFFICER**

None to declare.

**3 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive held on 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2014 be confirmed as a true record.

**4 THE EXECUTIVE'S FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME**

The report of the Interim Head of Democratic Services incorporating the Executive's Forward Work Programme for the period October 2014 to May 2015 was presented for approval.

The Interim Head of Democratic Services gave an update report that a delegated decision has taken place in respect of Legal Services Fees.

The following items noted in the Work Programme have been deferred from the 20 October meeting to the 1<sup>st</sup> December meeting :-

- 9. Housing Revenue Account Subsidy
- 20. Llawr y Dref – options for the future

**It was resolved to confirm the updated Forward Work Programme for the period September, 2014 - May, 2015.**

**5 CORPORATE SCORECARD - QUARTER 1, 2014/15**

Submitted – the report of the Business Planning and Programme Manager setting out the position with regard to performance against key indicators in relation to People Management, Financial Management, Performance Management and Customer Service at the end of Quarter 1.

**RESOLVED :-**

- **To accept the report and the recommendations contained therein.**
- **To authorise the Portfolio Holder to further discuss with the Officers the issues highlighted within the report.**
- **That a report will be submitted to the full Council in October.**

**6 ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2013/14**

Submitted – the report of the Business Planning and Programme Manager seeking Executive approval of the Performance Report for 2013/14 for consideration at the County Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

**RESOLVED to delegate authority to the Deputy Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Performance, to complete and publish the full plan for submission to the full Council in October.**

**7 2014/15 REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - QUARTER 1**

Submitted – the report of the Interim Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer which outlines the position of the Council's revenue spending for the first quarter of 2014/2015 together with a projected position for the year as a whole.

Concerns were raised in respect of overspend within the Finance Department due to the employment of agency staff during the closure of accounts. The Interim Head of Function (Resources and Section 151 Officer responded that he was in the process of restructuring the department and was hopeful that posts can be filled with no need for agency staff to work on the closure of accounts next year.

**RESOLVED to accept the report.**

**8 2014/15 CAPITAL BUDGET MONITORING REPORT - QUARTER 1**

Submitted – the report of the Interim Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer on the position with regard to the capital budget 2014/15 at the end of Quarter 1.

The Portfolio Holder (Finance) stated that he was pleased that the Corporate Scrutiny Committee had established a Panel to discuss the disposal of assets.

**RESOLVED to note progress of expenditure and receipts against the capital budget.**

**9 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW FOR 2013/14**

Submitted – the report of the Interim Head of Function (Resources) and Section 151 Officer in relation to the above.

**RESOLVED to accept the report.**

**10 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES - POLICY FRAMEWORK**

Submitted – the report of the Head of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer seeking Executive approval on the Changes to the Policy Framework for consideration at the County Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

**RESOLVED to recommend to the full Council that the Council approves the changes to the Council's Constitution as outlined within the report.**

**11 CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES - COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULES AND APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Submitted – the report of the Head of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer seeking Executive approval on the Council Procedure Rules and Appointment of the Chair of the Democratic Services Committee for consideration at the County Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

**RESOLVED to recommend to the full Council that the Council approves the changes to the Constitution as outlined in the report.**

**12 STANDING ORDERS - CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

Submitted – the report of the Head of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer seeking Executive approval on the New Standing Orders Regulations for consideration at the County Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October, 2014.

**RESOLVED to recommend to the full Council :-**

- **To note the contents of the new Local Authority(Standing Orders) (Amendment) (Wales) Regulations 2014 (“the 2014 Regulations”).**
- **To instruct the Monitoring Officer to amend the Constitution to reflect the changes required to bring the Constitution in line with the 2014 Regulations as detailed in this Report. The 2014 Regulations make changes to the existing Local Authorities (Standing Orders)(Wales) Regulations 2006 (“the 2006 Regulations”) as a result of changes introduced by the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011.**

**13 ESTABLISHMENT OF A NORTH WALES REGIONAL SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD**

Submitted – the report of the Head of Service (Children's Services) in relation to the Regional and Local Arrangements to Safeguard Children and Adults.

The Head of Services (Children's Services) reported that this is the best arrangement to ensure that the Council is well prepared to support the requirement of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act and also develop a North Wales best fit solution, based on evidence of what works in relation to safeguarding.

**RESOLVED :-**

- **To approve the proposed structure for the regional Safeguarding Children's Boards known as the North Wales Safeguarding Children Board.**



- **To note that the Social Services & Wellbeing Bill proposes putting safeguarding adults on to a similar statutory footing as that for children, including the requirements for Adult Safeguarding Board.**

#### **14 SCHOOLS MODERNISATION - RHOSYR AREA**

Submitted – the report of the Corporate Director (Lifelong Learning) seeking Executive approval to initiate the process to conduct an informal consultation process on the primary education at Brynsiencyn, Dwyran, Newborough, Bodorgan, Llangaffo and Parc y Bont Primary Schools.

Councillor Ann Griffith stated that when considering the closure of primary schools, consideration should be given to the effect it will have on the local community. She requested that reference be made to Bro Rhosyr and Bro Aberffraw in respect of this consultation.

#### **RESOLVED :-**

- **To authorise the Officers from the Lifelong Learning Department to enable them to conduct an informal or non-statutory consultation process on the primary education provision in South Western Anglesey.**
- **To subsequently prepare several possible options on the way forward by early 2015.**

#### **15 WASTE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

Submitted – the report of the Head of Service (Environment & Technical Services) in relation to the Waste Management Strategy.

**RESOLVED to note the contents of the Waste Management Strategy.**

#### **16 JAPAN - LEARNING JOURNEY**

Submitted for information – the report of the Chief Executive in relation Japan Learning Visit report.

The Chief Executive wished it to be noted that he did not have any difficulties or concerns in authoring the learning visit to Japan. The proposed development at Wylfa Newydd is of utmost importance to the economy of the Island.

**RESOLVED to note the report for information.**

**17 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RESOVLED** to adopt the following :-

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**18 IT SERVICES STRUCTURE**

Submitted – the report of the Deputy Chief Executive in relation to the above.

**RESOLVED** to accept the report and the recommendations contained therein.

The meeting concluded at 11.10 am

**COUNCILLOR IEUAN WILLIAMS  
CHAIR**

## Corporate Parenting Panel

### Minutes of the meeting held on 8 September, 2014

- PRESENT:** Mr Richard Parry Jones (Chief Executive) (Chair)
- Councillor Ieuan Williams (Council Leader & Portfolio Member for Education)  
Councillor Kenneth Hughes (Portfolio Member for Housing and Social Services)  
Councillor Ann Griffith (Corporate Scrutiny Committee)  
Councillor Dylan Rees (Partnership & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee)  
Sue Willis (Continuing Care Service Manager - BCUHB)  
Alison Jones (NYAS)  
Mrs Gwen Carrington (Director of Community)  
Dr Gwynne Jones (Director of Lifelong Learning)  
Anwen Huws (Head of Children's Services)  
Mrs Delyth Molyneux (Head of Learning)  
Mr Llyr Bryn Roberts (Principal Officer – Corporate Parenting and Partnerships)  
Mrs Rona Jones (Independent Reviewing Officer)  
Deborah Stammers (Child Placement Team Leader)  
Natalie Woodworth (Principal Officer – Operations)  
Heulwen Owen (LAC Education Liaison Officer)  
Llinos Edwards (LAC Nurse)  
Ann Holmes (Committee Officer)
- APOLOGIES:** Mr Douglas Watson (Chair Anglesey Foster Carers' Association)

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The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting and he extended a particular welcome to Mr Llyr Bryn Roberts to his first meeting of the Panel as the newly appointed Principal Officer – Corporate Parenting and Partnerships.

#### 1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

No declaration of interest was received.

#### 2 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Corporate Parenting Panel held on 2 June, 2014 were presented and confirmed as correct.

Arising thereon –

- The Director of Community confirmed that discussions with regard to the provision of free gym membership are ongoing with the Principal Leisure Officer with input now provided also by the Principal Officer for Corporate Parenting and Partnerships. The Authority has been in contact with Gwynedd and Conwy Councils, and Conwy Council as an authority with experience of developing effective working practices in this respect has indicated that its officers are willing to visit Anglesey to lend the Authority their expertise.
- With reference to the timely provision of education psychology reports in adoption cases so as not to delay Court proceedings, the Head of Learning said that a situation exists whereby the Education Psychology Service is not fully staffed hence the issue with regard to the availability of staff to undertake the assessments. Arrangements have been made to prioritise cases involving certain groups. Steps have also been taken to try to strengthen capacity by the appointment of three trainee assistant educational psychologist two of whom are about to embark on a course of training as Educational Psychologists which is of 3 years duration. The Panel noted, and was satisfied that the Education Psychology Service is aware of the problem and is taking action to address the situation.
- With reference to Lost After Care, the Head of Children's Services said that she would inquire further regarding the After Care Service's provision of a full Service Action Plan.

### 3 MATTERS ARISING – ALL WALES PROTOCOL FOR MISSING CHILDREN

The All Wales Protocol for Missing Children encompassing children who run away or go missing from care was presented for the Panel's information. The Protocol provides guidance for practitioners and relevant agencies regarding the steps to be taken when a looked after child has been defined as missing from care. The Protocol also refers practitioners to separate guidance in cases where they encounter a child who is being, or is at risk of being sexually exploited and in cases where a child is being trafficked.

The Independent Reviewing Officer reported on the position with regard to the Isle of Anglesey County Council and she confirmed that the Authority does have in place a protocol to deal with incidents where a child or young person goes missing from care. She confirmed that the general approach is in line with the processes and procedures contained within the All Wales Protocol and she went on to explain the process whereby the Authority seeks to safeguard the looked after population, and the actions to be taken in the eventuality that those children and young persons identified as high risk within that population might go missing. The Officer also updated the Panel on the situation with regard to one young person who is currently missing from care regarding which the Panel has been briefed on a quarterly basis.

The Panel considered the information and highlighted the following matters regarding which they sought assurance –

- In the context of national events, and in relation to the exploitation of children and young people who go missing from care, that professional practitioners in all the relevant services are aware of the All Wales Protocol and the related expectations; that they are confident in its use and know what to do in the different circumstances wherein a child or young person can go missing.

The Service Officers explained the level of understanding of the Protocol and procedures from the perspective of the Children's Services, the Education Services the Health Service and the Fostering Service respectively and they elaborated on arrangements for ongoing training where those are being made. The Head of Children's Services referred to developments in relation to establishing a North Wales framework to facilitate multi-agency working to address issues around children who go missing from care meaning there is an enhanced awareness of the risks regarding missing children and young people along with the need for joint planning in order to address the matter. The Authority in Anglesey has undertaken a great deal of work jointly with Barnardo's Cymru on the Seraf Service (a support programme for children and young people who are at risk of or have been abused through sexual exploitation) and staff have been trained to identify children and young people at risk of exploitation and to use the Seraf risk assessment tool. Agencies are now much more aware that children and young people who go missing from care are vulnerable rather than problematic individuals. The Principal Officer (Operations) confirmed that Barnardo's Cymru has been working with the Authority on a practical and operational level. She informed the Panel that the Authority in conjunction with Barnardo's Cymru has developed a child trafficking handbook and the processes for dealing with it which is being ratified by the Welsh Government prior to its circulation to all other local authorities in Wales.

The Head of Learning said that whilst Education Service practitioners are not as practiced in the application of the Protocol as Social Workers, joint-working arrangements between education and other services have been extended and tightened and the Service's Inclusion Officer works closely with schools to raise awareness of the relevant protocols. The Child Placement Team Manager confirmed that the Protocol forms part of the documentation provided to the Authority's foster carers upon their registration. The LAC Nurse said that LAC and school nurses have received training by Barnardo's Cymru. When undertaking health assessments LAC Nurses have a list of questions they can ask in clinics about exploitation and other such matters with reference to missing children, and they participate in the Môn/Gwynedd task groups which are part of the framework to promote multi-agency working in this field.

The Panel noted and accepted the professional feedback with regard to practitioner and professional awareness of the All Wales Protocol and its implementation.

The Continuing Care Service Manager said that the Wrexham asylum seekers centre may be in a position to obtain intelligence regarding children and young persons who go missing, and she

suggested that the LAC Nurse should seek a dialogue with the centre with a view to possibly gaining information about the one young person who is currently missing from care.

- In the context of national events, that the Panel should have oversight of the number of occasions on which a young child or person has absconded from care and should be regularly monitoring the situation.
- With reference to elected Members' specific corporate parenting responsibilities, that they be provided with training on this subject matter. The Head of Children's Services said that part of the Principal Officer – Corporate Parenting and Partnerships' duties and planned work programme will be to review the work of the Corporate Parenting Panel and the Council's Corporate Parenting Strategy which includes the provision of training for elected members.
- The Social Services' relationship with the UK Border Agency and whether the Agency approaches missing children more as possible illegal immigrants than as potential victims of trafficking. The Chair said that Anglesey has a lead role in North Wales on issues of people trafficking and slavery and has a dedicated officer to that end. The Authority has had a dialogue with the UK Border Agency and with the Police Service on strategy and a Government Minister has visited Holyhead Port. Therefore there is now a much more prominent multi-agency approach to child trafficking issues and a much greater awareness of its occurrence and the risks associated with it.
- **It was agreed to note the All-Wales Protocol for Missing Children along with the Anglesey approach to the same.**

#### **ACTIONS ARISING:**

- **Principal Officer – Operations to provide the Panel at its next meeting with information regarding the joint working initiative with Barnardo's Cymru regarding children and young people at risk of exploitation/trafficking.**
- **Principal Officer – Operations to provide the Panel with a copy of the handbook developed jointly with Barnardo's Cymru to provide guidance regarding child trafficking and the processes for dealing with it.**
- **Principal Officer – Operations to provide the Panel with data regarding the number of occasions on which a child/young person has absconded from care in Anglesey.**
- **LAC Nurse to contact Wrexham Asylum Centre for possible intelligence regarding the one young person currently missing from care.**
- **Head of Children's Services to provide the Panel at its next meeting with a summary report of lessons to be learnt from the Rotherham Child Abuse case in terms of clarifying expectations and accountabilities in relation to safeguarding children and young people from exploitation.**

#### **4 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT REVIEWING OFFICER**

The report of the Independent Reviewing Officer providing a statistical analysis of the looked after population on Anglesey during Quarter 1 2014/15 was presented for the Panel's consideration. The report included information in relation to the Looked After Population profile and trends; legal status and type of placement; the number of reviews undertaken within the statutory timescale and the reasons for any non-compliance; good practice issues in care planning and practice issues that need attention; developmental work and risks and areas of concern with proposed actions to resolve them.

The Independent Reviewing Officer highlighted the following points –

- That overall, there has been a gradual decrease in the looked after population since Quarter 1 2012/13.
- The performance Indicators for LAC reviews within timescale continue to be high although two reviews were conducted outside the timescale due to unforeseen circumstances.
- A consultation event undertaken by NYAS found that many looked after children and young people found their reviews to be boring and saw them as something that is imposed on them rather than being helpful to them. Experience indicates that reviews conducted in a more intimate

environment with fewer officials present are more productive in terms of the looked after child/young person's participation and in their deriving benefit from it.

- The decline in parental involvement in LAC reviews as a matter of concern.
- A proposal that the Authority hold an annual event to celebrate the achievements of the children and young people who are looked after which would recognise success in different categories for different age groups.

The Panel considered the information and discussed the decline in parental attendance at LAC reviews and what steps might be taken to encourage parents to be present in review meetings as regards reducing the formality and bureaucracy around these meetings. It was agreed that consideration needs to be given to how best to achieve a balance between meeting performance targets in terms of the number of reviews held within timescale and ensuring that the reviews themselves are meaningful to the looked after child/young person.

The Panel was agreed that it was important for it to maintain a link with the Authority's looked after population and that an awards event presents an opportunity for Panel Members to meet with those children and young persons for whom the Authority has a duty of care.

**It was agreed to accept the report of the Independent Reviewing Officer and to note its contents.**

**ACTION ARISING: Director of Community in consultation with the Portfolio Member for Housing and Social Services to explore the feasibility of instituting an annual awards event to recognise the achievements of children and young people who are looked after by the Authority.**

## **5 SERVICE REPORTS**

5.1 The report of the LAC Team Manager was presented and noted.

### **NO FURTHER ACTION ARISING**

5.2 The report of the LAC Education Liaison Officer in respect of the educational aspects of the provision for Looked After Children and Young People was presented for the Panel's consideration.

The Panel considered the report and sought clarification of the Authority's performance with reference to the educational attainments of its looked after population. Reference was made to draft information on this matter which suggests that there is room for improvement.

The Director of Lifelong Learning explained that the draft data relates to Summer 2013 examinations specifically and that it would be advisable to establish firstly whether the performance data for Summer 2014 examination underlines a pattern of underachievement or whether it indicates that the results for 2013 were an aberration due to the size of the cohort and the performance in one Key Stage. He emphasised that there is a need to establish a procedure whereby the Panel can be assured that the education provision actively supports looked after children and young people to fulfil their potential.

The Head of Children's Services said that there are one or two areas in relation to the educational progress of the looked after population that the Panel might wish to examine as risk areas. She suggested that it was important for the Panel to focus on areas of risk and to consider formulating a risk register to highlight exception areas with regard to corporate parenting performance.

**It was agreed to accept the report of the LAC Education Liaison Officer and to note its contents.**

### **NO FURTHER ACTION ARISING**

5.3 The report of the LAC Nurse in relation to the health aspects of the provision for Looked After Children and Young People was presented for the Panel's consideration.

The LAC Nurse sought approval to provide performance statistics on an annual rather than quarterly basis. She confirmed that no issues had arisen during the quarter apart from a reduction

in her office time due to a requirement to support the LAC nurse post in Gwynedd whilst the post holder is covering maternity absence.

The Panel acceded to the request by the LAC Nurse to report on performance annually rather than quarterly conditional upon any issues of concern being reported to the Panel in the interim.

**It was agreed to accept the report of the LAC Nurse and to note its contents.**

#### **NO FURTHER ACTION ARISING**

5.4 The report of the Child Placement Team Leader incorporating the draft CSSIW Fostering Post Inspection Action Plan was presented for the Panel's consideration.

The Child Placement Team Leader highlighted the output of the work of the Fostering Recruitment and Marketing Officer as seen in a 325% increase in the number of fostering enquiries in Q1 2014/15 (34) compared to the corresponding period in 2013/14.

The Panel considered the report and referred to issues with the potential to impact on the retention of the Authority's foster carers. The Panel noted that some of the Authority's most experienced foster carers had voiced frustration that their financial needs and aspirations for progression and development in their fostering career are not being met. The Panel recognised the risk that they may choose to transfer to the independent fostering sector and was concerned by the implications of such a withdrawal for the quality of the Authority's fostering service and for the Recruitment Strategy. Whilst the Panel emphasised that discussions regarding the fostering payments and fees package need to coincide with the Council's budget consultation and formulation process, it also acknowledged that the financial dimension is only part of the discussion about the support elements that contribute to, and reflect the status and recognition accorded to the Authority's Foster Carers.

The Officers reported on steps being taken to address the situation through the Foster Care Forum and its three working groups which are focussing on foster carers' dissatisfaction with the status quo including by reviewing payments and introducing a Foster Carers' Charter and Handbook. Whilst acknowledging that the Authority has to be as competitive as it can in comparison with the independent sector, they emphasised that the discussion must extend beyond the remuneration element alone, and must encompass those other qualitative aspects of the support package for foster carers which draw potential carers to the service in the first place and these include a sense of contribution to community, contribution to the wellbeing of local children, and fostering through the medium of both Welsh and English. These elements must feed into the Recruitment Strategy. In addition, the original Invest to save initiative will be revisited to seek to assess the progress on the delivery of the savings which it was anticipated the bid would generate from the non-standard placement budget.

The Panel noted that the work of the Task Group in respect of identifying and evaluating different options with regard to a payments and fees package for foster carers is ongoing as well as the Service's work in relation to considering a further Invest to Save proposal. It was suggested that due to the Budget setting timeline, the matter might be considered on the basis of a single issue group and any new proposals presented thereafter to the Executive.

**It was agreed to accept the report of the Child Placement Team Leader and to note its contents along with the draft CSSIW Post Fostering Inspection Action Plan.**

#### **ACTIONS ARISING:**

- **Child Placement Team Leader to present a summary review of the Fostering Service's processes and procedures and risk areas to the Panel.**
- **Child Placement Team Leader to endeavour to complete as far as possible, the Task Group options for a payments and fees package for Foster Carers in line with Council's corporate budget setting schedule.**

5.5 The report of the Leaving Care Co-Ordinator was presented and noted.

The Panel was informed that further work needs to be undertaken with regard to performance in relation to after-care provision and practice especially in relation to care leavers identified as vulnerable, and that there will be discussions involving the Portfolio Member, Head of Children's Services and Principal Corporate Parenting Officer in the period leading to the Panel's next

meeting in December, with a more substantive report to be presented to that meeting. The Director of Community said that information could be circulated in the interim.

The Panel suggested that a statistical analysis of the number of care leavers involved, their needs and how these are being met would be helpful.

**ACTION ARISING: Leaving Care Co-Ordinator to provide a fuller report to the Panel's next meeting to include analysis of the leaving care population, their needs and the service's plans for meeting those needs.**

## **6 NYAS INDEPENDENT ADVOCAY SERVICE**

The report of the NYAS Senior Advocate in respect of referrals and the provision of an advocacy service in Quarter 1 2014/15 was presented for the Panel's consideration.

The Senior Advocate informed the Panel that she wished to bring to its attention, a marked decrease in referrals for advocacy from Social Workers from 18 in the previous quarter to 2 in the Quarter 1 2014/15 reporting period.

The Panel sought to clarify the reasons for the decline in advocacy referrals and queried whether financial considerations are a factor or whether the looked after population is being provided with advocacy by other means.

The Panel was informed that professional advocacy forms one element of the provision for looked after children and young people and that sometimes those children and young people are more comfortable with a person that is familiar to them e.g. Social Worker acting as advocate on their behalf. Whilst there is a need to continue to raise awareness of advocacy in ways that are user friendly e.g. by use of social media, the data needs to be examined in the context of historical figures for the uptake of advocacy in order to establish whether there are advocacy needs that are not being met. The Principal Officer (Operations) said that the current figures should not necessarily be viewed as negative, and that she was confident that social workers are aware of advocacy as a service; the decrease might be for other reasons e.g. looked after children and young people are more confident in expressing themselves or their advocacy needs are being met in ways other than by the professional service.

**It was agreed to accept the report of the NYAS Senior Advocate and to note its contents.**

**NO FURTHER ACTION ARISING**

## **7 ADVOCACY DEVELOPMENTS**

An update briefing report by the Head of Children's Services summarising recent developments with regard to commissioning and providing statutory advocacy services was presented for the Panel's consideration.

The Head of Children's Services referred to activity within the Welsh Government context and to recommendations for local authority commissioners of advocacy services made by the Ministerial Group on Advocacy as well as to recommendations arising from the work of the Children's Commissioner in Wales under the July, 2014 report, Missing Voices, Right to be Heard which followed up the previous work undertaken in this area under the Missing Voices report and the subsequent review, Missing Voices, Missing Progress. The Authority's response to the recommendations of the Missing Voices Right to be Heard report was outlined in Appendix 1 to the report. The Officer said that the Authority is currently part of a North West Wales Partnership commissioning issue based advocacy arrangement, and that it intends to re-commission this service on a North Wales basis on the expiry of the current contract at the end of March, 2015. This proposal was scrutinised by the Partnerships Scrutiny Committee on 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2104. She emphasised that whilst committed to ensuring the provision of advocacy services for children and young people, the Authority is also keen to develop service user participation, and she explained the intentions of the service in this respect within the development of a Service's Participation Framework.

The NYAS Senior Advocate raised issues in relation to the tender for the contract for the provision of a North Wales advocacy service which the Panel noted.

**It was agreed to accept the report of the Head of Children's Services and to note its contents.**



## **NO FURTHER ACTION ARISING**

### **8 PALLIAL RELATED MATTERS**

The report of the Director of Community outlining proposals with regard to arrangements for the provision on a North Wales basis, of appropriate support and its likely term of duration for individuals who have reported allegations within Operation Pallial was presented for the Panel's consideration.

The Panel considered the report and was agreed in emphasising the need to provide support for the individuals concerned as a matter of immediacy.

#### **It was agreed –**

- **To support the approach adopted by the Isle of Anglesey and region in response to the identified needs of adults, formerly children in care to the local authority as set out in the report.**
- **That the Panel is satisfied that appropriate and sustainable arrangements are in place to support the advocacy needs and access to services for children in care.**
- **That the Panel supports the intention to take steps to ensure the continuation of resources to support this specific work programme within the financial planning process.**

**ACTION ARISING: Director of Community to update the Panel on Pallial related matters as a standing item on the agenda.**

### **9 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was resolved under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the said Act and in the Public Interest Test as presented.

### **10 SPECIFIC CASE REVIEW**

The report of the Head of Children's Services with regard to a specific case review was presented for the Panel's consideration.

The Head of Children's Services explained the circumstances of the case and highlighted key areas of process, procedure and communication wherein she had identified lessons could be learned in order to improve practice in future both on a service and corporate level involving professional practitioners within the Authority and relevant agencies outside.

The Panel gave careful consideration to the information and Members were given the opportunity to ask questions on matters regarding which they sought further explanation and/or clarification. The Panel noted, and accepted the analysis and evaluation of the case along with the recommendations arising from the review and the proposed next steps.

**It was agreed to accept the report and the recommendations contained therein.**

### **11 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was considered.

### **12 NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting was scheduled for Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> December, 2014 and it was agreed that it should commence at 2:00 p.m.

**Mr R.P.Jones (Chief Executive)  
Chair**

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ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>The Executive</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>20 October 2014</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	<b>Cllr Ieuan Williams</b>
<b>Head of Service:</b>	<b>Lynn Ball Head of Function – Council Business / Monitoring Officer</b>
<b>Report Author:</b> Tel: E-mail:	<b>Huw Jones, Interim Head of Democratic Services</b> <b>01248 752108</b> <a href="mailto:JHuwJones@anglesey.gov.uk">JHuwJones@anglesey.gov.uk</a>
<b>Local Members:</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>

<b>A –Recommendation/s and reason/s</b>
<p>In accordance with its Constitution, the Council is required to publish a forward work programme and to update it regularly. The Executive Forward Work Programme is published each month to enable both members of the Council and the public to see what key decisions are likely to be taken over the coming months.</p> <p>The Executive is requested to:</p> <p>confirm the attached updated work programme which covers <b>November 2014 – June 2015</b>;</p> <p>identify any matters subject to consultation with the Council's Scrutiny Committees and confirm the need for Scrutiny Committees to develop their work programmes further to support the Executive's work programme;</p> <p>note that the forward work programme is updated monthly and submitted as a standing monthly item to the Executive.</p>

**B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?**

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**C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?**

The approval of the Executive is sought before each update is published to strengthen accountability and forward planning arrangements .

**D – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?**

Yes.

**DD – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?**

Not applicable.

<b>E – Who did you consult?</b>		<b>What did they say?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT)</b> (mandatory)	The forward work programme is discussed at Heads of Service meetings ('Penaethiaid') on a monthly basis (standing agenda item).  It is also circulated regularly to Corporate Directors and Heads of Services for updates.
<b>2</b>	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	
<b>3</b>	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	
<b>5</b>	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Property</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Local Members</b>	Not applicable.
<b>10</b>	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	Not applicable.

<b>F – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Economic</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Anti-poverty</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Environmental</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Equalities</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Outcome Agreements</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Other</b>
<b>FF - Appendices:</b>	
The Executive's Forward Work Programme: November 2014 – June 2015.	

<b>G - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):</b>
Previous forward work programmes.

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The Executive's forward work programme enables both Members of the Council and the public to see what key decisions are likely to be taken by the Executive over the coming months. It includes information on the decisions sought and who the lead Officers and Portfolio Holders are for each item.

The Executive's draft Forward Work Programme for the period **November 2014 – June 2015** is outlined on the following pages.

It should be noted, however, that the work programme is a flexible document as not all items requiring a decision will be known that far in advance and some timescales may need to be altered to reflect new priorities etc. The list of items included is therefore reviewed regularly.

Some matters identified in the forward work programme may be delegated to individual portfolio holders for approval.

Reports will be required to be submitted from time to time regarding specific property transactions, in accordance with the Asset Management Policy and Procedures. Due to the influence of the external market, it is not possible to determine the timing of reports in advance.

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1	<b>Members' Register of Interests (Declared in Meetings)</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Approval.	Deputy Chief Executive	Lynn Ball Head of Function - Council Business / Monitoring Officer  Cllr Alwyn Rowlands		Decision to be delegated to the Portfolio Holder.	
2	<b>Schools Modernisation – Llannau Area</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To report back on the formal consultation process.	Lifelong Learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cllr Ieuan Williams		Decision to be delegated to the Portfolio Holder.	
3	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To update the work programme.	Deputy Chief Executive	Huw Jones Interim Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Ieuan Williams		3 November 2014	
4	<b>Customer Service Excellence Project</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Approval of customer service charter.	Deputy Chief Executive	Bethan Jones Deputy Chief Executive  Cllr Alwyn Rowlands		3 November 2014	
5	<b>Corporate Scrutiny Committee Report on the Review of the Skate Park Closure, Llangefni</b>	To consider the Corporate Scrutiny Committee's report.	Deputy Chief Executive	Bev Symonds Scrutiny Manager  Cllr R Meirion Jones Scrutiny Committee Chair	15 October 2014	3 November 2014	

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6	<b>Schools Modernisation – Holyhead Area</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To agree the way forward following the formal consultation.	Lifelong Learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cllr Ieuan Williams		3 November 2014	
7	<b>Welsh Public Library Standards, Annual Return 2013/14</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To seek the Executive's approval of the Library Service's Annual Report for 2013/14 and report on the Welsh Government (CyMAL) assessment on the 2013/14 Annual Report together with matters arising.	Lifelong Learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cllr Ieuan Williams		3 November 2014	
8	<b>Isle of Anglesey County Council Leisure Plan</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Formal endorsement of plan.	Sustainable Development	Dylan Williams Head of Economic and Community Regeneration  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		3 November 2014	
9	<b>Maritime Fees</b>  Category: <b>Operational</b>	Approval of fees.	Sustainable Development	Dylan Williams Head of Economic and Community Regeneration  Cllr Aled Morris Jones	25 September 2014	3 November 2014	

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10	<b>Future of Llangefni Golf Course</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Commercial.	Sustainable Development	Dylan Williams Head of Economic and Community Regeneration  Cllr Aled Morris Jones		3 November 2014	
11	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To update the work programme.	Deputy Chief Executive	Huw Jones Interim Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Ieuan Williams		1 December 2014	
12	<b>Corporate Scorecard – Quarter 2, 2014/15</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Quarterly performance monitoring report.	Deputy Chief Executive	Bethan Jones Deputy Chief Executive  Cllr Alwyn Rowlands	24 November 2014	1 December 2014	
13	<b>2014/15 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 2</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Quarterly financial monitoring report.	Deputy Chief Executive	Richard Micklewright Interim Head of Function - Resources  Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones	24 November 2014	1 December 2014	
14	<b>2015/16 Council Tax Base</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Calculation and setting of the Council Tax Base for the Isle of Anglesey County Council and the Town and Community Councils.	Deputy Chief Executive	Richard Micklewright Interim Head of Function - Resources  Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones		1 December 2014	

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15	<b>Lawr y Dref – options for the future</b>  Category: <b>Operational and Strategic</b>	To approve the strategic direction prior to consultation with tenants.	Community	Shan Lloyd Williams Head of Housing Services  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes		1 December 2014	
16	<b>Housing Revenue Account Subsidy</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Approval for entering into voluntary agreement. Approval of amended business plan.	Community	Shan Lloyd Williams Head of Housing Services  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes		1 December 2014	
17	<b>Amendments to the Current Housing Grants Policy</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Approval.	Community	Shan Lloyd Williams Head of Housing Services  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes	27 November 2014	1 December 2014	
18	<b>Disabilities Strategy</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To submit ideas as to how to respond to needs.	Lifelong Learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cllr Ieuan Williams		1 December 2014	
19	<b>CAPITA SIMS</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Approval to extend the existing contract by one year.	Lifelong Learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cllr Ieuan Williams		1 December 2014	

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20 <b>School Transport Costs</b>  Category: <b>Operational</b>	To draw attention to the cost of transport and charge for travel.	Lifelong Learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cllr Ieuan Williams		1 December 2014	
21 <b>Môn/Gwynedd Building Control Integration</b>  Category: <b>Operational</b>	Support the proposed joint working arrangements.	Sustainable Development	Jim Woodcock Head of Planning and Public Protection  Cllr J Arwel Roberts	To be confirmed.	1 December 2014	
22 <b>Deposit Local Development Plan</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	For comment / support before submission to the Joint Planning Policy Committee.	Sustainable Development	Jim Woodcock Head of Planning and Public Protection  Cllr J Arwel Roberts	Scrutiny role will be exercised by the continuation of the programme of whole-Council seminars.	1 December 2014	
23 <b>2015/16 Budget</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To finalise the Executive's initial draft budget proposals for consultation.	Deputy Chief Executive	Richard Micklewright Interim Head of Function – Resources  Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones		15 December 2014	

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24	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To update the work programme.	Deputy Chief Executive  Huw Jones Interim Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Ieuan Williams		12 January 2015	
25	<b>Constitutional Changes – Terms of Reference of Appeals, Investigation and Disciplinary Committees</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Approval.	Deputy Chief Executive  Lynn Ball Head of Function - Council Business / Monitoring Officer  Cllr Alwyn Rowlands		12 January 2015	26 February 2015
26	<b>Constitutional Changes – Audit Committee Terms of Reference</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Approval.	Deputy Chief Executive  Lynn Ball Head of Function - Council Business / Monitoring Officer  Cllr Alwyn Rowlands		12 January 2015	26 February 2015
27	<b>Local Housing Strategy 2014 – 2019</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Approval of strategy and recommendation to Full Council	Community  Shan Lloyd Williams Head of Housing Services  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes	25 September 2014	12 January 2015	26 February 2015

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28 <b>Schools Modernisation – Rhosyr Area</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To agree the way forward following the informal consultation.	Lifelong Learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cllr Ieuan Williams		12 January 2015	
29 <b>2015/16 Budget</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Adoption of final proposals for recommendation to the County Council	Deputy Chief Executive	Richard Micklewright Interim Head of Function - Resources  Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones	Corporate: 13 Jan 2015 Partnership: 14 Jan 2015 Democratic: 29 Jan 2015	9 February 2015	26 February 2015
30 <b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To update the work programme.	Deputy Chief Executive	Huw Jones Interim Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Ieuan Williams		16 February 2015	
31 <b>Corporate Scorecard – Quarter 3, 2014/15</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Quarterly performance monitoring report.	Deputy Chief Executive	Bethan Jones Deputy Chief Executive  Cllr Alwyn Rowlands	10 February 2015	16 February 2015	

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32	<b>2014/15 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report – Quarter 3</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Quarterly financial monitoring report.	Deputy Chief Executive	Richard Micklewright Interim Head of Function - Resources  Cllr Hywel Eifion Jones	10 February 2015	16 February 2015	
33	<b>Family Support Strategy</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To submit ideas as to responding to needs.	Lifelong Learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cllr Ieuan Williams		16 February 2015	
34	<b>County Council's Response to Horizon Nuclear Power's Pre- Application</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Approval of response.	Sustainable Development	Arthur Owen Director of Sustainable Development  Cllr J Arwel Roberts		16 February 2015	
35	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To update the work programme.	Deputy Chief Executive	Huw Jones Interim Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Ieuan Williams		16 March 2015	
36	<b>Annual Equality Report</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To approve the annual report for publication	Deputy Chief Executive	Huw Jones Interim Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes		16 March 2015	

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37	<b>Common Allocations Policy</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Adoption of new Common Allocations Policy.	Community	Shan L Williams Head of Housing  Cllr Kenneth P Hughes		16 March 2015	
38	<b>Libraries Service Review</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Options for future service delivery.	Lifelong Learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cyng Ieuan Williams		16 March 2015	
39	<b>Cultural Services Review</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Options for future service delivery.	Lifelong Learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cllr Ieuan Williams		16 March 2015	
40	<b>Youth Service</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Options for the future delivery of the youth service.	Lifelong Learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cllr Ieuan Williams		16 March 2015	
41	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To update the work programme.	Deputy Chief Executive	Huw Jones Interim Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Ieuan Williams		20 April 2015	

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42	<b>Annual Delivery Document (Improvement Plan) 2015/16</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	Approval and recommendation to full Council.	Deputy Chief Executive	Bethan Jones Deputy Chief Executive  Cllr Alwyn Rowlands		20 April 2015	7 May 2015
43	<b>Schools Modernisation – Rhosyr Area</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To agree the way forward following the formal consultation.	Lifelong learning	Dr Gwynne Jones Director of Lifelong Learning  Cllr Ieuan Williams		20 April 2015	
44	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To update the work programme.	Deputy Chief Executive	Huw Jones Interim Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Ieuan Williams		May 2015	
45	<b>The Executive's Forward Work Programme</b>  Category: <b>Strategic</b>	To update the work programme.	Deputy Chief Executive	Huw Jones Interim Head of Democratic Services  Cllr Ieuan Williams		June 2015	

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<b>REPORT TO:</b>	<b>SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AND THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>15 OCTOBER 2014 AND 20 OCTOBER 2014</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>BUDGET 2015/16</b>
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER(S):</b>	<b>COUNCILLOR H E JONES</b>
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<b>LOCAL MEMBERS:</b>	<b>n/a</b>

**A - Recommendation/s and reason/s**

The Executive is invited to note and adopt the report.

**BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 In the Report to the Executive dated 14 July 2014 the estimated budget shortfall was £7.659m.
- 1.2 The Minister for Local Government and Government Business recently wrote to Authorities suggesting they consider how they would respond to reductions of up to -4.5%, this was the basis then used for the calculations. This assumption has not changed.

The Welsh Government provisional settlement is expected to be announced in October. It is at this point where the Council will have a more specific indication of the level of its funding for 2015/16.

**BUDGET 2015/16**

- 2.1 The Welsh Government provisional settlement is due to be announced in October 2014 and upon this announcement the Council will have a more accurate indication of its funding for 2015/16, however it is important to note that the Final Settlement will not be announced until December 2014.
- 2.2 The Council is currently working to a budget shortfall in 2015/16 of £7.659m and over three years a budget shortfall of £16.6m.
- 2.3 On the 1 September each of the Service Departments were provided with a savings target of 10% based upon the gross budgets calculation, the deadline for the submission of the efficiencies was the 30 September 2014. A present the Service Accountants are evaluating the proposals and a list will be presented to the Executive for consultation in November.
- 2.4 A number of strands of activity have taken place over the summer months, to identify possible savings for Members' consideration. All proposals are being collated centrally and will be presented to the Executive in November having had full analytical scrutiny by the accountants. Below is a summary of the events/activities that have taken place.
  - (i) **Service Challenges**  
 These have taken place for all services; they allowed the members to challenge the Heads of Service in a cost cutting and service delivery context. The sum of the efficiencies identified during this exercise amounted to £4.002m. These will be put forward for consideration to the members in due course.
  - (ii) **Employees Suggestions**  
 A Questionnaire was circulated amongst the staff of the Authority through an email exercise and a number of suggestions were obtained. Along side this exercise staff suggestion boxes were placed in various areas within the Authority asking staff to provide/identify potential areas of efficiency savings. The sum identified from the staff suggestions amounted to £335k, again these will be put forward for consideration to members in due course.

**(iii) Budget Reviews**

All budgets and performance against them are currently being reviewed by accountants, and any adjustments will be reported in due course, those already identified to date amount to approximately £400k.

**(iv) Subjective Reviews**

Traditionally, budgets are looked on at a service by service basis. However they are also being examined on a cross – cutting basis across the council as a whole and procurement savings identified are currently being investigated and in some cases going out to tender one example of this is the Banking tender, which is currently being scoped. An exercise in reviewing the Supplies and Services is also underway and has highlighted potential areas for efficiency savings. This will be presented in the paper on the Budget in November 2014.

**(v) Zero Based Budgeting (ZBB)**

ZBB has the potential to yield significant savings in many organisations. ZBB is a labour intensive process and cannot be readily done for the council as a whole. It is important to note that conducting a ZBB may identify that a service may require additional funding and not yield any savings. The two identified services areas to under go ZBB are Maritime and Culture.

**(vi) Other Projects**

There are a number of these other pieces of work already under way with the aim of identifying efficiencies, e.g the Transformational Board and procurement project, the procurement project is expecting efficiency in the region of £264k over three years.

**3. Medium Term Financial Plan - Updated**

**3.1** The Council's updated Medium Term Financial highlights the need to make savings of £7.791m for the period 2015/16. This is based upon the Welsh Government reducing the Revenue Support Grant by -4.5% and a total savings of £15.266m over the next three years. The assumptions are based on the following:-

- Council tax increase of 5%
- Assumed decrease in grant funding of -4.5% (All Wales average decrease)
- Inflation assumption as follows:-
  - Teaching and non teaching pay award of 1%
  - General price increases of 0%
- Contract inflation only
- Outcome Agreement grant will be received but at 2014/15 level.
- Schools Protection 0.6%

**3.2** In the July 2014 paper to the Executive the MTFP assumption was that Council Tax would increase by 5% each year. In 2014/15 the Council set an increase of 4.5% which is above the average increase across Wales of 4.2%. The autumn consultation will again offer an option to increase Council Tax by 5% an increase of 5% for a Band D property equates to around £49 per year or 94p per week. The current Council Tax level is amongst one of the lowest in England and Wales and these increases are proposed given the massive reduction in anticipated Wales Government funding, and also the short notice provided of such a major change.

**3.3** Welsh Government has made a commitment to increase Schools budgets by 0.6% for 2015/16. This is the amount that it is proposed to include in the budget for 2015/16 by the Council.

**3.4** A copy of the latest MTFP is attached in Appendix A.

<b>B - What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?</b>		
n/a		
<b>C - Why is this a decision for the Executive?</b>		
This is a matter delegated to the executive.		
<b>CH - Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?</b>		
Yes – The The matter is delegated to the Executive		
<b>D - Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?</b>		
Yes – The decision relates to the setting of the annual budget.		
<b>DD - Who did you consult?</b>		<b>What did they say?</b>
1	<b>Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT)</b> (mandatory)	No comment
2	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	This is a S151 Report
3	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	No comment
4	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	No comment
5	<b>Property</b>	
6	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	
7	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
8	<b>Local Members</b>	
9	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	
<b>E - Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)</b>		
1	<b>Economic</b>	
2	<b>Anti-poverty</b>	n/a
3	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	n/a
4	<b>Environmental</b>	n/a
5	<b>Equalities</b>	n/a
6	<b>Outcome Agreements</b>	n/a
7	<b>Other</b>	n/a
<b>F - Appendices:</b>		
Appendix A: Updated MTFP		
<b>FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):</b>		

**Medium Term Financial Projection - Updated**  
**Council Tax Increase of 5%**  
**Welsh Government Grant (RSG) Reduction of 4.5%**

	2015/16 £'000's	2016/17 £'000's	2017/18 £'000's
<b>Current / Revised Spending Levels B/F</b>	126,670	123,806	123,045
<b>Pressures:</b>			
Schools Inflation and Protection	172	0	0
Teachers Pension Adj Sept 2015 onwards	255	182	0
NI Rebates @ £70 per employee	229	0	0
Capital Financing and Interest	173	173	173
Council Tax Reduction Scheme	400	400	0
Employees 1% Pay Award	708	715	722
Cost Increases	500	500	500
Demographic Changes	500	500	500
Job Evaluation	700	525	
Non achievement of previous years targets 21%/10%/10%	1,290	715	380
<b>Total Changes to Base spending levels</b>	4,927	3,710	2,275
<b>Revised Spending Levels C/F</b>	131,597	127,516	125,320
<b>Financed By:</b>			
Welsh Government	-92,093	-90,711	-89,351
Council Tax	-30,988	-31,607	-32,239
Outcome Agreement Grant	-726	-726	-726
<b>Total Funding including the use of Reserves from Previous years</b>	-123,806	-123,045	-122,316
<b>Additional savings needed to balance budget or additional use of reserves</b>	7,791	4,472	3,004
<b>Potential Savings Identified through Service Reviews</b>			
Service Level Adjustments	693		
Service Reductions	2,277		
Procurement / Contract Amendments	125		250
Income Generation	92		
Staffing Adjustments	815		
	4,002		250
Potential Savings Identified from the Staff Surveys	355		
Procurement Proposals	64	100	100
Corporate Budget Reviews	400		
<b>Potential additional savings needed to balance the budget</b>	<b>2,970</b>	<b>4,372</b>	<b>2,654</b>

<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b>	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> October 2014</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>New Rent Policy for Social Housing and Service Charges</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	<b>Councillor Kenneth P Hughes</b>
<b>Head of Service:</b>	<b>Shan LI Williams, Head of Housing Services</b>
<b>Report Author:</b> Tel: E-mail:	<b>Darren Gerrard, Financial Systems Manager</b> <b>01248 752265</b> <b>dkghp@anglesey.gov.uk</b>
<b>Local Members:</b>	

<b>A –Recommendation/s and reason/s</b>
<p><b>R1</b> Executive Committee are asked to approve the revised Rent Policy for Social Housing.</p> <p><b>R2</b> Executive Committee are asked to approve for the policy rents for 2014/15 as outlined in paragraph 2.3 be used as the basis for calculating policy rents for 2015/16.</p> <p><b>R3</b> Executive Committee are asked to give approval for the purpose of de-pooling that the current rent levels be retained.</p> <p><b>R4</b> Executive Committee are asked to approve that, in order to increase the move towards achievement of policy rent levels, these levels be applied to any property becoming void and then relet, effective from April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015</p> <p><b>R5</b> that the the Executive Committee gives approval for the de-pooling exercise to take place with effect from April 2015.</p> <p><b>R6</b> That service charges be applied to leaseholders and freeholders of former Council properties sold under the Right to Buy in accordance with the terms of the transfer.</p>

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**R7** that the Executive Committee gives approval for a formal consultation of 6 weeks be carried out with tenants and leaseholders.

**R8** that a further Report is presented to Executive Committee in February 2015 on proposed rent increases for 2015-2016

## **1.0 Background**

### **1.1 New Rent Policy for Social Housing**

Members of the Executive Committee will recall an earlier Report submitted in July 2014 outlining the Housing Revenue Account Subsidy buy-out. The Report also referred to rent reform and rent de-pooling. Both issues are discussed in this Report, and are subject to the Council voluntarily exiting the current HRA subsidy in April 2015, which will be abolished under the new Housing (Wales) Act 2014.

**1.2** The context behind introducing the new rent policy is that rent policies in Wales have developed in different ways over a long period of time, thereby resulting in markedly different levels of rents across the country, and between tenures.

Welsh Government introduced a rent review, following recommendations from the Essex Report, (2008) seeking to develop a coherent and consistent rent policy framework. The rent policy framework that will apply to all social landlords, will reflect local variations in affordability, location, size and housing market values and provide for a more equitable distribution of rents for social sector tenants across Wales. In time, this should lead to the harmonisation of rents in the social sector by setting a rent threshold for specific types of property e.g two bed-roomed, three bed-roomed properties etc.

Welsh Government consulted on a new rents policy back in 2011, and following consultation, a new policy was issued to both Registered Social Landlords and Local Authorities for a further consultation in May 2012.

A review group has been established which has considered various aspects of the policy, coming to a recommendation that the new rent policy would include both general needs and sheltered housing properties. The rent policy **excludes** Extra Care Housing, supported housing, intermediate rent, and market rent housing.

**1.3** The Minister for Housing and Regeneration decided that the new rent policy would be implemented by Registered Social Landlords from April 2014 and for Local Authorities from April 2015. Where a social landlord pools rents and service charges, as is the case in Anglesey, they are now required to start the process of disaggregating service charges from rent and to start this with effect from April 2015.

**1.4** What this means for tenants is that some receive additional services which are over and above the service provided through rent payments. More often than not, this applies to those living in flats, or schemes which have communal areas or shared facilities. De-pooling involves separating these costs and charging them as a service charge to those who actually receive the service.

## **2.0 Rent policy proposals**

**2.1** The formula for annual rent increases has been set by the Welsh Government for the next four financial years commencing in 2015/16 and will be the consumer price index (C.P.I.) value at the previous September i.e 2014 for the next financial year plus 1.5%.

**2.2** The Council's current rent levels for 3351 properties are significantly below the intended policy target rents, harmonisation will require that council housing rents which currently fall well below the policy target rents will be subject to this formula rent increase; and an additional weekly increase which is transitionally protected up to a maximum of £2 until the policy rents are attained or until the agreed average rent is reached. Currently there are a range of rent charges in place for each property type across the Island. The new policy will provide an opportunity to develop greater consistency. It is recommended that Isle of Anglesey County Council works towards one rent per size and type of property.

### **2.3 Comparison of Current Average Weekly Rents to Policy Rents**

	<b>Houses and Bungalows (£)</b>					<b>Flats(£)</b>				<b>Bedsits</b>
<b>Policy Rent</b>	1Bed	2Bed	3Bed	4Bed	5+Bed	1Bed	2Bed	3Bed	4+Bed	
	£72.81	£80.90	£88.99	£97.08	£105.16	£65.87	£73.19	£80.51	£87.83	£58.55
<b>Average Current Rent</b>	£67.11	£69.71	£76.11	£79.77	£88.24	£65.82	£66.45	£73.59	Nil	£64.41

**2.4** The policy for rent reform will require average weekly Council rents to be within a specified target rent band which is currently from £78.43 to a midpoint of £82.56 and to a high of £86.69. At present, the average rent for 2014/15 based on the above table is £70.08.

**2.5** In future, the Council will have some discretion to determine local rents which will influence the average rent. Applying the policy rents in the above table generates an average rent of £81.82, but it will be a number of years before this level is reached. These rent reforms will increase the annual H.R.A income by a maximum of £2.2M. It should be noted that the fundamental principle of ring fencing H.R.A. income will remain in the new regime.

**2.6** When re-letting void properties, it is proposed that the rent will be set to accord with the target policy rent as shown in above table which will eliminate the complication of the transitional increases.

### **3.0 RENT DE-POOLING**

**3.1 Historically,** Isle of Anglesey County Council Council, like many local authorities, has included the cost of providing services to shared or communal areas in the rent that all tenants pay, irrespective of whether all tenants benefit from the services being provided. De-pooling involves separating out these costs and charging them as a service charge.

**3.2** Inevitably, this “de-pooling” of charges will result in an increase in the total weekly charge for affected tenants. Work has been carried out to identify the pooled costs in order to ascertain the financial impact upon tenants. It should be noted that a number of the communal service charges will be eligible for a Housing Benefit contribution.

Some of the communal costs may also apply to leasehold flats and purchased freehold properties which were previously owned by the Council.

**3.3** The Council’s proposed service charges are set out below :-

#### **What service costs will be de-pooled?**

- 1) Lift maintenance.
- 2) Cleaning of communal areas.
- 3) Fire alarms and fire equipment.
- 4) Door entry systems.
- 5) Heating & Lighting of communal areas.
- 6) TV Aerials within communal areas.
- 7) Painting of communal areas.
- 8) Management costs.



### **What are the likely costs going to be?**

The services will be charged based on actual costs, shared equally amongst all tenants who live in a particular size and type of property. This will ensure full transparency.

Current weekly average charges, based on 51 weeks, are:

- Lift maintenance - £0.77
- Cleaning of communal areas - £0.50
- Fire alarms and fire equipment - £0.89
- Door entry systems - £0.85
- Heating & Lighting of communal areas - £0.48
- TV Aerials within communal areas - £0.26
- Painting of communal areas - £0.35
- Management costs - £0.89

### **3.4 Who will be affected by de-pooling**

As referred to earlier in the report, de-pooling will mainly apply to those who have shared communal services and this is typically, flats. The Council has 726 flats and 61 leasehold flats. De-pooling is expected to apply to all of these properties. This is approximately 19% of the housing stock. This will be a fairer system because only those who receive additional services will pay for them - services such as door entry system, lift service and cleaning of communal areas. At present, the costs are shared by all tenants regardless of whether they receive these services.

### **3.5 Proposed approach to de-pooling**

Although tenants will receive a separate demand for the cost of the service charge as a result of this “de-pooling” exercise, it is proposed that we do not reduce the current gross rent by the equivalent amount. As can be seen at 2.3 above, our average current rent is considerably below the Policy Rent levels for similar sized properties. These proposals would therefore see the current gross rent amounts being retained as the new core rent figure, with the annual rent increase being applied when appropriate

### **3.6 Consultation**

These are the most significant housing changes experienced by stock retaining Local Authorities since the introduction of Housing Revenue Account in 1990. The Council will require to undertake a consultation exercise with tenants, leaseholders and other stakeholders to seek their views on the proposed changes and the likely impact upon them.

Informal discussion has taken place with tenants who are likely to be affected at various locations across the Island to include Holyhead, Llangefni, Menai Bridge, Amlwch and Beaumaris. A formal consultation with tenants and leaseholders will take place during November/December 2014.

### **3.7 Equalities Impact Assessment**

To establish the impact of the new rent policy and service charges upon disadvantage or vulnerable tenants, an Equalities Impact Assessment will be undertaken after the consultation exercise is complete.

#### **B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?**

De-pooling exercise normally means that the gross rent will be reduced by the total cost of each service but as Anglesey's rent levels are well below the policy rents, it is proposed to retain the current gross rent.

#### **C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?**

This new Welsh Government Rent Policy has implications for the HRA Business Plan.

#### **D – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?**

All Local Authorities, as instructed by the Welsh Government under the new Rent Policy, are required to implement the new policy as from April 2015. Rejecting this policy would ultimately mean a loss of income for the Authority and inevitably affect the services provided. This would also undermine the HRA Business Plan and possible intervention by the Welsh Government if not adopted.

#### **DD – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?**

Yes

<b>E – Who did you consult?</b>		<b>What did they say?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT)</b> (mandatory)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	No comment
<b>3</b>	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	No comment
<b>4</b>	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	No comment
<b>5</b>	<b>Property</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	Collection of the service charges will be dependent on the successful implementation of the service charge IT module from our software providers.
<b>7</b>	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Local Members</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	

<b>F – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)</b>		
<b>1</b>	<b>Economic</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Anti-poverty</b>	Those who do not qualify for Housing Benefit, and are on low incomes will be impacted by any rent increases above inflation and the introduction of service charges. Support will be offered to any Tenant who needs it from Welfare Advice services.
<b>3</b>	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	Tenants and leaseholders may request additional services as a result of consultation to mitigate and reduce the effects or perceived effects of crime and disorder.
<b>4</b>	<b>Environmental</b>	No direct environmental impacts, from proposals outlined within this report

5	<b>Equalities</b>	All tenants will be affected by the rent policy and the tenants living in properties with communal areas or communal facilities will be affected by the introduction of service charges.
6	<b>Outcome Agreements</b>	n/a
7	<b>Other</b>	<p>An initial communication event has already been held across the Island, which has been supported by an article within the current issue of Môn Voice Tenants magazine.</p> <p>Full consultation will be undertaken with all tenants affected by the introduction of service charges. This will take place over a 6 week period and will be on a scheme by scheme basis – which will give full opportunity to discuss proposed charges with all tenants. The consultation will also address service quality and tenant expectations of the services they will be charged for. By consulting on a scheme by scheme basis, decisions about service frequency and standards expected and whether to continue or introduce new services will be agreed by a majority decision. This Report will also be shared with the Môn Tenants Voice, Tenants Panel. Initial information sharing sessions have already been held with Tenants during the summer months.</p>

<b>FF - Appendices:</b>

<b>G - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):</b>
Welsh Government Guidelines: New Rent Policy for Social Housing

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL	
<b>Report to:</b>	<b>Executive Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> October 2014</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Land at Newry Beach, Holyhead</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	<b>Councillor Richard Dew</b>
<b>Head of Service:</b>	<b>Dewi R Williams</b>
<b>Report Author:</b> Tel: E-mail:	<b>R Gareth Jones</b> <b>2253</b> <a href="mailto:rqjhp@anglesey.gov.uk" style="color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">rqjhp@anglesey.gov.uk</a>
<b>Local Members:</b>	<b>Cllr J Arwel Roberts, Cllr Raymond Jones, Cllr Robert LI Jones</b>

<b>A –Recommendation/s and reason/s</b>
<p>The County Council, as Registration Authority, has received an application from the Waterfront Action Group to register land at Newry Beach, Holyhead as a Town or Village Green under Section 15 of the Commons Act 2006.</p> <p>In view of the issues associated with this application, such as the proposed Waterfront Development and proposed surrender by the County Council of its leasehold interest in Newry Beach it is considered appropriate to receive direction as regard to the application.</p> <p>As an interested party the County Council has received a copy of the application and is required to lodge a response by the 27<sup>th</sup> October 2014 confirming whether it objects, or not, to the application.</p> <p>It is considered there are two options available for consideration;</p> <p><b>Option 1</b> – To confirm that the County Council will not lodge an objection to the application.</p> <p>In agreeing to this option the County Council would not be required to attend a Public Inquiry, if it is deemed by the Registration Authority that this application should be considered through a Public Inquiry. However, the County Council could be requested to attend and provide evidence on behalf of its Landlord (Conygar Stena Line Ltd.) should our Landlord decide to object, which is highly likely given that our Landlord is the developer.</p>

**Option 2** – To confirm that the County Council will lodge an objection to the application.

In agreeing to this option the County Council would be required to attend a Public Inquiry which could result in costs being incurred. On a previous Village Green Inquiry those costs were £70.8k (Porth Y Wrach, Menai Brige)

Whether the County Council as a landowner objects is not a determining factor in the application. If the County Council objects the Registration Authority may still find that a village green exists and vice versa.

Much of the evidence that the County Council could present at an Inquiry would be available to the various parties through Freedom of Information requests.

Should the County Council object the main basis for this objection would be that the land is held by the County Council as public open space. This means that the public use the land “by right” and not “as of right”. In effect they use the land with the County Council’s permission and so the use would not qualify for village green status.

A plan is appended to this report for information, which identifies the leased area together with the application area.

**B – What other options did you consider and why did you reject them and/or opt for this option?**

**C – Why is this a decision for the Executive?**

An application to register land at Newry Beach, Holyhead as a Town or Village Green has been received and the County Council, as an interested party, has to consider whether it is appropriate to lodge an objection, or not, and it is therefore considered appropriate to seek and receive direction as regard to the application.

To seek and receive the Executive’s direction as to which of the options to accept, and that officers are authorized to proceed accordingly.

If the Executive directs that the County Council is to object to the application as landowner then it must resolve to grant the Environment and Technical Service budget for the objection and the Executive must delegate to the Head of Service (Environment and Technical Service) all powers and authority necessary for making and supporting the objection.

**CH – Is this decision consistent with policy approved by the full Council?**

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**D – Is this decision within the budget approved by the Council?**

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<b>DD – Who did you consult?</b>		<b>What did they say?</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Chief Executive / Strategic Leadership Team (SLT)</b> (mandatory)	
<b>2</b>	<b>Finance / Section 151</b> (mandatory)	
<b>3</b>	<b>Legal / Monitoring Officer</b> (mandatory)	Included as part of the report
<b>4</b>	<b>Human Resources (HR)</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Property</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Information Communication Technology (ICT)</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Scrutiny</b>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Local Members</b>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Any external bodies / other/s</b>	

**E – Risks and any mitigation (if relevant)**

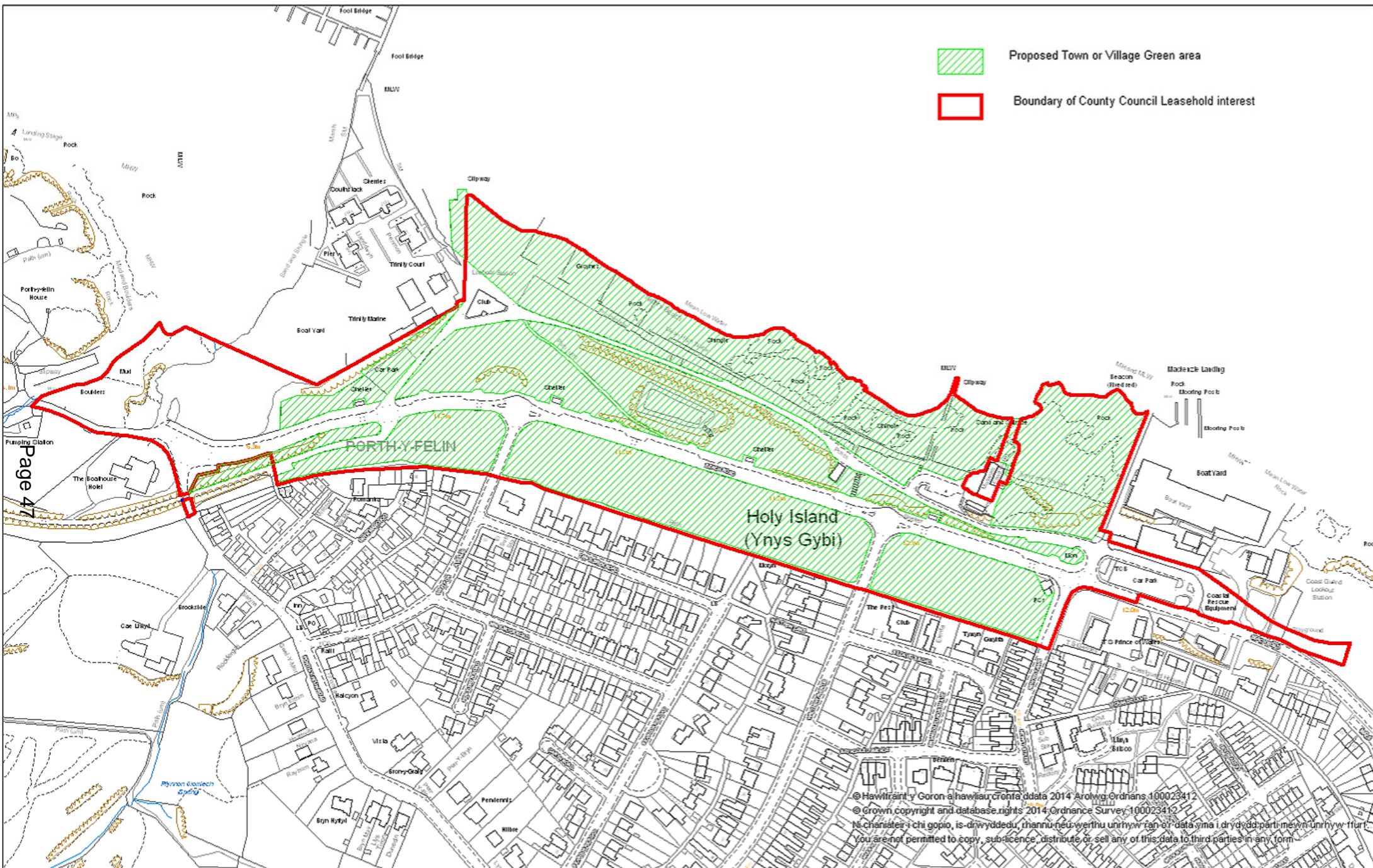
<b>1</b>	<b>Economic</b>	
<b>2</b>	<b>Anti-poverty</b>	

<b>3</b>	<b>Crime and Disorder</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Environmental</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Equalities</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Outcome Agreements</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Other</b>	

<b>F - Appendices:</b>
Plan of the lease area and application area.

<b>FF - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):</b>





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# PRAWF BUDD Y CYHOEDD PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

## ACHOS BUSNES LLAWN AR GYFER Y PROSIECT GWEITHIO'N GALLACH

### SMARTER WORKING PROJECT FULL BUSINESS CASE

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Y PRAWF – THE TEST		
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<b>Argymhelliad</b> - Mae budd y cyhoedd wrth gadw'r eithriad o bwys mwy na budd y cyhoedd wrth ddatgelu'r wybodaeth <b>Recommendation</b> - The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.		

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<p>Mae'r budd i'r cyhoedd wrth gadw'r eithriad o bwys mwy na'r budd i'r cyhoedd wrth ddatgelu'r wybodaeth                  The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.</p>	

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## PRAWF BUDD Y CYHOEDD PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

Paragraff(au) Paragraph(s)    14	Atodlen 12A Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972
Y PRAWF – THE TEST	
<p>Mae yna fudd i'r cyhoedd wrth ddatgan oherwydd / There is a public interest in disclosure as:-</p> <p>Mae'r adroddiad yn cynnwys gwybodaeth ariannol y gellid ei hystyried fel gwybodaeth fasnachol gyfrinachol.</p> <p>The report relates to financial information which could be seen as commercial in confidence.</p>	<p>Y budd i'r cyhoedd with beidio datgelu yw / The public interest in not disclosing is:-</p> <p>Mae'r wybodaeth ariannol yn yr adroddiad yn ymwneud â chwmnïau ac mae'n fansachol sensitive.</p> <p>Financial information within the report relates to individual companies which is commercially sensitive.</p>
<p>Mae'r budd i'r cyhoedd wrth gadw'r eithriad o bwys mwy na'r budd y cyhoedd wrth ddatgelu'r wybodaeth</p> <p>The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.</p>	

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# PRAWF BUDD Y CYHOEDD PUBLIC INTEREST TEST

**(Teitl yr Adroddiad/Title of Report) Opsiynau Gofal Ychwanegol yn Amlwch a Llangefni/Extra Care Options in Amlwch & Llangefni**

<p>Paragraff(au) 12, 13 &amp; 14 Deddf Llywodraeth Leol 1972 Paragraph(s) 12, 13 &amp; 14 Local Government Act 1972</p>	
<p>Y PRAWF – THE TEST</p>	
<p>Mae yna fudd y cyhoedd wrth ddatgelu oherwydd / There is a public interest in disclosure as:-</p> <p>Mae gan y cyhoedd ddiddordeb mewn gwybod am faterion sy'n ymwneud â chynigion y Cyngor ar gyfer datblygu Gofal Ychwanegol.</p> <p>There is public interest in knowing of matter which relate to the Council's proposals for developing Extra Care.</p>	<p>Y budd y cyhoedd with beidio datgelu yw / The public interest in not disclosing is:-</p> <p>Y mae'n rhesymol i ddisgwyl bod y wybodaeth sydd yn yr adroddiad yn wybodaeth sy'n fasnachol sensitif, a byddai ei gyhoeddi yn niweidiol i'r Cyngor pan fydd yr Awdurdod yn mynd allan i Dendr ar adeiladu'r Gofal Ychwanegol. Hefyd, oherwydd gwybodaeth sy'n ymwneud â materion ariannol neu fusnes unrhyw berson penodol (gan gynnwys yr Awdurdod sy'n dal y wybodaeth honno) a gwybodaeth mewn perthynas ag unigolyn penodol neu wybodaeth sy'n debygol o ddatgelu pwy yw unrhyw unigolyn.</p> <p>There is a reasonable expectation that the information contained in the report is commercially sensitive, and its publication would be detrimental to the Council when the Authority goes out to Tender on the building of Extra Care. Also due to information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information) and information relating to a particular individual or information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.</p>
<p><b>Argymhelliad</b> - Mae budd y cyhoedd wrth gadw'r eithriad o bwys mwy na budd y cyhoedd wrth ddatgelu'r wybodaeth.</p> <p><b>Recommendation</b> - The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.</p> <p>Byddai budd y cyhoedd yn cael ei wasanaethu orau drwy ystyried y wybodaeth hon fel gwybodaeth eithriedig Categori 2./The public interest is best served by considering this information as Category 2 exempt.</p>	

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