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RHYBUDD O GYFARFOD	NOTICE OF MEETING
PWYLLGOR SGRIWTINI PARTNERIAETH AC ADFYWIO	PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DYDD MERCHER, 9 EBRILL, 2025 am 2.00 o'r gloch yp	WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL, 2025 at 2.00 pm
CYFARFOD HYBRID – YN YSTAFELL BWYLLGOR, SWYDDFEYDD Y CYNGOR, LLANGEFNI AC YN RHITHIOL DRWY ZOOM	HYBRID MEETING – IN COMMITTEE ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, LLANGEFNI AND VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM
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### Y Grwp Annibynnol/ The Independent Group

Gwilym O Jones (Is-gadeirydd/Vice-Chair)

### Plaid Cymru / The Party of Wales

Non Dafydd, Euryrn Morris, John Ifan Jones, Dylan Rees (Cadeirydd/Chair), Margaret M Roberts, Ken Taylor, Sonia Williams

### Annibynnwyr Môn/Anglesey Independents

Paul Ellis, Jeff Evans, Derek Owen

### Llafur Cymru/Welsh Labour

Pip O'Neill

**Aelodau Ychwanegol/Additional Members (gyda hawl pleidleisio ar faterion addysg/with voting rights in respect of educational matters)** Mrs Wenda Owen (Yr Eglwys yng Nghymru/The Church in Wales), Gillian Thompson (Rhiant Llywodraethwr – Sector Ysgolion Cynradd/Parent Governor – Primary Schools Sector), Sedd Wag/Vacant Seat-(Rhiant Llywodraethwyr – Sector Ysgolion Uwchradd ac ADY/Parent Governor – Secondary Schools Sector and ALN) Mr John Tierney (Yr Eglwys Babyddol Rufeinig/The Roman Catholic Church)

### **Aelod Cyfetholedig/Co-opted Member (Dim Hawl Pleidleisio/No Voting Rights)**

Mr. Dafydd Gruffydd ( Rheolwr Gyfarwyddwr/Managing Director - Menter Môn)

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

**1      APOLOGIES**

**2      DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

To receive any declaration of interest by any Member or Officer in respect of any item of business.

**3      MINUTES (Pages 1 - 8)**

To submit, for confirmation, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 12 March, 2025.

**4      GWYNEDD & ANGLESEY PUBLIC SERVICES BOARD - GOVERNANCE  
ARRANGEMENTS & SCRUTINISE PROGRESS AGAINST THE 2023-2028  
WELL-BEING PLAN (Pages 9 - 20)**

To submit a report by the Chief Executive.

**5      YNYS MÔN FREE PORT - UPDATE (Pages 21 - 32)**

To submit a report by the Head of Regulation and Economic Development.

**6      COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2025/2026 (Pages 33 - 40)**

To submit a report by the Scrutiny Manager.

## **PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 12 March 2025**

- PRESENT:** Councillor Dylan Rees (Chair)  
Councillor Gwilym O Jones (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors Non Dafydd, John Ifan Jones, Euryrn Morris,  
Pip O'Neill, Derek Owen, Margaret Murley Roberts, Ken Taylor and  
Sonia Williams
- Councillor Gary Pritchard - Leader of the Council and Portfolio  
Member for Economic Development;  
Councillor Alun Roberts – Portfolio Member for Adults' Services &  
Community Safety.
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,  
Head of Democracy,  
Policy and Welsh Language Manager (FO) (for item 4 only),  
Chief Economic Development Manager (TJ) (for item 5 only),  
Project Manager (Shared Prosperity Fund) (MF) (for item 5 only),  
Scrutiny Officer (EA),  
Committee Officer (MEH),  
Webcasting Committee Services Officer (FT).
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor Dafydd Roberts – Portfolio Member for Education and  
the Welsh Language.
- Deputy Chief Executive,  
Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer,  
Director of Education, Skills and Young People,  
Head of Regulation and Economic Development.
- ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor Neville Evans – Portfolio Member for Leisure, Tourism  
Maritime;  
Councillor Nicola Roberts – Portfolio Member for Planning, Public  
Protection & Climate Change;  
Councillor Dafydd R Thomas – Portfolio Member for Highways,  
Property & Waste;  
Councillor Robin Williams – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Member  
for Finance and Housing Services.

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#### **1 APOLOGIES**

As noted above.

## **2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST**

None received.

## **3 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 January, 2025 were confirmed as correct.

### **Arising thereon:-**

#### **Item 4 – Welsh Language Policy Review**

**Action 2** – That a letter be sent to Welsh Government to request and emphasise the need for new legislation to protect Welsh historic place names.

**Awaiting response to the correspondence.**

**Action 3** – That the Leader of the Council be requested to raise the issue with the WLGA.

**Awaiting response to the issues raised with the WLGA.**

#### **Item 5 – Additional Learning Needs & Inclusion Report – A summary of the current ALN & I situation**

**Action 2** – That a letter be sent to Welsh Government that additional funding needs to be made available for the Additional Learning Needs & Inclusion service.

**Awaiting response to the correspondence.**

**Action 3** – That the support of the WLGA needs to be undertaken, to put pressure on Welsh Government, on behalf of the 22 local authorities, that additional funding is needed towards Additional Learning Needs & Inclusion.

**Awaiting response to the issues raised.**

## **4 ANNUAL EQUALITY REPORT 2024**

The report of the Director of Function (Council Business)/Monitoring Officer was presented for consideration by the Committee.

The Portfolio Member for Adults' Services & Community Safety said that the Annual Report includes an outline of the work undertaken during 2024 towards achieving the objectives of the Strategic Equality Plan 2024-2028 and there is also strong links between the Plan and the Council Plan for 2023-2028. Under the Equality Act 2010 (Statutory Duties) (Wales) Regulations 2011, the Council must publish an Annual Equality report by 31 March each year following the reporting period. There are specific requirements in terms of what must be reported annually. In

accordance with these requirements, the reports includes employment information during the period between 1 April, 2023 and 31 March, 2024; an overview of the steps taken during 2024 to identify and collect relevant information and how the information is used in terms of general equality duty to eliminate discrimination, harassment and unlawful persecution, promote equal opportunities and foster good relationships between different groups.

The following were points of discussion by the Committee:-

- Questions were raised as to how the data gap can be address for protected characteristics of current staff while respecting individuals' rights to withhold personal information. The Portfolio Member for Adults' Services & Community Safety responded that everyone has the right to withhold personal information. The Council is encouraging staff to revisit their personal data whilst ensuring that the information is totally confidential. He expressed that the Council wishes to create a culture of trust and respect so that staff feel confident in sharing personal information. The Chief Executive said that data is important, and a new steering group – Welsh Language and Equality Promotion Group has been established to ensure that the requirements are complied with and to monitor activity to ensure that each member of staff is treated equally. The Group will consider how data gaps can be reduced.
- Reference was made to the Council's gender pay gap as of 31 March 2024 which is positive at 9.7%. Questions were raised as to what steps can be taken to eliminate this gap entirely. The Portfolio Member for Adults' Services & Community Safety assured that there is no difference in the pay scale of any equivalent posts for persons within the Council. He noted that it is evident that female employees tend to occupy lower paid roles, and this is common across local authorities and other public sector organisations. The Council wishes to promote the opportunity for females to apply for high level posts.
- Questions were raised as to whether there is a process in place to deal with discrimination and bullying of staff members based on their gender identify. The Portfolio Member for Adults' Services & Community Safety responded that any discrimination and bullying of staff or Elected Members is not tolerated within the Council. The Chief Executive said that there are robust policies and processes in place to address any discrimination and the culture of the Authority is that staff can discuss any issues with their managers. If a serious incident occurs, then the matter will be dealt with by independent officers and thereafter to an appropriate Panel to discuss the issue. The Policy and Welsh Language Manager said that the Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy is relevant to any occurrences of undermining and bullying of any person due to their gender identify within the Council.
- Comments were made that comparison from year to year would be advantageous within the report as regard to percentage of staff who respond to updating their personal data. The number of staff that have completed short course training would also be also advantages. The Head of Democracy said that equalities training is mandatory for elected members.
- Questions were raised whether collection of data has been undertaken to ascertain as to why females are more reluctant to apply for senior roles in the Council. The Portfolio Member for Adults' Service & Community Safety responded that the Welsh Language and Equality Promotion Group is to be

established, and one of its focus areas will be to ensure that each member of staff is treated equally. He noted that there will be a cross-section of membership of the Group.

- Questions were raised whether data is available of the people that have been supported following the funding of £250k received by CAB toward the cost-of-living crisis through the SPF grant. The Portfolio Member for Adults' Services & Community Safety responded that details were currently unavailable and will need to be forwarded to the Members of the Committee.
- Reference was made to the corporate induction process for new employees within the Council. Questions were raised whether there are opportunities for Elected Members to attend such corporate induction process for new employees. The Leader of the Council responded that he attends the corporate induction process in his role as Leader to explain the role of Elected Members and the democratic processes within the Council. The Chief Executive said that he also attends the corporate induction sessions, and he expressed that having the Leader attending is appropriate to give a view of the political arrangements of the Council. He noted discussion will be needed with the Human Resources Department to allow for improving the ways Elected Members' can be briefed on the processes undertaken during the induction process.
- Questions were raised whether the title and scope of the new Welsh Language and Equality Promotion Group were appropriate considering the different areas of work. The Portfolio Member for Adults' Services & Community Safety responded that he agreed that there is a need to strengthen the equalities platform, and it will be a matter for the Welsh Language and Equality Promotion Group to discuss the remit of Group and the title of the Group in due course. The Chair ascertained whether consideration has been given to include Co-Opted Members who as part of the Committees on this Council on the newly established Group. The Chief Executive responded that when the Welsh Language and Equality Promotion Group is established consideration can be given to widen the membership of the Group. The Policy and Welsh Language Manager said the stakeholders are important and especially within the new Strategic Plan to build on the links established. She noted that there is a public sector equality network across the region with continuous dialog with relevant Officers and agencies who work on behalf of groups protected by the equalities legislation. The Chair further asked as to how the Welsh Language and Equality Promotion Group will monitor its performance. The Portfolio Member for Adult's Services & Community Safety responded that once the Group has been established it will be their responsibility to monitor their performance against the relative indicators .
- Questions were raised as to whether percentages reported within the report would be different if the education staff within the schools were to be deleted as a high number of staff within schools are female. The Policy and Welsh Language Manager responded that data collected can be considered within the next Annual Report as regards to separate the professions and sectors within the Council.
- Reference was made that there has been a significant increase in applicants in the 65+ age category (13 compared to 2 in 2022/2023). Questions were raised

as to what is driving this trend, and how can the Council better encourage applicants from other age groups? The Portfolio Member for Adult's Services responded that people may retire early from their current employment and thereafter feel that they want another role due to different factors i.e. increase in the cost of living.

- Questions were raised as to what plans are in place to include data on contractors who work for the Council within the Annual Report and to consider their equality policies and practices within their organisation. The Portfolio Member for Adults' Services & Community Safety responded that expectations as regards to equalities are placed on the contractors. He noted that the data as regards to contractors within the next Annual Report will be considered further.
- Questions were raised whether further details as regards to Menopause Awareness Sessions, including their scope and staff availability can be provided. The Policy and Welsh Language Manager responded that training is afforded as regards to Menopause Awareness for individuals and more importantly to Managers to be sensitive and considerate to people's circumstances.

**It was RESOLVED to accept the Annual Equality Report 2023/2024.**

#### **ACTIONS:**

- Welsh Language and Equality Promotion Group to consider a campaign to raise awareness to strengthen the baseline staff data, using insights from the Annual Conversation to monitor trends;
- To reconsider introducing new Equality Training for staff and Elected Members, following the approval of the Annual Equality Report 2024;
- To explore ways of improving Elected Members' understanding of the corporate induction process for new staff in collaboration with HR;
- To reconsider the Welsh Language and Equality Promotion Group's title and scope.

## **5 OVERVIEW OF THE ANGLESEY UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND**

The report of the Head of Regulation and Economic Development was presented for consideration by the Committee.

The Leader and Portfolio Member for Economic Development said that the UK Government launched the UK Shared Prosperity Fund as a replacement to the European Structural Fund programmes. The EU Structural Fund has been a major funding source in Wales for several decades and Anglesey had always been a significant recipient of these funds which supported businesses, developing skills, increasing employability as well as capital infrastructure programmes. The UK Shared Prosperity Fund is a £2.6 billion of funding provided by UK Government for

local investment across the UK between December 2022 and March 2025. The allocation for Anglesey through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund was £16,081.937 (with £2.78m ringfenced towards Multiply). Funding was approved and released from UK Government on an annual basis. The priority has been to ensure that all allocated project expenditure is utilised, and meaningful benefits are achieved, for the benefit of Anglesey residents and businesses with financial support to 496 businesses, enterprises and organisations, supported 913 residents to improve their numeracy skills, supported the creation of, or safeguarded, 80 jobs on the Island and helped 361 people to secure a qualification.

The following were points of discussion by the Committee:-

- Questions were raised as to the next steps following the completion of the current programme in March 2025 and whether there are projects, who may have not been successful within the current funding opportunities, ready to take advantage of any funding available. The Leader and Portfolio Member for Economic Development responded that the original timescales of the SPF Programme have been extended into 2025/2026, but it represents a significant reduction in the funds available compared with the first available funding. The Chief Economic Development Manager said that the funding for 2025/2026 is £5m which will have a limited timescale of 1 year. It is uncertain as to the amount of funding that will be available thereafter, but discussions are being undertaken within the WLGA to ensure that Anglesey has a share of the funding that will become available.
- Questions were raised as to the 80 jobs created or safeguarded as regards to the SPF funding. The Leader and Portfolio Member for Economic Development responded that this Authority took advantage of the Multiply Scheme. This was a positive step, demonstrating the relevant Delivery Partners' capacity to spend additional funding and to realise greater benefits for the Island.
- Reference was made that the projected forecast for the number of people accessing mental and physical health support leading to employment was 76, yet the actual number recorded is 0. Questions were raised as to what the reasons behind this significant gap are. The Chief Economic Development Manager responded that the figures received as regards to the people accessing the support is currently 46. Work will be undertaken with the partner organisations to ascertain the barriers young people are facing to the transition of working environment.
- Reference was made that there will be uncertainty for people whether they will continue to be in employment following the SPF funding coming to an end. The Chief Executive responded that the SPF funding for 2025/2026 will be considerably less than previous years and difficult decisions will need to be made as to how many projects that will be supported, and some people's contractors may not be extended. He further said that the SPF funding is also relevant to the Authority as the Council leads on some projects and employs staff into the roles within these relevant projects. The Chief Economic Development Manager said that the funding for 2025/2026 was received late and decisions needed to be made quickly to score the projects by the Officers within the Economic Development; decisions will be forwarded to the relevant organisations as soon as possible. He emphasised that pressure needs to be made to ensure that details of the funding avenues for the future needs to be



forthcoming to ensure that the projects continue. The Leader expressed that considerably less grant funding has been received even though the UK Government assured that the funding would be similar to the European funding which has supported projects over the years. He noted that the contracts of employees specified that their contracts would come to an end at the end of March 2025. However, additional funding has been received until 2026 but is significantly lower than previously. He noted that it is imperative that employment opportunities generated from the SPF funding enable people to be able to apply for permanent employment rather than dependent on grant funding projects.

- Questions were raised as to whether joint working will continue with the third sector as regards to grant funded projects. The Chief Executive responded that due to the cost-of-living crisis and poverty it is essential that joint working continues with the third sector on a strategic, moral and financial level. However, as the level of grant funding is significantly lower than previous years, difficult decisions will have to be made as to whom will receive the funding to ensure the successful impact of the supported projects. The Leader emphasised that working in partnership is crucial to support projects within local communities. He noted that the WLGA has put pressure on Welsh Government to influence UK Government to set up a source of funding following 2026 as there is currently uncertainties as to the grant funding in the future.
- Questions were raised as to what assurances can be given that all projects will successfully meet their evaluation milestones and commitments prior to the closure process and what are the monitoring process. The Chief Economic Development Manager responded that he was confident that all projects will be completed as they have been reporting on progress monthly.
- Questions were raised as to what plans are in place to implement placemaking initiatives within the next delivery period, and who will take the lead on the projects. The Chief Economic Development Manager responded that the placemaking initiatives is separate from the SPF funding and grant funding has been secured for Amlwch and Holyhead through the Transforming Towns funding process. He noted that the three other towns will be considered when the capacity is available, and he was willing to share the draft plans with the Members as regards to Amlwch and Holyhead projects.
- Reference was made that the rural areas are not supported, and it seems that the investment to allow people to live and work in their communities is not forthcoming. Questions were as to the reason as to why the Housing Strategy has not been included within the SPF funding. The Leader responded that towns on the Island attract grant funding much easier than rural areas. He noted that work is undertaken to improve the economic development within rural areas i.e. industrial units. The Chief Economic Development Manager said that he will investigate the reason as to why the Housing Strategy has not been included within the SPF funding and will report back to the Elected Members. Further comments were made that it is hoped that the grant funding in 2026/2027 and thereafter will have a vision to expand funding resource to the largest villages on the Island. The Chief Economic Development Manager said that it is an intention to map out through the partner organisations to gauge where the SPF funding has been of value in the communities.

**It was RESOLVED to:-**

- **Note the successful delivery of Anglesey's UK Shared Prosperity Fund and the positive outputs achieved between 2022 and 2025;**
- **Note the implementation of Anglesey's UK Shared Prosperity Fund in line with UK Government guidance;**
- **Recognises the on-going role of the Council in managing the delivery of the funding on the Island, as well as supporting local delivery partners;**
- **Request further updates from Officers in respect of Shared Prosperity Fund delivery during 2025/2026.**

**ACTION : As noted above.**

## **6 NOMINATION OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FINANCE SCRUTINY PANEL**

**It was RESOLVED to defer the item until discussion are undertaken to review the structure of the Scrutiny Panels.**

## **7 COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2024/2025**

The report of the Scrutiny Manager setting out the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee's indicative Forward Work Programme for 2024/2025 was presented for consideration.

**It was RESOLVED to:-**

- **Agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2024/2025;**
- **Note the progress thus far in implementing the forward work programme.**

**COUNCILLOR DYLAN REES  
CHAIR**

ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL <u>Scrutiny Report Template</u>	
<b>Committee:</b>	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
<b>Date:</b>	9 April 2025
<b>Subject:</b>	Anglesey and Gwynedd Public Services Board
<b>Purpose of the report</b>	To review the governance arrangements and scrutinise progress against the 2023-28 Well-being Plan
<b>Scrutiny Chair:</b>	Cllr Dylan Rees
<b>Portfolio Member(s):</b>	Cllr Gary Pritchard
<b>Head of Service:</b>	Dylan Williams, Chief Executive
<b>Author of the Report:</b> <b>Telephone Number:</b> <b>E-mail:</b>	Sandra Thomas, Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Programme Manager 01286 679906 sandrallynnethomas@gwynedd.llyw.cymru
<b>Local Members:</b>	Not relevant to any specific ward

## 1 - Recommendation(s)

The Scrutiny Committee is requested to note and offer observations on the governance arrangements of the Public Services Board and on the progress against the 2023 – 2028 Well-being Plan, published in July 2023.

## 2 - Link to the Council's Plan / Other Corporate Priorities

Isle of Anglesey County Council is committed to the principles within the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. The Council provides a range of services which will fulfil its individual well-being objectives, as well as contributing to supporting the well-being objectives of the Public Services Board.

## 3 - Principles as a Guide for Scrutiny

**To assist Members when scrutinising the subject:-**

- 3.1** Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [focus on the customer/citizen]
- 3.2** Look at efficiency and the effectiveness of any proposed change - financially and in terms of quality [focus on value]
- 3.3** Look at any risks [focus on risks]
- 3.4** Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [focus on performance and quality]

**3.5** Look at plans and proposals in terms of:

- Long term
- Prevention
- Integration
- Collaboration
- Inclusion

[focus on wellbeing]

**3.6** Potential impact this decision would have on:

- the groups protected under the Equality Act 2010
- those who experience socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (when

<p>making strategic decisions)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and not treat the Welsh language less favourably than English</li> </ul> <p>[focus on equality and the Welsh language]</p>
<b>4- Key Scrutiny Questions</b>
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What lessons has the Board learned from past experiences and how have they shaped its structure?</li> <li>2. To what extent has the poverty situation affected progress in implementing the well-being plan?</li> <li>3. How does the Board prioritise areas where it can add the most value considering limited resources and capacity?</li> <li>4. What criteria were used to determine where the Board could make the greatest contribution without duplicating existing efforts that are already underway in other partnerships and organisations?</li> </ol>

<b>5 - Background / Context</b>
Refer to the report in the Appendix below

<b>6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]</b>
<b>6.1 Potential impact on the groups protected under the Equality Act 2010</b>
No negative impact
<b>6.2 Potential impact on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)</b>
No negative impact
<b>6.3 The potential impact on the opportunities for people to use Welsh and treat the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language</b>
The Public Services Board has considered and identified the need for impact assessments (e.g. Language and Equality) and assessments will be developed and used when the Board engages with our communities on specific points and to update the Well-being Assessments.
<b>7 - Financial Implications</b>
None

<b>8 - Appendices</b>
Appendix 1: 2023 – 2024 Annual Report

<b>9 - Background Papers (please contact the Report's author for any further information):</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PSB website: <a href="http://www.llesiantgwyneddamon.org">www.llesiantgwyneddamon.org</a></li> <li>Reports from Welsh language projects and good practice checklists for recruitment and customer service</li> <li>Outputs from Community Narrative projects in Bro Aberffraw and Porthmadog</li> <li>Anglesey and Gwynedd Wellbeing Plan 2018-2023</li> <li>Anglesey and Gwynedd Wellbeing Assessments 2022</li> <li>Anglesey and Gwynedd Well-being Plan 2023-28</li> </ul>

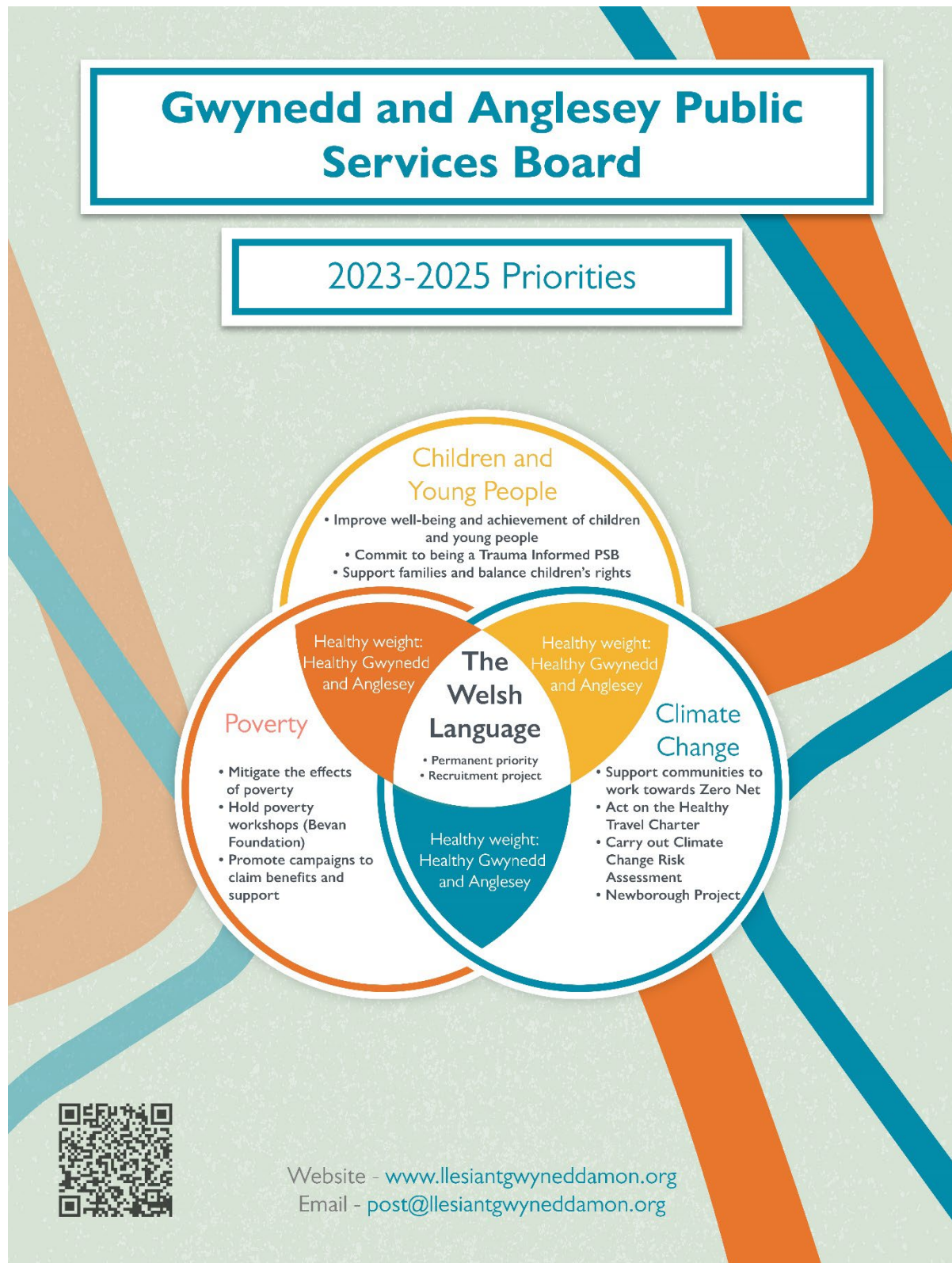
## Appendix 1: Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board - Annual Report 2023/24

### 1.0 Background / context:

- 1.1 The [Well-being of Future Generations \(Wales\) Act 2015](#) places a duty on public bodies to improve the social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being of Wales. The Act is based on the sustainable development principle and places a duty on public bodies to set and publish well-being objectives and to take every reasonable step to achieve these objectives. The Act also established Public Services Boards with representation from key public and voluntary bodies in each county. Gwynedd and Anglesey's public organisations have come together to collaborate on one Board. Every five years, Public Services Boards must prepare and publish an assessment of the state of the economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being of their areas and use this as a basis for the Well-being Plan for the next five years.
- 1.2 One of the main challenges for the Board is to establish where we can add the most value and make a difference together, with the limited resources and capacity available to us. In developing the Well-being Plan, we had conversations about where we can make the biggest contribution without duplicating the good work already underway in other partnerships and organisations. The Board has learned from experience and adapted its structures over the period.
- 1.3 Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Membership:
- Isle of Anglesey County Council
  - Cyngor Gwynedd
  - North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority
  - Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
  - Natural Resources Wales
  - Representative of North Wales' registered social landlords
  - Bangor University
  - Grŵp Llandrillo Menai
  - Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri
  - Wales Probation Service
  - North Wales Police
  - Public Health Wales
  - Mantell Gwynedd
  - Medrwn Môn
  - Welsh Government
- 1.4 Well-being Plan Objectives 2023-28:  
The Gwynedd and Anglesey Well-being Plan 2023-28 was published in May 2023. There are **three specific Well-being Objectives, namely:**
- *We want to work together to mitigate the impact of **poverty** on the well-being of our communities.*
  - *We want to work together to safeguard and improve the well-being and success of our **children and young people** to realise their full potential.*
  - *We want to work together to support our services and communities to shift towards **Net Zero Carbon**.*
- 1.5 The Welsh Language is a permanent priority for the Board, and we will promote it in all aspects of our work
- 1.6 The methodology of Whole System Healthy Weight: Healthy Wales has been adopted as a way of working through this work. This approach puts the spotlight on leadership and enabling change through local collaboration and participation. It means working jointly with everyone (professionals and local communities) that could influence the flow of healthy and affordable food choices and create opportunities to allow people to move more and keep fit.

## 2.0 Delivery Plan 2023 - 2025:

Instead of detailing a five-year work plan, the PSB Members agreed to continue with the short-term Delivery Plans for the Well-being Plan. The diagram below shows how the Board will prioritise achieving the objectives for the two-year period of 2023 - 2025.



### 3.0 Delivery Structures:

- 3.1 Due to previous successes and an ongoing focus in the Welsh Language Sub-group, the PSB agreed that it should continue in its current form – with Dr Lowri Hughes from Bangor University as the Chair.
- 3.2 Following an independent academic assessment of the efficiency of other PSB sub-groups, it was resolved to proceed with the recommendation to establish a Task and Finish Group with more of an operational focus for the other actions. Therefore, all the actions prioritised under the three main objectives will be implemented by a Task and Finish Group with operational staff from PSB member organisations working together to reach the short-term goal.

### 4.0 Progress to date in 2024/2025:

The following are the key points of progress made in achieving the Language priority and well-being objectives so far this year and intentions for the rest of the year:

#### 4.1 The Welsh Language:

<b>Bilingual Workforce Project:</b> IAITH cyf were commissioned to investigate the challenges and successes of <b>bilingual work-force planning</b> among organisations that make up the three Public Service Boards in north Wales. The key question was why public organisations across north Wales were struggling to recruit staff to Welsh-speaking posts, and whether the answer lay within the recruitment processes themselves. The starting point for the research was to collect data from the organisations on vacancies where Welsh was essential, how long jobs had been vacant, whether 2nd/3rd advertisements were required, whether the post needed to be downgraded to Welsh Desirable etc.	
Form of Delivery:	Welsh language Sub-group
Membership of the Sub-group:	Bangor University (Chair); Anglesey Council, Cyngor Gwynedd, North Wales Police, Fire Service, Natural Resources Wales, Parc Cenedlaethol Eryri, BCUHB
Collaborate with:	Arfor, Welsh Language Commissioner
Funding	£22.5k from the Regional PSB Fund
Completed	July 2024
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report with findings and recommendations for implementation</li> <li>• Good practice checklist for HR managers and officers to follow</li> <li>• The project has already been owned by organisations on the Public Services Boards of north Wales</li> </ul>
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor implementation of recommendations and use of checklist</li> <li>• Undertake a review of the core data to confirm if improvements have stemmed from the work</li> <li>• Share the outputs nationally at the request of the Future Generations Commissioner</li> </ul>
Next project:	The sub-group has received feedback and suggestions from Board members on what should be the focus of the next project. Suggestions include continuing work to attract and recruit to Welsh jobs – with a focus on myth busting. We are in the process of defining the specification and will start work in the new year and report to the next Board meeting in June 2025. Funding from the Regional PSB Fund.
How we will measure progress:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Organisations will be more likely to recruit Welsh speakers and confident in their ability to offer a bi-lingual service to the communities of Gwynedd and Anglesey.</li> <li>➤ Organisations will note an increase in the number of employees learning Welsh.</li> <li>➤ Organisations will note an increase in a bi-lingual workforce.</li> <li>➤ The Language will be more visible within services and communities.</li> <li>➤ There will be an increase in the use of Welsh by promoting activities and services.</li> </ul>



	➤ Organisations will note an increase in activities and services available through the medium of Welsh
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#### 4.2 Healthy Weight:

<b>Healthy Weight:</b> Year 1 intentions:	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All organisations to confirm the extent to which they have incorporated the aims and beliefs into their work (with evidence)</li> <li>• Agreed to establish a sub-group Healthy Weight will work with and add value to regional activity on healthy weight</li> </ul>
Form of Delivery:	Healthy Weight Sub-group
Membership of the Sub-group:	Anglesey Council (Chair), Public Health Team BCUHB, Cyngor Gwynedd Grŵp Llandrillo Menai, Bangor University
Collaborate with:	Healthy Weight Regional Strategic Partnership Group
Funding	No additional funding beyond current member budgets
Timetable	Well-being Plan Period 2023-2028
Outcomes:	A detailed action plan on how Board organisations can commit and collaborate on healthy weight issues, including adapting procurement arrangements, providing feedback on planning applications, preparing services etc
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysing county-level data on Healthy Weight</li> <li>• Report on progress and opportunities to collaborate</li> </ul>
How we will measure progress:	Will work with the Regional Partnership and Public Health Wales to agree how this could be measured and if it achieves what has been identified, and what the impact/difference will be.

#### 4.3 Climate Change Objective:

<b>4.3.1 Implementing the Active Travel Charter:</b>	
Form of Delivery:	Task and Finish Group
Membership:	Anglesey Council, Cyngor Gwynedd, Bangor University, BCUHB, Natural Resources Wales, Fire Service, Grŵp Llandrillo-Menai, Medrwn Môn
Collaborate with:	Public Health Wales, Sustrans
Funding	No additional funding beyond current member budgets
Timetable	Two years (September 2024 – August 2026)
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote and implement the North Wales Active Travel Charter (including collaboration on energy use infrastructure in public sector settings)</li> <li>• Hold an official ceremony to sign the Charter in March with Transport Minister Ken Skates in attendance</li> </ul>
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue to work together as Board organisations to act to complete the Charter</li> </ul>
How we will measure progress:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Using the Welsh Government monitoring matrix tool – for each step there are 4 options – "not started / underway / completed / leading the way."</li> <li>➤ Reporting the monitoring data consistently</li> <li>➤ Report on the number of PSB organisations committed to and implementing the Charter.</li> <li>➤ High level outputs initially, then qualitative outputs.</li> </ul>
Welsh Language Action:	We will implement and commit to the Charter in Welsh. All resources will be available bilingually.
Implement the Healthy Weight Approach	Support and promote staff of all Board organisations to make more beneficial choices when commuting to work, when travelling during work and in their leisure hours.



<b>4.3.2 Climate Change Risk Assessment:</b>	
Section 38 of the Future Generations Act requires PSBs to consider the latest UK Climate Change Risk Assessment when preparing their Well-being Assessments. The three north Wales Boards have agreed to work together to provide one joint assessment that will have options to drill down to county and local ward level	
Form of Delivery:	Task and Finish Group
Membership:	6 x North Wales Counties, Bangor University, Wrexham University, BCUHB, Natural Resources Wales, Parc Ceneddlaethol Eryri
Collaborate with:	North Wales PSBs
Funding	Regional PSB Fund
Timetable	2 years September 2024 – August 2026
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Complying with the Future Generations Act to carry out a Climate Change Risk Assessment</li> <li>Use it to feed the next Well-being Assessments in 2026/27.</li> </ul>
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioning work to collate and coordinate all information with existing reports in the field (see page 4 of the presentation for examples of these)</li> </ul>
How we will measure progress:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There will be a complete assessment of the impact of climate change and the well-being and obituaries of that, with and identified response actions to mitigate impact and proactively respond.</li> <li>➤ Risk assessment completed</li> <li>➤ Well-being plans respond to the risks and identify outputs and outcomes.</li> </ul>
Welsh Language Action:	We will ensure that the interactive output is bilingual – not just a translation
Implement the Healthy Weight Approach	The assessment will analyse feedback and data from residents highlighting how climate issues are also having an impact on their well-being

<b>4.3.3 Newborough Project:</b>	
This is a pilot and the intention is to develop a model or good practice that could be applied across the area of partnership working to respond to a problem. We are trialling a different, collaborative approach to addressing access and traffic problems in the Newborough and Llanddwyn area of Anglesey. It's a new way of working collaboratively, where the organisations around the table share challenges and solutions, collaborate on one plan, share resources and communicate as one voice with the stakeholders.	
Form of Delivery:	Task and Finish Group
Membership:	Anglesey Council, Natural Resources Wales, Medrwn Môn
Collaborate with:	Wales Co-Production Network, Menter Môn, Bro Aberffraw Alliance
Funding	£8.5k from the Regional PSB Fund in 2023/24 £15k from the Regional PSB Fund in 2024/25
Timetable	Pilot: 2 years (March 2024 – Feb 2026)
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Officers from Eryri National Park have shared their experiences and lessons learned from the work they did at Pen y Pass to manage access and transport</li> <li>Taking concerns and solution ideas from the local community, officers have already undertaken some interim measures and are working on a project plan that includes short, medium and long-term actions.</li> <li>Currently piloting a new way of working collaboratively, where the organisations around the table share challenges and solutions, collaborate on one plan, share resources and communicate as one voice with the stakeholders.</li> </ul>
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We are in the process of reporting back on progress to the local community in the hope that they will see a genuine difference as early as Easter 2025</li> <li>Council officers are assessing the solutions that require capital expenditure and researching specific funding sources</li> <li>Undertake a review of the pilot to date with the intention of sharing it regionally and offering it as a potential solution for community well-being problems with funding from the regional grant.</li> </ul>

How we will measure progress:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Measures such as traffic and visitor data in the area Summer 2025</li> <li>➤ Questionnaire for local people measuring satisfaction and well-being improvements</li> </ul>
Welsh Language Action:	Have secured bilingual specialists and facilitators in the public sessions and have made a specific effort to ensure that local people take part and can express their concerns and ideas in Welsh. All communication is bilingual.
Implement the Healthy Weight Approach	Local people have reported that they do not use the forest or the beach during the summer months as it is so busy and over-tourism. The situation is having a detrimental effect on their day-to-day lives and well-being. This project addresses the lack of access to natural resources such as Llanddwyn for local people.

#### 4.4 Poverty objective:

<b>Hold a Workshop on Poverty for Board Members:</b> The Bevan Foundation intends to facilitate three workshops in Gwynedd and Anglesey to ensure that organisations in the area have an understanding of poverty and to help organisations think more strategically about their role when providing a solution. Each of these workshops will be targeted at a different audience.	
Form of Delivery:	Workshops for Board Members and officers working in the poverty fields in their organisations
Collaborate with:	Bevan Foundation, Anglesey Council, Cyngor Gwynedd
Funding	No additional funding beyond current member budgets
Timetable	Slipped to Summer 2025
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• By the end of the sessions participants will have:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A deeper understanding of which of their services users live in poverty and the implications of this for management and operational decisions for the services provided by them.</li> <li>• The skills to undertake their own analysis of which of their service users live in poverty.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Have developed ideas about the best way of managing their services in a way which provides answers to poverty in the area.</li> </ul>
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm brief and required outcomes</li> <li>• Arrange and hold Workshops</li> <li>• Agree the actions and identify opportunities to work together following the Workshops</li> </ul>
How we will measure progress:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Board Members and officers will understand the impact of poverty on residents and communities.</li> <li>➤ Board members and officers will plan based on evidence and research, to make informed decisions and ensure services are proactive to save and mitigate the impact of poverty.</li> </ul>
Welsh Language Action:	<i>To be agreed</i>
Implement the Healthy Weight Approach	<i>To be agreed</i>

#### 4.5 Children and young people objective:

<b>Commit to being a Trauma-Informed PSB:</b> There is a framework in place in Wales to help ensure that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Officers in organisations are aware of adversity and trauma and understand how they affect children and young people.</li> <li>• Organisations are aware of how to step in and prevent adversity and trauma from happening.</li> <li>• That organisations are aware of how to support someone that has been affected by trauma.</li> </ul>	
Form of Delivery:	Hold specific sessions with experts on Trauma
Collaborate with:	Anglesey Council
Funding	No additional funding beyond current member budgets
Timetable	Slipped to 2025/26
Outcomes:	To be confirmed
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Confirm brief and outcomes</li> <li>• Arrange and hold Workshops</li> <li>• Agree the actions and identify opportunities to work together following the Workshops</li> </ul>
How we will measure progress:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All Board members will be knowledgeable about trauma and the impact of trauma, ensuring that the Boards respond proactively in the Wellbeing Plans.</li> <li>➤ We will know this by monitoring members who have attended the training.</li> </ul>
Welsh Language Action:	<i>To be agreed</i>
Implement the Healthy Weight Approach	<i>To be agreed</i>

#### 5.0 Local Engagement:

Here are three examples of the PSB engaging with communities and schools in Anglesey and Gwynedd in 2024:

<b>5.1 Community narrative: Bro Aberffraw</b> At the request of Medrwn Môn we asked how we can better address the needs of the local community through access and transport improvements in Bro Aberffraw. Is the area an accessible, connected place, and if not, how do we fix that? The Workshops have included ice breaking activities, work with puppets, animation, making props and filming.	
Form of Delivery:	Collaboration and commissioning
Collaborate with:	Anglesey Council, Medrwn Môn, Community Groups in Bro Aberffraw
Funding	Regional PSB Fund and Wrexham University
Timetable	Completed September 2024
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Creative Project with local community groups creating artwork from journeys through Bro Aberffraw, linking a variety of start and end points.</li> <li>• Gathered feedback on the connectivity of Bro Aberffraw and the ability to walk around the area through creative activities and improved understanding of the barriers regarding access to public transport and active travel.</li> <li>• Cynghair Bro Aberffraw has used the information to create a local well-being action plan</li> </ul>
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use all the information in the Well-being Assessments (2025/26)</li> <li>• Plans to exhibit the artwork at the Bodorgan Centre, Bro Aberffraw in the new year and to present it to the Board.</li> </ul>
Welsh Language Action:	A local Welsh artist, Ffion Pritchard, was commissioned to undertake the work and all sessions and resources were provided in Welsh with options available in English if needed.

Implement the Healthy Weight Approach	The engagement includes trying to understand the frustrations of the people of Bro Aberffraw on keeping fit and active travel
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### 5.2 Community narrative: Porthmadog

At the request of Cyngor Gwynedd's Adults Services, workshops have been held asking the question of whether people across the demographic range living in Porthmadog feel Porthmadog is age-friendly and if so why and if not, what should be different?

Workshops include ice breaking activities, puppet work, 3D and 2D work, painting, collage and textiles.

Form of Delivery:	Collaboration and commissioning
Collaborate with:	Cyngor Gwynedd Adults Service, Ysgol Eifion Wyn, Ysgol Eifionydd, Porthmadog Youth Club, Hafod y Gest Extra Care and Grŵp Cynefin
Funding	Regional PSB Fund and Wrexham University
Timetable	Completed September 2024
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Have gathered feedback on how age-friendly Porthmadog is through creative activities that will be used to shape future services.</li> <li>Improved intergenerational understanding within the Porthmadog community.</li> <li>Encouraged understanding of age-based prejudice and what creates an age-friendly society.</li> <li>Adults Services has used the information to form a strategy / action plan</li> </ul>
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use all the information in the Well-being Assessments (2025/26)</li> <li>Intention to exhibit the artwork in Porthmadog in the new year and to present it to the Board</li> </ul>
Welsh Language Action:	A local Welsh artist, Ffion Pritchard, was commissioned to undertake the work and all sessions and resources were provided in Welsh with options available in English if needed.
Implement the Healthy Weight Approach	The engagement includes trying to understand the frustrations of older people and young people in Porthmadog regarding keeping fit and healthy eating

### 5.3 "Future Leaders": Engaging about the Well-being Plan in the form of workshops at Ysgol David Hughes, Ysgol Dyffryn Nantlle, Ysgol y Moelwyn, Ysgol Botwnnog, and Ysgol Brynrefail

Working with Xplore we introduced an educational session for schools seeking input, and ideas from young people to connect and understand the challenges and develop conversation/motivational ideas for the Board.

Form of Delivery:	Collaboration and commissioning
Collaborate with:	Anglesey Council and Cyngor Gwynedd Education Services
Funding	Regional PSB Fund and Wrexham University
Timetable	Completed October and November 2024
Outcomes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Young people were linked directly with the Board and the focus/priorities as well as getting their input on the Board's work programme</li> <li>We shared insights into what the Well-being of Future Generations Act means.</li> </ul>
Next steps:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Feeding all information into the Well-being Assessments (2025/26)</li> <li>Continue to engage with schools across Anglesey and Gwynedd on a regular basis</li> </ul>
Welsh Language Action:	Ensuring a bilingual team from Xplore/Wrexham University leads the workshops at Gwynedd and Anglesey schools
Implement the Healthy Weight Approach	Workshops include mapping how young people stay fit – what control they have over their journey to school, leisure time, access to keep fit resources, time on social media etc

## 6.0 Regional support and collaboration:

- 6.1 The PSB is supported regionally by the North Wales Insight Partnership (NWIP), which includes officers from across the public sector and connects organisations and communities across the region. NWIP encourages regional partnership work to align priorities and identify opportunities across Public Services Boards, the Regional Partnership Board, and the North Wales Economic Ambition Board.
- 6.2 The Welsh Government provides a Regional Support Grant to the North Wales PSBs which is managed by Cyngor Gwynedd on behalf of the region's PSBs. The purpose of this support is to encourage collaboration and innovation between the three PSBs. This grant supports the development of some innovative approaches to engagement and co-production, which have already helped support the delivery of the local well-being objectives.
- 6.3 The Wales Co-production Network provides long-term support for engagement and co-production across North Wales. The PSB uses the support of this Network to engage locally with communities.

## 7.0 Monitoring:

- 7.1 The Welsh Language Sub-group and the Task and Finish groups are accountable to the Public Service Board in relation to the delivery of any commissioned work. They will update the Board on progress every quarter, and their submitted progress reports will be challenged and discussed at Board meetings. The Board's support team also has a role to play between Board meetings to support and sustain the work of the sub-groups. In addition, an annual report will be published by the Board summarising progress as the Board works towards achieving its strategic aims.
- 7.2 The Board's work will be checked regularly by the Scrutiny Committees of Anglesey County Council and Cyngor Gwynedd. The Well-being Act and the associated national guidelines note three roles for scrutiny committees of Local Authorities when providing democratic accountability for the Public Services Board:
- Reviewing the governance arrangements of the PSB
  - Statutory consultee on the Well-being Assessment and the Well-being Plan
  - Monitoring progress of the efforts of the PSB in the implementation of the Well-being Plan

## 8. Next Steps

Following reporting to the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee the report will be shared with PSB Members with any recommendations. The report will also be shared with Cyngor Gwynedd's Scrutiny Committee.

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## **ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL**

### **Scrutiny Report Template**

<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Partnership &amp; Regeneration Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> April 2025</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Update on Porthladd Rhydd Ynys Môn</b>
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	<b>To provide an update on recent progress in relation to the establishment of the Freeport on Anglesey</b>
<b>Scrutiny Chair:</b>	<b>Cllr. Dylan Rees</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	<b>Cllr. Gary Pritchard – Leader and Economic Development Portfolio Holder</b>
<b>Head of Service:</b>	<b>Christian Branch – Regulation and Economic Development</b>
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<b>Local Members:</b>	<b>Relevant to all Elected Members</b>

#### **1 - Recommendation/s**

That the Scrutiny Committee:

1. Recognises the role of Council in the development of the Anglesey Freeport, including the submission of the Outline and Full Business Cases
2. Recognises the robust governance arrangements and transition from Shadow Board to Full Board
3. Note the next steps in the confirmation of the Freeport, including the need to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with both UK and Welsh Governments prior to the Freeport becoming operational (MoU)

#### **2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities**

The Anglesey Freeport has been developed fully aligned to the vision, objectives and values of the Council Plan 2023-2028. With a particular focus on collaboration, the Welsh language, championing the island and promoting opportunities that will deliver jobs and growth to the economy, the Freeport objectives align strongly to those of the Council Plan.

Against the context of our corporate priorities with other key local, regional and national policies and strategies informing the bid (i.e. Welsh Future Generation Act, Regional Economic Framework for North Wales, the Welsh Government Programme for Government and the) the Anglesey Freeport can also play a pivotal and crucial role when the UK Government announces its Industrial Strategy in 2025.

The aim of the Anglesey Freeport is to bring regeneration and high-quality job creation, trade and investment and innovation to Anglesey and North Wales. It will build on the Energy Island Programme (EIP), an existing cooperation between public, private and third-sector stakeholders. EIP's vision is to 'create a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for jobs, economic growth and prosperity through capitalising on a number of transformational

projects in Anglesey'. It also fully aligns to the goals of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board's Growth Strategy.

Holyhead Port is the international gateway into Wales – and is a historic link between the UK and Ireland. The socio-economic value and importance of the Port to Anglesey and North Wales cannot be underestimated. Its importance was highlighted only recently with the closure of the Port from 7<sup>th</sup> December 2024 until 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025. It is the second largest Ro-Ro (roll on roll off) port in the UK serving approximately 1,500,000 passengers a year and approximately 4,000,000 tonnes of freight, 370,000 freight movements. In 2021, freight through Holyhead port declined by 2.1 million tonnes (35.9%). Another crucial factor the Freeport will deliver is to rebuild the land-bridge and increase trade between the UK and EU which has been lost as a result of Brexit. The Port therefore supports – directly and indirectly – hundreds of jobs in Holyhead and in the wider Anglesey area.

Alignment to local strategies include:

- Isle of Anglesey & Gwynedd Well-being Plan (Gwynedd & Anglesey Public Service Board, 2018)
- Council Plan 2023 – 2028 (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2023)
- Isle of Anglesey County Council Strategic Equality Plan 2024 – 2028 (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2020)
- North Anglesey Economic Regeneration Plan (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2019)
- Anglesey and Gwynedd Joint Local Development Plan 2011 – 2026 (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2017)
- Isle of Anglesey County Council toward Net Zero Plan 2022 – 2025 (Isle of Anglesey County Council, 2022)

### 3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members

1. Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [focus on customer/citizen]
2. A look at any risks [focus on risk]
3. Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [focus on performance & quality]
4. Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:
  - Long term
  - Prevention
  - Integration
  - Collaboration
  - Involvement
 [focus on wellbeing]

### 4 - Key Scrutiny Questions

1. What challenges and risks does the Council face while acting as the Accountable Body?
2. What measures are in place to ensure proper management, allocation, and compliance when spending the £25m seed funding?
3. Will the proposed £600,000 annual budget be enough to meet Anglesey Freeport's operational needs?



4. How will the potential positive impact on Local Communities, the Welsh Language, and Culture be maximised?
5. The project plan estimates approximately 3,500 new employment opportunities could be created across North Wales. What arrangements will be in place to maximise local/ regional employment?

## **5 – Background / Context**

### **a) Introduction to Freeports**

The UK and Welsh Governments invited bidders to submit proposals for Freeports in Wales in late 2022. The bidding process opened on the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022 and closed on the 24<sup>th</sup> November 2022 and we were informed that Anglesey had been successful in the first phase on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 which would then allow us to progress with the business case phase, which is covered in more detail in this report.

Freeports are designated areas where a range of economic incentives are available to stimulate the local economy and encourage growth and investment. The Freeport presents an opportunity to attract significant new private sector investment in Anglesey which is especially important given the context in that a number of major job losses have impacted the island over the last 10 years. These include incentives and relaxations related to tax, customs, business rates, planning, regeneration, innovation and trade and investment support. Goods entering the Freeport will not be subject to the UK's usual tax and customs regime.

The vision of the Anglesey Freeport builds on its unique Island geography; it will support growth of trade through Holyhead Port, restore the land-bridge and progress the island's Energy Island Programme (EIP) and ensure that the benefits are felt across Holyhead, Anglesey and wider north Wales.

The strength and success of the bid was built on the depth of the existing 30-year relationship that exists between the Council and Stena Line further enhancing the partnership and developing a new way or collaborative working between the two organisations.

### **b) The Anglesey Freeport**

The Vision of the Anglesey Freeport is to become a hub for innovation, low carbon energy, and international trade.

It has the following three Aims:

- Boost economic activity, skills levels, and employment opportunities, increasing opportunities for local people.
- Reduce out commuting and out migration, thereby protecting and enhancing the Welsh Language.
- Foster innovation, enhance trade, and our competitive advantage in key sectors.

In order to achieve both the Vision and meets ours Aims, the Anglesey Freeport submission has the following guiding objectives:

1. Attracting inward investment and drive economic activity
2. Driving innovation through all our Freeport activities
3. Building on the Energy Island Programme to become a global leader in low carbon energy generation
4. Boosting International Trade
5. Enhancing local Skills and Opportunities
6. Increasing Productivity
7. Protecting and enhancing the Welsh language and culture
8. Contributing towards net zero and decarbonisation
9. Providing fair working conditions and protect quality of the environment

Therefore, it was important to demonstrate that a Freeport could achieve both Government's expectations – in particular regeneration and high-quality job creation – and initial estimates are that approximately 3,500 new employment opportunities could be created across North Wales.

Within the bid the following sites were identified as the customs and tax sites:

1. Prosperity Park (Former Anglesey Aluminium site) – owned by Anglesey Land Holdings
2. Parc Cybi land – owned by Welsh Government, Conygar and Land & Lakes
3. MSParc land – owned by Bangor University and the Council
4. Bryn Cefni Sites – Tregarnedd and former 2Sisters site owned by the Council and Anglesey Land Holdings
5. Rhosgoch – owned by Conygar
6. Octel Site – owned by NPL Developments



These sites will benefit from significant investment to bring about exciting and transformational change including:

Prosperity Park, Holyhead – the full demolition, site clearance remediation of the site along with installation of essential infrastructure which will accommodate more than 1,000 jobs and secure investment of over £1billion.

Peboc, Llangefni – the full demolition, site clearance remediation of the site along with installation of essential infrastructure to bring the site back into full economic use providing jobs and investment opportunities.

Former 2-Sisters Site, Llangefni – the full demolition, site clearance remediation of the site along with installation of essential infrastructure to bring the site back into full economic use following the loss of 730 jobs providing new jobs and investment opportunities.

MSParc – supporting the development and construction of a second landmark building (Egni) on the site creating high value job opportunities and further enhancing the Science Park offering across Anglesey and the Region.

The Anglesey Freeport bid outlined and demonstrated that Anglesey isn't like other areas. There are unique challenges and issues that exist here.

- There is little to no existing economic activity on tax sites
- There is a lack of private sector activity in high-value added sectors aligning with Freeport objectives

- There is a lack of large-scale private sector activity across any sector
- There is not a significant base of existing activity on which to build

However, Anglesey has strengths and emerging strengths that can be capitalised through Freeport designation. These included in particular the:

- Energy sector, and the Energy Island Programme in particular nuclear, tidal, wind and hydrogen
- The strength of the HE and FE offering
- Having the second largest Ro-Ro Port in the UK and an opportunity to further increase trade.

### **c) Freeports Decision & Business Cases Development**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023, the County Council was made aware it had been successful in its Freeport application, subject to the completion of the detailed business case.

Work then commenced on developing the OBC, following guidance issued by both Governments. The guidance included an OBC Questionnaire of just over 100 questions that must be answered in order to complete the five “Cases” of the OBC (Strategic, Economic, Financial, Commercial and Management). In addition to the questions there were 13 detailed Annexes including the risk register and plans for skills and Fair Work, Innovation, Trade and Investment and Net Zero providing further information and strategies.

The OBC was submitted in December 2023 and formal feedback was received from both Governments in January 2024. Work was undertaken to address the action points raised in the feedback ahead of preparatory work on the FBC. However, the announcement of a General Election to be held in July 2024 resulted in an unforeseen delay to the process with Government Depts. Formal OBC approval – which was a major accomplishment and milestone in the process – was secured in December 2024. Following the election and new Government, the FBC (a more detailed version of the OBC) was submitted in January 2025. Informal feedback as of March 2025 by both Government only minor critical actions to address.

The timescale for the business case development has been as follows:

- Freeports OBC submitted December 2023,
- Feedback received January 2024
- Resubmission April 2024
- Civil Service sign off May 2024
- General Election called May 2024 (same day as sign off – all activities paused)
- OBC sign off December 2024
- FBC submitted January 2025 (work continued on the FBC while OBC was going through final sign off)
- Anticipated FBC Sign off April 2025

Linked to the Governance aspect is that the work to develop the OBC and FBC was both incredibly complex and challenging given the scale and scope of the business cases and

the need to work collaboratively with Stena Line and a whole host of partners and stakeholders to demonstrate the eco-system that exists on Anglesey. These included:

1. Landowners
2. Bangor University and MSParc
3. Grwp Llandrillo Menai
4. Ambition North Wales
5. Morlais and Menter Môn

#### **d) Tax Site Designation**

A major milestone in the Freeport process was securing tax site designation and this was successfully achieved in December 2024. The Anglesey Central (MSParc and Llangefni locations) and Anglesey Prosperity Zone (Holyhead) tax sites were successfully designated and thereby recognised in law.

The sites are recognised in law as geographical areas where businesses can benefit from tax reliefs to bring investment, trade and jobs to regenerate regions across the country that need it most.

The tax sites for Anglesey Freeport have been designated with effect from 23 January 2025.

The intention is that the North Anglesey tax sites will secure designation later in 2025 to allow further information and clarity on potential synergies with the energy sector developments.

#### **e) Role of the County Council in Freeports Delivery (Accountable Body)**

The Welsh Freeport programme differs slightly in that the host Local Authority must act as the Accountable Body. This therefore places more responsibility on the Council but also ensures it has more influence and control in the delivery of the programme, especially in respect of its statutory obligations.

As part of the business case development, the Council has led on establishing core principles for the continued close collaboration with Stena Line and our partners including the formalising of appropriate governance structures which will be critical in ensuring and protecting the statutory obligations and responsibility the Council has.

As the funding (£1m revenue and £25m capital seed funding) will be administered to the County Council, we will have – as the Accountable Body – full responsibility in ensuring the funds are spent in a way that conforms fully to public sector purchasing and also the monitoring and reporting of all associated spend. The Council (through the Section 151 Officer) will ensure the Business Cases applying for the £25m seed funding address issues in respect of state aid, subsidy control, value for money, procurement rules and can demonstrate the need for public funds. The Council is currently progressing project development work in relation to the former Peboc site in Llangefni in order to capitalise on the seed funding and fully remediate and redevelop the area and bring it back to economic use.

Responsibilities will also include complying with the Welsh and UK Governments requirements on monitoring and evaluation (such as data collection and provision regarding new jobs, businesses created, skills and investment and private investment attracted) etc.

In addition to endorsing and signing off business cases to access the seed funding, the S151 Officer will also have wider responsibilities in setting the budget and also in respect of business rate retention. For Anglesey, this means that the income the tax sites (Central, Holyhead and North Anglesey) generate will be retained and will be guaranteed for 25 years, giving the Council a source of income and if decided the certainty to borrow to invest in regeneration and infrastructure that will support further growth, aligned to Freeport objectives. Given the potential scope and scale of some of the developments at the tax sites, this could be a substantial figure.

As the Accountable Body, the Council will therefore have the following responsibilities:

1. Receive funding on behalf of the Freeport and be responsible for its proper administration
2. Approve the Freeport's annual operating budget
3. Establish and maintain a financial system to account for all funding received and disbursed on behalf of the Freeport
4. Embedding good governance into decision making, following the Nolan principles
5. Review and approval of business cases for seed capital projects and retained non-domestic rates projects
6. Determining the eligibility for non-domestic rates relief
7. Ensure the decisions and activities of the Freeport are taken transparently, are evidence based and represent value for money
8. Retaining necessary information and ensuring all required information on expenditure, activities and outcomes are properly monitored, recorded and reported
9. Operating as a single point of contact for Government on all Lead Authority/Accountable Body matters in relation to the Freeport.

#### **f) Porthladd Rhydd Ynys Môn – the Company & Board**

The Council has successfully established the delivery company, a company limited by guarantee – Porthladd Rhydd Ynys Môn – as well as the Shadow Board (including all governance requirements such as the Articles) to provide the necessary governance and oversight structures required by both Government. This again was a significant milestone in the process. Whilst aligned to the Council in terms of adopting policies, pay role, pensions etc. Porthladd Rhydd Ynys Môn will be a separate entity/ company responsible for the delivery and implementation of the Freeport.

The first Shadow Board meeting was held on 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and it is proposed that one more Shadow Board meeting is held before fully transitioning to the Board in Summer 2025 following formal FBC sign-off. As part of the business case development the Freeport has proposed an operating budget of just under £600,000 per year. This would be the lowest of any Freeport in the UK and in line with the Porthladd Rhydd Ynys Môn's objectives to be a lean operation that is tailored to the specific circumstances of Anglesey.

Whilst currently the Council is the only Board Member this will be extended to include Bangor University, Conygar, Menter Môn, Ambition North Wales and Grwp Llandrillo. Stena Line will not be a Member. Both UK and Welsh Governments will attend Board meetings in 'observer' capacities.

The Council is also currently undertaking the recruitment process for the company having identified the following roles are required for the initial phase of the Freeport delivery:

1. Chief Officer (Grade TBC)
2. Delivery Manager (Grade 8 post)
3. Administrative Assistant (Grade 5 post)

As the company grows and the workload in terms of delivering on the objectives of the Freeport intensifies, it is anticipated that this Team will expand to include capacities in respect of Innovation, Skills and Marketing.

Aligned to the Governance responsibilities the Council has undertaken, is progressing all matters in relation to the landowners. This includes the Landowner Agreements which are critical. This again has been challenging and complex and some landowners have removed themselves from the process which has been disappointing.

#### **g) Tax Site Developments**

The Energy Island Team has been supporting Anglesey Land Holdings and their consultants as they have been progressing their development proposals and planning processes for Prosperity Park and the former 2-Sister's site in Llangefni. This support included and extended to setting-up the Members Briefing on the 27th November 2024, which was crucial in presenting the scheme to the Elected Members.

Other support activities have included:

- Energy Island Programme officers held regular discussions with the applicant and their planning agent ahead of the planning submission. They undertook reviews of planning and supporting documentation to ensure the application would be robust and valid upon receipt.
- Energy Island Programme officers provided support and assistance during the statutory Pre-Application Consultation (PAC) process ahead of the planning submission by way of following up with statutory consultees and facilitating the necessary discussions, attendance at the consultation event, meeting with the planning agent to address any outstanding queries etc.
- Coordination of discussions between the applicant and Welsh Government Highways Dept.
- Battery storage application on Prosperity Park
- Guidance and advice in respect of the demolition works at 2-Sister's

This has been challenging given the nature and scale of the proposals and complexity of the two sites.

### **h) Next Steps of Anglesey Freeports**

As the focus shifts from developing business cases to the delivery stage of the Freeport programme there are a number of priority activities that will be taking place over the coming weeks and months:

#### **Governance:**

1. Secure full FBC sign off and receive details of the Memorandum of Understanding. The MOU is in essence the final step in the development phase of the Freeport and will form the basis of the relationship between both Government, Porthladd Rhydd Ynys Môn and the Council.
2. Present to the Executive the details of the MOU to secure endorsement, this is projected for April 2025.
3. Implement the governance structures to enable access to and progression of the £25m seed funding allocation.
4. Establish the formal operational governance structures which include budgets, implementation strategies (skills, innovation, net zero etc.), HR and other policies etc.

#### **Recruitment:**

5. Undertake all necessary recruitment for the Chief Officer and Delivery Manager posts to provide assurance to both Government as we enter into the delivery phase of the Freeport programme.

#### **Site Development Proposals**

6. Continue to support Anglesey Land Holdings in their planning proposals for Prosperity Park and the former 2-Sisters sites.
7. Continue to progress activities in preparation to secure necessary tax site designation for North Anglesey.

### **f) Risks Associated with Anglesey Freeports**

As with the development of a highly complex and new programme, there are risks and the main identified risks can be summarised as

1. Risk management; stakeholder management and management of expectations.
2. The management, allocation and adherence to rules in respect of the £25m seed funding.
3. Resource and capacity within the Council to continue to both lead and manage the delivery of the Framework against other competing priorities.
4. Protecting the Council's statutory obligations.
5. The need for robust governance, and the long-term role of the Council and resources required to deliver it in a compliant and effective manner.
6. Potential impacts of the Freeport on local communities, the Welsh language and culture.
7. The Council – and partners – not taking full advantage of the opportunity presented by securing Anglesey Freeports status.



<b>6 – Equality Impact Assessment</b> [including impacts on the Welsh Language]
<b>6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010</b>
None – applications by and for protected groups under the Equality Act 2010 will be dealt with exactly the same and funding could be targeted towards those groups
<b>6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)</b>
Positive – this funding has the potential to be targeted towards those at a socio-economic disadvantage
<b>6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language</b>
Positive – by creating employment opportunities in the area it is hoped that more Welsh speakers will be able to benefit and stay in the locality.
<b>7 – Financial Implications</b>
Neutral – there are no financial implications on the County Council as the cost of the business case development have been met through external sources.
<b>8 – Appendices:</b>
<b>9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):</b>

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<b>ISLE OF ANGLESEY COUNTY COUNCIL</b> <b><u>Scrutiny Report Template</u></b>	
<b>Committee:</b>	<b>Partnership &amp; Regeneration Scrutiny Committee</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>9<sup>th</sup> April, 2025</b>
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Partnership &amp; Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme</b>
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	<b>Assist the Scrutiny Committee in considering, agreeing and reviewing its forward work programme for 2025/26</b>
<b>Scrutiny Chair:</b>	<b>Cllr Dylan Rees</b>
<b>Portfolio Holder(s):</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
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<b>1 - Recommendation/s</b>
<p>The Committee is requested to:</p> <p><b>R1</b> agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2025/26.</p>

<b>2 – Link to Council Plan / Other Corporate Priorities</b>
<p>Effective work programming is the foundation of effective local government scrutiny. Our Scrutiny rolling forward work programmes are aligned with the corporate priorities of the Council and corporate transformation programmes – ensuring the role of Member scrutiny makes a tangible contribution to the Council's improvement priorities.</p>

<b>3 – Guiding Principles for Scrutiny Members</b>
<p><b>To assist Members when scrutinising the topic:-</b></p> <p><b>3.1</b> Impact the matter has on individuals and communities [focus on customer/citizen]</p> <p><b>3.2</b> A look at the efficiency &amp; effectiveness of any proposed change – both financially and in terms of quality [focus on value]</p> <p><b>3.3</b> A look at any risks [focus on risk]</p> <p><b>3.4</b> Scrutiny taking a performance monitoring or quality assurance role [focus on performance &amp; quality]</p> <p><b>3.5</b> Looking at plans and proposals from a perspective of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Long term</li> <li>• Prevention</li> <li>• Integration</li> <li>• Collaboration</li> <li>• Involvement</li> </ul> <p>[focus on wellbeing]</p>

**3.6** The potential impacts the decision would have on:

- protected groups under the Equality Act 2010
- those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (when making strategic decisions)
- opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

[focus on equality and the Welsh language]

**4 - Key Scrutiny Questions****5 – Background / Context****1. Background**

1.1 Effective work programming is the bedrock of an effective local government scrutiny function<sup>1</sup>. Done well, work programming can help lay the foundations for targeted and timely work on issues of local importance demonstrating where Member scrutiny can add value. Good practice advocates two key issues at the heart of the scrutiny forward work programme:

- Challenge around prioritising work streams
- Need for a member-led approach and interface with officers.

**1.2 Basic principles of good work programming<sup>2</sup>**

- Work programming should not be a “start-stop” process
- Complementary work programmes for separate scrutiny committees
- Balance between different methods of work
- An effective process for reporting / escalating issues to the Executive
- Input and views of internal stakeholders
- Close working with the Executive
- Links with the Annual Scrutiny Report (evaluation and improvement tool).

**2. Local context**

2.1 There is now a well-established practice of forward work programming which are now rolling programmes focusing on the quality of scrutiny with fewer items, to add value. They are an important tool to assist Members in prioritising their work and are discussed with the Strategic Leadership Team and Heads of Service. Both committees review the content of their work programmes on a regular basis, to ensure that they remain relevant and keep abreast with local priorities. Our local forward planning arrangements now ensure greater focus on:

- Strategic aspects
- Citizen / other stakeholder engagement and outcomes
- Priorities of the Council Plan and transformation projects
- Risks and the work of inspection and regulation
- Matters on the forward work programme of the Executive.

<sup>1</sup> A Cuning Plan? Devising a scrutiny work programme, Centre for Public Scrutiny (March, 2011)

<sup>2</sup> A Cuning Plan? Devising a scrutiny work programme, Centre for Public Scrutiny (March, 2011)

**Outcome:** rolling work programmes for scrutiny committees which are aligned with corporate priorities.

2.2 Committee chairs lead on developing the forward work programmes and are submitted to the monthly Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum and for approval at each ordinary meeting of the scrutiny committees. The Forum is considered an important vehicle to oversee these programmes and jointly negotiate priorities.

2.3 **“Whole council” approach to Scrutiny:** our work programmes provide a strong foundation for our improvement programme, ensuring the role that Scrutiny plays in the Authority’s governance arrangements:

- i. Supports robust and effective decision-making
- ii. Makes a tangible contribution to the Council’s improvement priorities
- iii. Continues to evolve.

### 3. Issues for consideration

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee receives regular update reports on the implementation of its forward work programme. A copy of the current 2025/26 work programme is attached as **APPENDIX 1** to this report for reference.

3.2 Where appropriate, items may be added to the Committee’s forward work programme during the municipal year. Requests for additional matters to be considered for inclusion on the work programme can be submitted via the Members Request Form for an item to be considered for Scrutiny. Requests are initially considered by the Scrutiny Chairs and Vice-chairs Forum, using the following criteria:

- the Council’s strategic objectives and priorities (as outlined in the Council Plan)
- the ability of the Committee to have influence and/or add value on the subject (A Scrutiny Test of Significance Form will be completed).

## 6 – Equality Impact Assessment [including impacts on the Welsh Language]

### 6.1 Potential impacts on protected groups under the Equality Act 2010

### 6.2 Potential impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives (strategic decisions)

### 6.3 Potential impacts on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language

Not applicable for this overarching issue but will be considered as an integral part of preparing for specific proposals to be submitted for consideration by the Committee.

## 7 – Financial Implications

Not applicable.

## 8 – Appendices:

Partnership & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2025/26

## 9 - Background papers (please contact the author of the Report for any further information):

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**Note for Stakeholders and the Public:**

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<b>CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>
<b>May, 2025 (20/05/2025 )</b>	<b>May, 2025 (20/05/2025)</b>
Election of Chair: 2025/26	Election of Chair: 2025/26
Election of Vice-chair: 2025/26	Election of Vice-chair: 2025/26
<b>June, 2025 (17/06/2025) – Q4</b>	<b>June, 2025 (12/06/2025) – Education / Welsh Language</b>
Performance Monitoring: Corporate Scorecard Qtr4: 2024/25	Welsh Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual Report on the Welsh Standards: 2024/25</li> <li>• Welsh in Education Strategic Plan: 2024/25→ Measure Progress</li> </ul>
Annual Delivery Plan: 2025/26	
Draft Corporate Self-Assessment 2025	UK Government Funded Programme [Ynys Môn Levelling Up Programme – Measure Progress]
<b>Item for Information:</b> Ambition North Wales Qtr 4: 2024/25 Progress Report	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26
<b>No meeting scheduled</b>	<b>July, 2025 (15/07/2025) – Emergency Services</b>
	North Wales Fire & Rescue Service
	North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner / North Wales Police
	Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Public Services Board Annual Report: 2024/25
	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26
<b>September, 2025 (17/09/2025) – Q1</b>	<b>September, 2025 (16/09/2025) – Post-16 Education Options</b>
Performance Monitoring: Corporate Scorecard Q1: 2025/26	Grwp Llandrillo Menai
Annual Performance Report: 2024/25	Bangor University

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Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26
<b>October, 2025 (15/10/2025)</b>	<b>October, 2025 (14/10/2025) – Education</b>
Annual Report North Wales Regional Partnership Board (Part 9): 2024/25	Standards in Schools Annual Report 2024 /25
Regional Emergency Planning Service Annual Report: 2024/25	Education Scrutiny Panel Progress Report
Recommendations of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group: Letting of Council Accommodation – update on progress.	
<b>Item for Information:</b> Ambition North Wales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Report: 2024/25</li> <li>Qtr 1: 2025/26 Progress Report</li> </ul>	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26
	<b>November, 2025 (13/11/2025) - Crime and Disorder</b>
	Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Community Safety Partnership Annual Report: 2024/25
	Menter Môn
	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26
<b>November, 2025 (18/11/2025) - Q2</b>	<b>November, 2025 (26/11/2025) – Health</b>
Monitoring Performance: Corporate Scorecard Q2: 2025/26	Audit Wales: Urgent and Emergency Care: Flow out of Hospital-North Wales Region- measure progress
	Welsh Ambulance Services Trust
	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26	
<b>January, 2026 (21/01/2026) – 2026/27 Budget (morning)</b>	<b>January, 2026 (20/01/2026)</b>
2026/27 Budget Setting (Revenue Budget) – initial budget proposals	Corporate Safeguarding
Finance Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	Natural Resources Wales
	UK Government Funded Programme [Ynys Môn Levelling Up Programme – Measure Progress
	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26



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<b>January, 2026 (21/01/2026) (afternoon)</b>	
<b>Item for Information:</b> Ambition North Wales Qtr 2: 2025/26 Progress Report	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26	
<b>February, 2026 (18/02/2026) – 2026/27 Budget</b>	<b>February, 2026 (12/02/2026) - Education</b>
Final Draft Budget Proposals for 2026/27 – revenue & capital	Partneriaeth Anghenion Dysgu Ychwanegol a Chynhwysiad Gwynedd ac Ynys Môn
Finance Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	Education Scrutiny Panel Progress Report
	Shared Prosperity Fund (to be confirmed)
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26
<b>March, 2026 (18/03/2026) - Q3</b>	<b>March, 2026 (17/03/2026)</b>
Monitoring Performance: Corporate Scorecard Q3: 2025/26	Annual Report on Equalities: 2024/25
Housing Revenue Account Business Plan: 2026/2056	Public Services Board – governance arrangements / scrutiny of delivery of the Wellbeing Plan
	Ynys Môn Free Port – measure progress
<b>Item for Information - Ambition North Wales Qtr 3: 2025/26 Progress Report</b>	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26
<b>April, 2026 (22/04/2026)</b>	<b>April, 2026 (21/04/2026)</b>
	Ynys Môn Citizens Advice
	Medrwn Môn
	Communities for Work Plus Programme: Annual Report 2024/25
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2025/26

**Items to be scheduled:**

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Census 2021	Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Action Plan
Modernisation of Learning Communities and Strengthen the Welsh Language Programme	Improving Reliability and Resilience across the Menai Straits

Tree Strategic Plan	Impact of Tourism on Anglesey Local Communities (resolution of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, 21/06/2023)
Service Asset Management Plan 2024/34 – Smallholdings Estate	Ynys Môn Local Development Plan
Ambition North Wales Qtr4: 2025/26: Progress Report	Local Tourism Levy for Wales
North Wales Corporate Joint Committee	Towards Net Zero Strategic Plan
Health and Safety Strategic Plan	Schools Improvement Service Arrangements
Play Strategic Plan	Anglesey Homelessness
Schools' Digital Strategic Plan	
Canolfan Addysg y Bont (Lessons Learnt)	