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RHYBUDD O GYFARFOD	NOTICE OF MEETING
PWYLLGOR SGRIWTINI PARTNERIAETH AC ADFYWIO	PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DYDD MAWRTH, 14 GORFFENNAF, 2026 am 2.00 o'r gloch yp	TUESDAY, 14 JULY, 2026 at 2.00 pm
CYFARFOD HYBRID – YN YSTAFELL BWYLLGOR , SWYDDFEYDD Y CYNGOR, LLANGFNI AC YN RHITHIOL DRWY ZOOM	HYBRID MEETING – IN COMMITTEE ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, LLANGFNI 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, Margaret M Roberts, Sonia Williams (Cadeirydd/Chair), Sedd Wag/Vacant Seat

Annibynnwyr Môn/Anglesey Independents

Derek Owen, Liz Wood

Llafur Cymru/Welsh Labour

Pip O'Neill

Aelod Unigol/Unaffiliated

Douglas M Fowlie

Aelodau Ychwanegol/Additional Members (gyda hawl pleidleisio ar faterion addysg/with voting rights in respect of educational matters) Parchedig/Reverend Llewelyn Moules-Jones (Yr Eglwys yng Nghymru/The Church in Wales), Kathryn Seeney -(Rhiant Llywodraethwr – Sector Ysgolion Cynradd/Parent Governor – Primary Schools Sector), Christina Williams-(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 - 22)

To submit, for confirmation, the minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 June, 2026.

ARISING THEREON

Update on the delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Anglesey 2022/2026

- Correspondence sent by the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee to Mr Adam Price MS;
- Response received by Mr Adam Price MS;
- Correspondence sent by the Chair of the Scrutiny Committee to Mr Steve Reed MP;
- Response received on behalf of Mr Steve Reed MP.

4 SCRUTINY OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP - NATURAL RESOURCES WALES (Pages 23 - 34)

To receive a presentation by Natural Resources Wales.

5 TACKLING POVERTY STRATEGIC PLAN (Pages 35 - 54)

To submit a report by the Director of Social Services.

6 COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME - 2026/2027 (Pages 55 - 64)

To submit a report by the Scrutiny Officer.

PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 9 June 2026

PRESENT: Councillor Sonia Williams (Chair)
Councillor Gwilym O Jones (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Non Dafydd, Douglas M Fowlie, Pip O'Neill,
Dylan Rees.

Councillor Dafydd Roberts – Portfolio Member for Education and
the Welsh Language (for items 3, 4 & 5).

Co-opted Members

Mr John Tierney (The Roman Catholic Church),
Ms Kathryn Seeney (Parent Governor – Primary Schools Sector),
Ms Christina Williams (Parent Governor – Secondary Schools
Sector and ALN).

IN ATTENDANCE: Chief Executive,
Deputy Chief Executive,
Director of Education, Skills and Young People,
Head of Democratic Services,
Policy and Welsh Language Manager (FO) (for item 3),
Senior Manager (Primary) (OD) (for item 4),
Senior Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion Service Manager
(FEE) (for item 5)
Strategic Lead for ALN, Inclusion and Engagement (OR) (for item
5),
Scrutiny Officer (EA),
Committee Officer (MEH),
Webcasting Committee Services Officer (FT).

APOLOGIES: Councillors John Ifan Jones, Euryrn Morris, Derek Owen, Margaret
Murley Roberts

Councillor Alun Roberts – Portfolio Member for Leisure, Tourism,
Maritime and Property.

Reverend Llewelyn Moules-Jones – Co-opted Member (The
Church in Wales).

ALSO PRESENT: **Portfolio Members**

Councillor Neville Evans – Portfolio Member for Adults' Services,
Councillor Dyfed Wyn Jones – Portfolio Member for Children,
Young People and Families Services,
Councillor Gary Pritchard – Leader of the Council and Portfolio
Member for Economic Development,

Councillor Ieuan Williams – Portfolio Member for Highways, Waste and Climate Change.
Councillor Robin Williams – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Member for Finance, Corporate Business and Customer Experience.

The Chair expressed her deepest sympathy to the family of the late Councillor Ken Taylor who has passed away suddenly recently. She noted that Councillor Taylor was a dedicated member of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor Gwilym O Jones paid tribute to the late Councillor Ken Taylor who was a fellow elected member for the Bro'r Llynoedd Ward and a friend. He said that Councillor Taylor was always willing to help everyone, he was a dedicated Member of the Council and was passionate about his community.

A minute silence was undertaken by Members and Officers.

1 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Mrs Christina Williams – Co-opted Member - Secondary Schools Sector and ALN declared a personal interest in Item 5 – ALN & Inclusion Service 2025/2026 : Current Situation, Challenges and Next Steps and following legal advice she was able to take part in the discussion and voting thereon.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the following meeting were confirmed as correct:-

- Minutes of the meeting held on 17 March, 2026;
- Minutes of the Election of Chair and Vice-Chair held on 12 May, 2026.

Action points arising from the meeting held on 17 March, 2026:-

- **Update on the delivery of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund Anglesey 2022/2026**
 - That a letter be sent to the UK Government on behalf of the Council, outlining its concerns and to request that they reconsider the recent changes to the Local Growth Funding as regards to capital and revenue funding grant formula in Wales which will have an impact on revenue funded post and services on Anglesey.

Correspondence has been forwarded by email to the relevant Cabinet Minister – awaiting response.

- That a letter be sent to Welsh Government on behalf of the Committee, highlighting concerns as regards to clarity and implications of the CJC's future decision-making role in relation to the Local Growth Funding.

Correspondence has been forwarded by email to the relevant Cabinet Minister – awaiting response.

Councillor Douglas M Fowle said that at the meeting held on 17 March, 2026 he raised whether the invitation to the representatives from the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board could be brought forward within the Committee's Forward Work Programme. The Head of Democracy responded that the representatives from the Health Board will attend a meeting of this Committee in September rather than in November.

3 WELSH LANGUAGE ANNUAL REPORT 2025/2026

The Welsh Language Annual Report was presented for the Committee's consideration and for comment prior to its submission for delegated approval by the Portfolio Member for publication.

The Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language said that in accordance with the Welsh Language Standards Regulations 2015 the Council must prepare an Annual Report regarding the compliance with the standards.

The following were points of discussion by the Committee:-

- Questions were raised as to how the Council intends to improve the Welsh provision in areas where there is a lack of consistency i.e. Leisure Services. The Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language responded that a complaint was received about inconsistent use of Welsh at a Leisure Centre fitness class. He noted that the Welsh Language Commissioner found failure to comply with standards and enforcement action was taken. An action plan has been put in place to address the finding and is currently awaiting approval by the Welsh Language Commissioner. He further said that additional MônActif fitness courses are being afforded within the Leisure Centres and targeted provisions are put in place to increase the confidence of staff in affording these fitness courses through the Welsh language. The Policy and Welsh Language Manager said that the leisure sector is an area which needs to be reviewed as regards to the use of the Welsh language and the Council is taking a proactive approach in working in partnership with external partner to maximise opportunities.
- Questions were raised whether the Welsh awareness sessions will be mandatory for staff. The Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language responded that the first Welsh awareness session was well attended, and it is an intention to convene additional sessions in the future. He accepted that the Welsh awareness sessions need to be advertised broadly and to encourage Welsh speakers to also attend these sessions. The Policy and Welsh Language Manager agreed that the sessions need to be advertised broadly and to give opportunity for people to understand their Welsh language potential. She noted that there is currently no intention to make the Welsh language course mandatory for staff, however, there is a language awareness session for each new member of staff, and these sessions make them aware of the help and support available to improve and develop their language skills.
- Reference was made that during the review of the Welsh Language Policy this Committee sent a letter to Welsh Government emphasising that the Welsh place names of properties need to be protected. Questions were raised

whether further correspondence should be sent to the new Welsh Government. The Policy and Welsh Language Manager said that the response from the previous Welsh Government was supportive, but it did not afford additional legislation for Local Authorities to protect Welsh place names. The Chief Executive said that it would be more appropriate to send further correspondence to Welsh Government following the Senedd's summer recess and maybe allow discussions with the relevant Cabinet Minister as regards to the commitment the Government intends with regards to this issue.

- Questions were raised whether the Welsh language requirements for posts affects the recruitment process within the Council. The Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language responded that he considered that the Authority is successful in attracting individuals to apply for posts within the Council due to the ability to be working in a Welsh speaking environment and affordability of training opportunities to improve their Welsh language skills. He further said that the Council must respond to the language of choice of residents when they require services afforded by the Council. The Chief Executive said that the ability to communicate in both Welsh and English is important in many posts within the Authority and to ensure that residents and stakeholders can communicate with the Council in their preferred language. However, if there are recruitment issues into certain posts in the Council, consideration will be given to the required role of the post as it is important to attract experience staff into these roles.

The Vice-Chair wishes to thank the Officers involved in the promoting of the Welsh language at the Urdd Eisteddfod held recently on Anglesey.

- **To accept the Welsh Language Annual Report 2026 to 2026;**
- **To note its contents and to forward the scrutiny committee's comments to the Portfolio Member as part of its submission for delegated approval and subsequent publication.**

4 WELSH IN EDUCATION STRATEGIC PLAN (WESP) REPORT 2025/2026

Submitted – a report by the Director of Education, Skills and Young People for consideration by the Committee.

The Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language said that the purpose of the report is to provide an annual update on the progress made as regards to Welsh in Education Strategic Plan.

The Senior Manager (Primary) reported that the report summarises the performance of Anglesey's WESP for 2025/2026 and highlights the main developments, risks and next steps. The report highlights the effective use of funds to sustain language centres and strengthens engagement with secondary schools, the support for 'workforce capacity' grant applications and a partnership with Coleg Menai to model and develop bilingual pedagogy. The report also refers to the increase in development activities e.g. Taith i laith, WESP project groups in schools, and collaboration with the National Centre for Learning Wales. Any possible changes to grants after 2026 could threaten the continuity of the provision especially language centres and secondary support. The report refers to Transport

costs which are increasing, with financial and carbon implications, and there is a need for long term solutions to reduce costs. Recruitment/language proficiency challenges, and the risk to secondary school arrangements regarding the numbers that a registered for GCSE Welsh first language.

The following were points of discussion by the Committee:-

- Reference was made to the identified risks and mitigations within the report and specifically that the Transport funding is increasingly challenging. Questions were raised as to the software that was to be used to lower costs, and more detail is required within the report as regards to these costs. The Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language responded that the transport modelling work is ongoing, however, there are two language centres that pupils need to be transported which is costly. The Senior Manager (Primary) said that solutions are been undertaken and considered in lowering transport costs each year and he noted that immersion for pupils into language centres is a priority. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People assured that more details of the transport costs will be included in the Annual Report for 2026/2027.
- Questions were raised as to the reasons why more pupils are registering for second language Welsh GCSE. The Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language responded that pupils have the right to choose their preferred language courses, and some pupils may consider that they would have a better grade within their GCSE's. He said that there is a plan in place to encourage more pupils to choose first language courses. However, there will be changes introduced in two years with Welsh Language and Welsh Literature examinations being combined into one GCSE for pupils in the Welsh medium and bilingual schools and a Welsh Second Language GCSE will be discontinued and a new GCSE in Welsh will be created for learners in English medium settings. The Senior Manager (Primary) said that one school has plans to change their language category and it is hoped that GCSE's result will reflect the progress in the Welsh language courses. Further questions were raised as to whether the ability of pupils is undermined to undertaken GCSE courses in Welsh as some pupils would not be able to achieve a higher grade. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that pupils have the choice which language they wish to undertake their GCSE courses. However, there is an increase in pupils within the Welsh mainstream at Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi and it is hoped that in two years that these pupils will be more confident in undertaking Welsh language GCSE courses.
- Reference as made within the report that there is a risk due to the dependent on grant funding. Questions were raised as to whether the Language Centres are under threat due to grant funding risks. The Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language responded that the dependent on grant funding is a risk, and it would be better for the funding to be part of the annual settlement from Welsh Government to Local Authorities. He noted that he hoped that the new Welsh Government will appreciate the work undertaken within the Language Centres and they are willing to continue to fund these centres. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People said that the allocation of grant funding would be advantage for a three-year period rather than uncertainties with a yearly grant.

- Reference was made that resources for an A Level course which pupils wish to undertake is unavailable in Welsh and teachers are having to translate. Questions were raised whether pressure can be put on the Welsh Government to make these courses available through the medium of Welsh. Further questions were raised as to how this Council encourages pupils to undertake course through the Welsh language. The Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language said that he was willing to send a letter to the Welsh Government expressing the need for all A Level courses to be available through the Welsh language.
- Reference was made that Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi is currently in the T3 category. Questions were raised whether the school can reach Category 3 in the provision of the Welsh language similar to other secondary schools on the Island. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that the school has received grant funding to enable the collaboration between the school and the University to support professional development to increase the number of pupils receiving education through the medium of Welsh and bilingually. He noted that the Governors and the School are aiming to enable the school to be in the same category as all the other schools on Anglesey. Further questions were raised whether there are difficulties in grant funding to enable Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi reaching the Category 3 provision in the Welsh language and whether a Strategic Plan has been put in place for the school to achieve the Category 3 provision when the new school has been built in Holyhead. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that the availability of grant funding is always a challenge. He noted that work is undertaken with the Governing Body of Ysgol Uwchradd Caergybi to address any risks that might arise and to put in place mitigation processes in place for the school to achieve the Category 3 provision.
- Questions were raised that two other primary schools within the catchment area of Holyhead are receiving assistance with the Welsh language. Questions were raised as to the support to other primary schools with the Welsh language. The Senior Manager (Primary) responded that two primary schools in the Holyhead catchment area receives support through the Language Centres. He noted that any school can request additional support with the Welsh language and support for the workforce to give them additional confidence in the language. Welsh Government has created a national learning and professional body Dysgu to support professional development which includes the promotion of the Welsh language.

It was RESOLVED to note the update on the Isle of Anglesey Welsh in Education Strategic Plan (WESP) Report : 2025/2026.

5 ALN & INCLUSION SERVICE 2025/2026 : CURRENT SITUATION, CHALLENGES AND NEXT STEPS

Submitted – a report by the Director of Education, Skills and Young People for consideration by the Committee.

The Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language said that the purpose of the report is to provide assurance and an overview of the current performance of the ALN & Inclusion Service. He noted that the ALN & Inclusion Service was established in May 2017, as a joint service between Gwynedd Council and the Isle

of Anglesey County Council. The current contract with Gwynedd Council will come to an end on 31 August, 2026, and a consultation process on the service's structure for this Authority has recently been completed.

The Senior Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion Service Manager reported that a transitional period currently is undertaking in preparing this Council to provide a new ALN & Inclusion Service for Ynys Môn from September 2026. She noted that the report provides details of the previous year, and she said that a new funding formula has been introduced in the primary sector for the ALN Service. Systems are in place to monitor quality within schools to evaluate their own provision. She highlighted the challenges facing the service and especially with the increase in the demand for the service since the pandemic. The workload of ALN & Inclusion Service Co-ordinators has seen increased demand within the schools; funding is also a national challenge within the service. The recruitment of professional staff is also a challenge. She further said that since the end of 2021, and in partnership with Children's Service, education hubs have been established within the five secondary schools on Anglesey. These hubs primarily support year 10 and 11 pupils who are not coping in the mainstream education provision. A review of this model was commissioned in December 2023, and strengths were identified especially with the integrated/multiagency work that enriches the provision. There is also close collaboration surrounding hard-to-place learners due to complex emotional and behavioural needs. She further referred that attendance of pupils is of national concern. Substantial work has been undertaken to improve attendance over the past year, allocating additional welfare hours through the Welsh Government Attendance Grant to target the attendance improvements of specific individuals within schools.

The following were points of discussion by the Committee:-

- Reference was made to the challenges in the training and recruitment of Educational Psychologists and Support Officers has been an issue for several years. The Chief Executive said that there are currently TUPE procedures been undertaken with the transitional of staff from the current provision between both this Authority and Gwynedd Council. The Senior Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion Service Manager said that currently the University in Cardiff affords a course for Educational Psychologists; discussions are currently being undertaken with Bangor University on the possibility of the University being able to offer such a course. She noted that it is still a challenge in recruiting Welsh speaking Psychologists. Further questions were raised as to whether collaboration will continue with Gwynedd Council. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that collaboration with all North Wales Authorities will be undertaken within the educational sector.
- Questions were raised as to the long-term strategy of the Authority to reduce the dependency on Canolfan y Bont, Llangefni and how the Authority ensures that the increase in demand is financially sustainable without undermining the quality of the provision. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that the main priority at present is to plan the service provision from September 2026. The Strategic Lead for ALN, Inclusion and Engagement said that there are challenges to ensure that the service continues, and that children are the forefront of the service provision.

- Reference was made that parents are still unaware of the service provision that will be put in place when the new ALN & Inclusion Service will be operational from September. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that whilst the TUPE consultation with staff is currently on-going the service is currently unable to afford parents information at present. He considered that it is better to communicate with parents when the TUPE consultation has been agreed. He further said that the schools and the Governing Bodies of schools are aware of the transition of the ALN & Inclusion Service. Comments were also made that people with experience of a child with ALN needs should be employed within the service. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that whilst accepting that people with experience of a child with ALN needs would be advantages within the service, staff must have the essential criteria and qualifications in the ALN provision.
- Questions were raised as to the workload and pressure on ALN Co-ordinators and Welfare Officers within the schools. The Strategic Lead for ALN, Inclusion and Engagement responded that the work of the ALN Co-ordinators and Welfare Officers is a crucial role in primary schools in preparing pupils to enter the secondary sector. He noted that a staffing structure has been established and funded when the new service will be established in September 2026.
- Questions were raised as to the challenges of recruiting Welsh language Educational Psychologists as the new service will commence in September 2026. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that the recruitment of Welsh language Educational Psychologist is a national challenge and discussion are currently being undertaken with Gwynedd Council in respect of collaboration with staff, but due to on-going TUPE consultation details are unable to be afforded at present.
- Reference was made to the funding challenges of the ALN Service provision, and a suggestion was made to ask the Leader of the Council to gain support of the WLGA to put pressure on Welsh Government for adequate funding of the service. The Leader of the Council responded that he has raised concerns as to the funding of the ALN Service before Mr Rhun ap Iorwerth AS was appointed First Minister of the Welsh Government. He further said that the Executive has afforded an additional £300k into the ALN Service provision.
- Reference was made that the current attendance figures for pupils on Anglesey is around 90%. Questions were raised as to whether the data includes the ALN learners. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People responded that the data includes all pupils' attendance in schools on the Island. The Leader of the Council said that the Council has Hubs within secondary schools, and the Executive has agreed to fund 'virtual schools' that support well-being and children who receive care and with ALN needs.
- Reference was made that Educational Support staff should also be considered during the transition period with the new ALN & Inclusion Service and retaining these staff without putting additional pressure upon them is important. The Leader of the Council said that funding towards the service should be included within the annual settlement from Welsh Government rather than yearly grant funding.
- Questions were raised as to how the Authority intends to assure that the 'Voice of Service Users, Parents and Carers' are considered within the new ALN & Inclusion Service. The Director of Education, Skills and Young People

responded that the continuity of the service from 1 September, 2026 is paramount, and the key aspect is to listen to service users.

It was RESOLVED to note the update on the ALN & Inclusion Service 2025/2026.

6 COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME - 2026/2027

The report of the Scrutiny Manager setting out the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee's indicative Forward Work Programme 2026/20267 was presented for consideration.

It was RESOLVED:-

- **To agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2026/2027;**
- **To note the progress thus far in implementing the forward work programme.**

**COUNCILLOR SONIA WILLIAMS
CHAIR**

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Annwyl Weinidog,

**Ynglŷn â: Ynglŷn â: Cyllid Twf Lleol –
Eglurder ynglŷn â Rôl y Cyd-bwyllgorau
Corfforedig yn y dyfodol mewn
perthynas â gwneud penderfyniadau**

Ysgrifennaf yn rhinwedd fy swydd fel Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Sgriwtini Partneriaeth ac Adfywio yng Nghyngor Sir Ynys Môn i dynnu sylw at bryderon ynghylch eglurder a goblygiadau rôl gwneud penderfyniadau arfaethedig y Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforedig yn y dyfodol mewn perthynas â'r Gronfa Twf Lleol.

Er ein bod yn cydnabod y bwriad i gryfhau cydweithio rhanbarthol, rydym yn parhau i bryderu ynghylch parodrwydd, capasiti a gallu'r Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforedig i ysgwyddo rôl mor strategol bwysig o fewn yr amserlenni arfaethedig. O dan Ddeddf Llywodraeth Leol ac Etholiadau (Cymru) 2021, sefydlwyd Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforaethol gyda thair swyddogaeth graidd statudol:

1. Cynllunio Datblygu Strategol.
2. Cynllunio Trafnidiaeth Ranbarthol.
3. Hyrwyddo neu wella llesiant economaidd eu hardal.

Swyddogaethau strategol yw'r rhain, ac yn wreiddiol, ni ddyluniwyd Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforaethol i dderbyn cyfrifoldeb gweithredol a gweinyddol am raglen ariannu sylweddol tebyg i'r Gronfa Twf Lleol. Eu cyfrifoldeb statudol yw darparu cyfeiriad strategol ar lefel ranbarthol, nid gweithredu fel corff cyflawni. Mae ehangu eu rôl i gynnwys rheoli rhaglenni, arfarnu prosiectau a throsolwg gweithredol yn gwyro'n sylweddol o'r pwrpas a fwriadwyd wrth eu creu.

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Dear Minister,

**Re: Local Growth Funding – Clarity on the Future
Decision Making Role of Corporate Joint
Committees (CJCs)**

I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee at the Isle of Anglesey County Council to highlight concerns regarding the clarity and implications of the proposed future decision-making role of Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs) in relation to the Local Growth Fund (LGF).

While we recognise the intention to strengthen regional collaboration, we remain concerned about the readiness, capacity, and capability of CJCs to take on such a strategically important role within the proposed timescales. Under the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021, CJCs were established with three core statutory functions:

1. Strategic Development Planning.
2. Regional Transport Planning.
3. Promoting or improving the economic well-being of their area.

These functions are strategic in nature, and CJCs were not originally designed to take on the operational and administrative responsibility for a major funding programme such as the Local Growth Fund. Their statutory remit is to provide regional strategic direction, not to act as a delivery body. Expanding their role to include programme management, project appraisal, and operational oversight represents a significant shift from the purpose for which they were created.

Rydym yn llwyr gefnogi gweledigaeth y Gronfa Twf Lleol i yrru twf cynhwysol, gwella cynhyrchiant, cryfhau sgiliau a mynd i'r afael â gwahaniaethau economaidd-gymdeithasol ledled Cymru, ac yn hynny o beth, mae'n asio'n dda â nodau ac amcanion Cynllun y Cyngor 2023 – 2028. Fodd bynnag, er mwyn cyflawni'r nodau hyn mae angen trefniadau cydlynol, sefydlog ac wedi'u llywio'n lleol ar gyfer gwneud penderfyniadau a chyflawni. Mae uchelgeisiau'r Gronfa Twf Lleol yn ddibynnol iawn ar barhad, gwybodaeth leol a'r gallu i ddylunio ymyraethau aml-flwyddyn sy'n ymateb i anghenion penodol cymunedau lleol – yn enwedig mewn ardaloedd gwledig ac ynysoedd fel Ynys Môn.

Rydym yn pryderu, felly, am oblygiadau strwythur tair blynedd y rhaglen. O dan y cynnig presennol, byddai cyfrifoldeb am wneud penderfyniadau'n symud i'r Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforedig o Flwyddyn 2 ymlaen. Yn ymarferol, mae hyn yn creu rhaglen flwyddyn wedi'i dilyn gan raglen ddwy flynedd ar wahân mewn gwirionedd, yn hytrach na chylch tair blynedd gydlynol.

Gyda'r dull hwn mae perygl o wastraffu adnoddau ac amser, gan y byddai'n rhaid i awdurdodau lleol gynllunio a rhoi prosiectau ar waith ar gyfer Blwyddyn 1 heb unrhyw sicrwydd y byddai'r prosiectau hynny'n parhau ym Mlwyddyn 2 a 3. Mae ansicrwydd o'r fath yn tanseilio'r gallu i ddylunio ymyraethau aml-flwyddyn, cadw staff neu gynnal momentwm o ran cyflawni prosiectau. Byddai'n anodd iawn hefyd i bartneriaid cyflawni a chymunedau gynllunio ar gyfer yr hirdymor.

Un pryder penodol sydd gennym yw'r posibilrwydd nad yw'r model Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforedig yn addas, neu'n ddigon ystyryth a chwim i reoli prosiectau llai, lleol. Mae Cyd-bwyllgorau Corfforaethol wedi'u strwythuro ar gyfer cynlluniau mawr ac mae risg gwirioneddol y gallai ymyraethau lleol - sydd yn aml yn cael yr effaith fwyaf mewn cymunedau gwledig ac ynysoedd – gael eu gohirio neu eu dad-flaenoriaethu.

Mae'r Cyngor yn gefnogwr brwd o ddull cyflawni lleol, gan adeiladu ar y model llwyddiannus a sefydlwyd trwy'r Gronfa Ffyniant Gyffredin. Awdurdodau Lleol sydd â'r wybodaeth leol, y cysylltiadau a'r capasiti gweithredol sydd ei angen i gyflawni'n effeithiol ac yn atebol ar gyflymder. Mae'r holl gyflawni'n digwydd yn lleol ac mae sicrhau fod cyflawni lleol yn parhau'n ganolog yn hanfodol er mwyn cyflawni uchelgeisiau ehangach y Gronfa Twf Lleol mewn perthynas â thwf cynhwysol, sgiliau a gwytnwch cymunedol.

We fully support the vision of the Local Growth Fund to drive inclusive growth, improve productivity, strengthen skills, and address socio-economic disparities across Wales, in itself, aligning well with the aims and objectives of the Council Plan 2023 - 2028. However, achieving these aims requires coherent, stable, and locally informed decision making and delivery arrangements. The LGF's ambitions depend heavily on continuity, local intelligence, and the ability to design multi-year interventions that respond to the specific local needs of communities — particularly in rural and island areas such as Anglesey.

We are therefore concerned about the implications of the three-year programme structure. As currently proposed, responsibility for decision-making would shift to CJsCs from Year 2 onwards. In practice, this effectively creates a one-year programme followed by a separate two-year programme, rather than a coherent three-year cycle.

This approach risks wasting resources and time, as local authorities would be required to plan and mobilise projects for Year 1 without any certainty that these projects could continue into Years 2 and 3. Such uncertainty undermines the ability to design multi-year interventions, retain staff, or maintain delivery momentum. It also makes long-term planning extremely difficult for delivery partners and communities.

We are particularly concerned that the CJC model may not be well suited, or sufficiently agile and fleet-of-foot, to manage smaller, locally focused projects. CJsCs are structured for large-scale schemes, and there is a real risk that local interventions — often the most impactful in rural and island communities — could be delayed or deprioritised.

The Council strongly supports a locally led approach to delivery, building on the successful model established through the Shared Prosperity Fund. Local authorities hold the local intelligence, relationships, and operational capacity needed to deliver effectively and accountably at pace. All delivery is local and ensuring that local delivery remains central is critical to achieving the LGF's wider ambitions around inclusive growth, skills, and community resilience.

Rydym yn gofyn, felly, am arweiniad eglur gan Lywodraeth Cymru ynghylch rôl y Cydbwyllgorau Corfforedig yn y dyfodol, gan gynnwys sut fydd ymwneud ac atebolrwydd awdurdodau lleol yn cael eu gwarchod yn y dyfodol a sut fydd gweledigaeth y Gronfa Twf Lleol yn cael ei diogelu trwy drefniadau cyflawni sefydlog sy'n cael eu llywio'n lleol. Er mwyn bod yn dryloyw, hoffwn nodi hefyd fod y Pwyllgor yn ysgrifennu at Lywodraeth y DU mewn perthynas â phryderon ynglŷn â'r fformiwla cyllido cyfalaf/refeniw ar gyfer Cymru. Gellir darparu copi o'r llythyr hwnnw pe bai o ddefnydd.

Byddem yn croesawu trafodaeth bellach â Llywodraeth Cymru er mwyn sicrhau fod trefniadau llywodraethu a chyflawni ar gyfer y Gronfa Twf Lleol yn gadarn a chymesur a'u bod yn adlewyrchu anghenion lleol.

We therefore request clear guidance from Welsh Government on the future role of CJsCs, including how local authority involvement and accountability will be protected, and how the LGF's vision will be safeguarded through stable, locally informed delivery arrangements.

For transparency, I also wish to note that the Committee is writing separately to the UK Government regarding concerns about the capital/revenue funding formula for Wales. A copy of that letter can be provided should this be helpful.

We would welcome further engagement with Welsh Government to ensure that the governance and delivery arrangements for the Local Growth Fund are robust, proportionate, and reflective of local needs.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,

Cyng. / Cllr. Sonia Williams

Cadeirydd Pwyllgor Sgriwtini Partneriaeth ac Adfywio / Chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee

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12 June 2026

Dear Councillor Williams,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Local Growth Fund (LGF).

You requested clear guidance from Welsh Government on the both the role of Corporate Joint Committees (CJCs) in the LGF and the role of local authorities in delivery.

I am discussing the LGF with my Cabinet colleagues with a view to providing this clarity as soon as practical. We will need to balance the need for rapid implementation with the need to be more strategic in delivering against our ambition to halve the productivity gap with the UK. This will mean programmes like the LGF identifying opportunities to support productivity growth in all parts of Wales and better coordination of different regional programmes.

My officials are working closely with Cyngor Gwynedd, as the appointed lead local authority in North Wales for the transition year, and the North Wales CJC, as we refine the governance and delivery arrangements for the Fund. Those discussions include working together to prepare clear guidance to address the issues you raise.

Local insight and delivery will of course continue to play a critical role in the delivery of a range of different investment programmes over the coming years. In time this will also mean working alongside our new National Development Agency.

We aim to publish guidance as soon as practicable, which will need to balance strategic regional coordination with responsiveness to local needs.

I welcome your offer of further engagement and encourage our officials to speak, as well as to continue to engage via the regional accountable body as we refine the governance and delivery arrangements for the LGF.

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I note you will be writing separately to the UK Government about the capital/revenue mix for Wales and I would appreciate if you could share a copy of that letter with my officials. This is an example of why we have a manifesto commitment to seek full devolution of regional development funding from the UK Government, to enable us to better tailor investment programmes for Wales.

Yours sincerely,



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Annwyl Ysgrifennydd y Wladwriaeth,

**Ynglŷn â: Cyllid Twf Lleol - Pryderon
ynghylch y Fformiwla Cyllido
Cyfalaf/Refeniw a'r Effaith ar Ynys Môn.**

Ysgrifennaf yn rhinwedd fy swydd fel Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor Sgriwtini Partneriaeth ac Adfywio yng Nghyngor Sir Ynys Môn i fynegi ein pryderon ynghylch trefniadau'r Cyllid Twf Lleol, ac yn benodol y fformiwla cyllido arfaethedig ar gyfer Cymru sy'n rhoi pwyslais sylweddol ar arian cyfalaf.

Gofynnwn yn barchus i Lywodraeth y DU ailystyried y dull hwn oherwydd yr effaith sylweddol y caiff hyn ar swyddi a gwasanaethau hanfodol ar yr Ynys a ariennir gan arian refeniw, ac sy'n holl bwysig er mwyn gwneud y gorau o gronfeydd newydd ar gyfer unigolion, busnesau a'r gymuned ehangach.

Mae gweledigaeth y Gronfa Twf Lleol i Gymru – sef cefnogi twf economaidd cynhwysol, gwella cynhyrchiant, cryfhau sgiliau a mynd i'r afael â gwahaniaethau economaidd-gymdeithasol – yn un a gefnogir yn llawn gan y Cyngor ac mae'n asio'n dda â'r Cynllun y Cyngor 2023 – 2028 presennol. Fodd bynnag, er mwyn cyflawni'r nodau hyn mae angen cymysgedd cytbwys o fuddsoddiad cyfalaf a refeniw.

Yn eu hanfod, mae nifer o feysydd blaenoriaeth y Gronfa Twf Lleol, gan gynnwys cyflogadwyedd, sgiliau, cefnogaeth

Dear Secretary of State,

**Re: Local Growth Funding – Concerns
Regarding Capital/Revenue Funding Formula
and Impacts on Anglesey.**

I am writing in my capacity as Chair of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee at the Isle of Anglesey County Council to express our concerns regarding the Local Growth Funding (LGF) arrangements, specifically the proposed capital-heavy funding formula for Wales.

We respectfully request that the UK Government reconsiders this approach due to the significant implications it will have for revenue-funded posts and essential services on the Island, vital in maximising the benefits and making the most of new funds for individuals, businesses and the wider community.

The Local Growth Fund's vision for Wales — to support inclusive economic growth, improve productivity, strengthen skills, and address socio-economic disparities — is one that the Council fully supports and aligns well with its current Council Plan 2023 - 2028. However, achieving these aims requires a balanced mix of capital and revenue investment.

Many of the LGF's priority areas, including employability, skills, business support, community resilience, and tackling economic

busnes, gwytnwch cymunedol a mynd i'r afael ag anweithgarwch economaidd yn weithgareddau refeniw. Ni ellir cyflawni'r canlyniadau hyn drwy fuddsoddiad cyfalaf yn unig.

Mae arian refeniw, er enghraifft, yn hanfodol ar gyfer cyflawni'r mathau o ymyrraeth sy'n cefnogi nodau a chanlyniadau posib y Gronfa Twf Lleol yn uniongyrchol, gan gynnwys:

- rhaglenni cyflogadwyedd a sgiliau
- cefnogaeth a dargedir ar gyfer preswylwyr sy'n economaidd anweithgar
- cefnogaeth fusnes a gwasanaethau ymgynghorol
- adeiladu capasiti ac ymgysylltu cymunedol
- swyddogaethau cydgyrdio, allgymorth a chyflawni lleol
- cefnogaeth ar gyfer cymunedau gweledig sy'n wynebu heriau o ran cael mynediad at wasanaethau

Nid ymyraethau ymylol yw'r rhain; maent yn ganolog i flaenoriaethau datganedig y Gronfa Twf Lleol. Heb arian refeniw digonol, ni ellir mynd ati i wireddu uchelgeisiau'r Gronfa Twf Lleol mewn perthynas â chynhyrchiant, sgiliau a thwf cynhwysol. Gall prosiectau cyfalaf greu cyfleoedd, ond gweithgareddau a ariennir gan gyllid refeniw sy'n galluogi pobl, busnesau a chymunedau i gael mynediad at, defnyddio ac elwa o'r cyfleoedd hynny.

Gyda fformiwla sy'n rhoi pwyslais sylweddol ar arian cyfalaf mae perygl o danseilio'r cynnydd a wnaed o dan y Gronfa Ffyniant Cyffredin, lle bu swyddi a gwasanaethau oedd yn cael eu hariannu gan arian refeniw yn hanfodol i wireddu effeithiau lleol. Heb gefnogaeth refeniw ddigonol, mae perygl gwirioneddol y caiff gwasanaethau allweddol eu cwtogi neu eu dirwyn i ben, gan arwain at golli arbenigedd, gostwng capasiti a lleihau canlyniadau i'n cymunedau. Mae hyn yn creu cryn bryder mewn ardaloedd gwledig ac ar ynysoedd tebyg i Ynys Môn, lle mae'n costio mwy i ddarparu gwasanaethau a lle mae'r elw gorau ar fuddsoddiad yn aml yn cael ei ddarparu gan ymyraethau a ariennir gan arian refeniw.

Mae awdurdodau lleol wedi sefydlu systemau gweithredol cadarn ac atebol, fframweithiau llywodraethu a phrofiad o wireddu sy'n angenrheidiol i reoli rhaglenni cyfalaf a refeniw yn effeithiol.

inactivity, are inherently revenue based activities. These outcomes cannot be delivered through capital investment alone.

Revenue funding is, for example, essential for delivering the types of interventions that directly support the LGF's aims and potential outcomes, including:

- employability and skills programmes
- targeted support for economically inactive residents
- business support and advisory services
- community capacity building and engagement
- local coordination, outreach, and delivery functions
- support for rural communities facing access to services challenges

These interventions are not peripheral; they are central to the LGF's stated priorities. Without sufficient revenue funding, the LGF's ambitions around productivity, skills, and inclusive growth cannot be realised in practice. Capital projects can create opportunities, but it is revenue funded activity that enables people, businesses and communities to access, utilise, and benefit from those opportunities.

A capital heavy formula risks undermining the progress made under the Shared Prosperity Fund, where revenue funded posts and services have been vital in delivering local impact. Without adequate revenue support, there is a real danger that key services will be reduced or discontinued, leading to a loss of expertise, reduced capacity, and diminished outcomes for our communities. This is particularly concerning in rural and island areas such as Anglesey, where service delivery costs are higher and where revenue funded interventions often provide the greatest return on investment.

Local authorities have the established robust and accountable operational systems, governance frameworks, and delivery experience required to manage both capital and revenue programmes effectively.

Mae fformiwla cyllido sy'n cyfyngu ar gapasiti refeniw yn creu'r perygl o wanhau'r union strwythurau cyflawni a fu'n llwyddiannus yn ystod y blynyddoedd diwethaf, colli staff medrus a phrofiadol sy'n wybodus iawn ac wedi eu trwytho yn ein hanghenion lleol ac sy'n hanfodol er mwyn gwireddu gweledigaeth y Gronfa Twf Lleol.

Oherwydd y rhesymau hyn, rydym yn pwysu ar Lywodraeth y DU i ailystyried y rhaniad cyfalaf/refeniw ar gyfer Cymru a mabwysiadu dull mwy hyblyg a chytbwys sy'n caniatáu datblygu isadeiledd ar y naill law, a chaniatáu i raglenni refeniw hanfodol barhau ar y llaw arall. Bydd hyn yn sicrhau fod y Gronfa Twf Lleol yn gallu cyflawni ei gweledigaeth a gwireddu buddion ystyrion ar gyfer pobl Ynys Môn.

Byddem yn croesawu trafodaeth bellach ynglŷn â'r mater hwn a byddem yn falch o ddarparu tystiolaeth neu enghreifftiau pellach o'r effeithiau lleol y gellir eu cynnal gydag arian refeniw digonol.

A funding formula that restricts revenue capacity risks weakening the very delivery structures that have proven successful in recent years, the loss of skilled, experienced staff who have become embedded in and knowledgeable of our local needs and that are essential to achieving the LGF's vision.

For these reasons, we urge the UK Government to reconsider the capital/revenue split for Wales and adopt a more flexible and balanced approach that enables both infrastructure development and the continuation of essential, revenue-funded programmes to proceed. This will ensure that the Local Growth Fund can fully achieve its vision and deliver meaningful benefits for the people of Anglesey.

We would welcome further dialogue on this matter and would be pleased to provide additional evidence or examples of the local impacts that ample and adequate revenue funding can underpin.

Yn gywir / Yours sincerely,

Cyng. / Cllr. Sonia Williams
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22 June 2026

Dear Councillor Sonia Williams,

Thank you for your letter dated 21st May 2026, to the Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Steve Reed OBE MP, setting out concerns for the split of capital and revenue elements for the Local Growth Fund in Wales. I am replying as the Minister responsible for this policy area.

At the Spending Review, the UK Government made a commitment to protect funding for interventions that drive growth and strengthen communities in Wales for the next three years, keeping it at the same overall level in cash terms as under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) in the current year. The Welsh Government is also receiving £22.4 billion per year on average over the next three years, representing the largest settlement in real terms since devolution and providing additional flexibility to target revenue funding in line with priorities.

The Local Growth Fund was never intended to replace UKSPF on a like for like basis. It is designed to prioritise the economic infrastructure and long-term investment that underpin productivity and growth. This funding must also be considered in the wider context of the June 2025 Spending Review and Autumn Budget settlements for devolved governments, which provide record levels of additional revenue and capital to deliver on priorities such as health, education, transport and housing.

I recognise that the transition to a new funding model with a different balance of resource and capital funding may create operational pressures. In recognition of this, we have extended the deadline for expenditure of UKSPF funding from 31 March 2026 to 30 September 2026, giving projects greater flexibility to maximise spend.

The Government remains committed to working closely with both the Welsh Government and with local government partners to help manage the transition.

Thank you for taking the time to write, if you require further information or clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me or my officials. I am copying this letter to the Secretary of State for Wales.

Yours sincerely,

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Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Devolution, Local Growth and Communities



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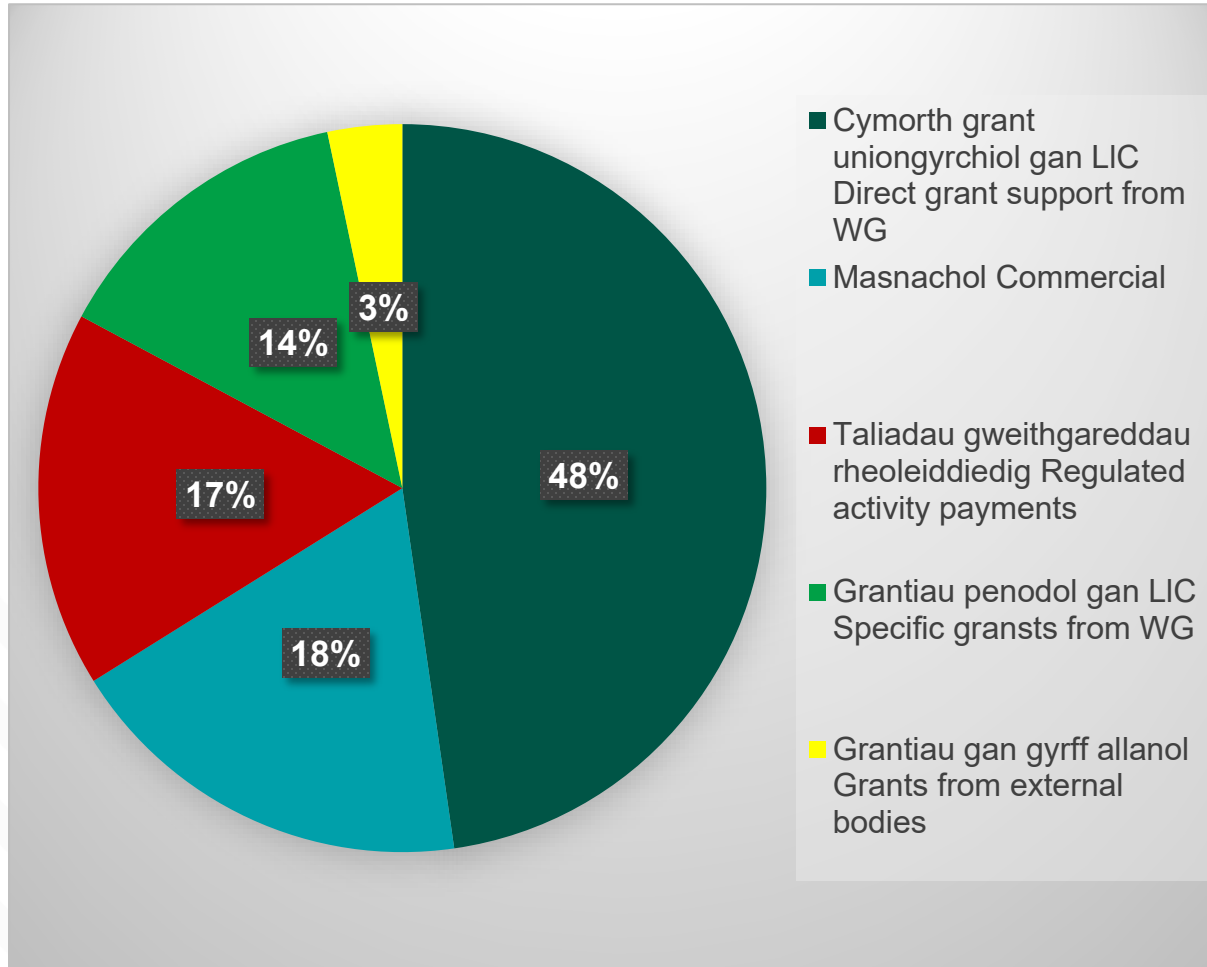


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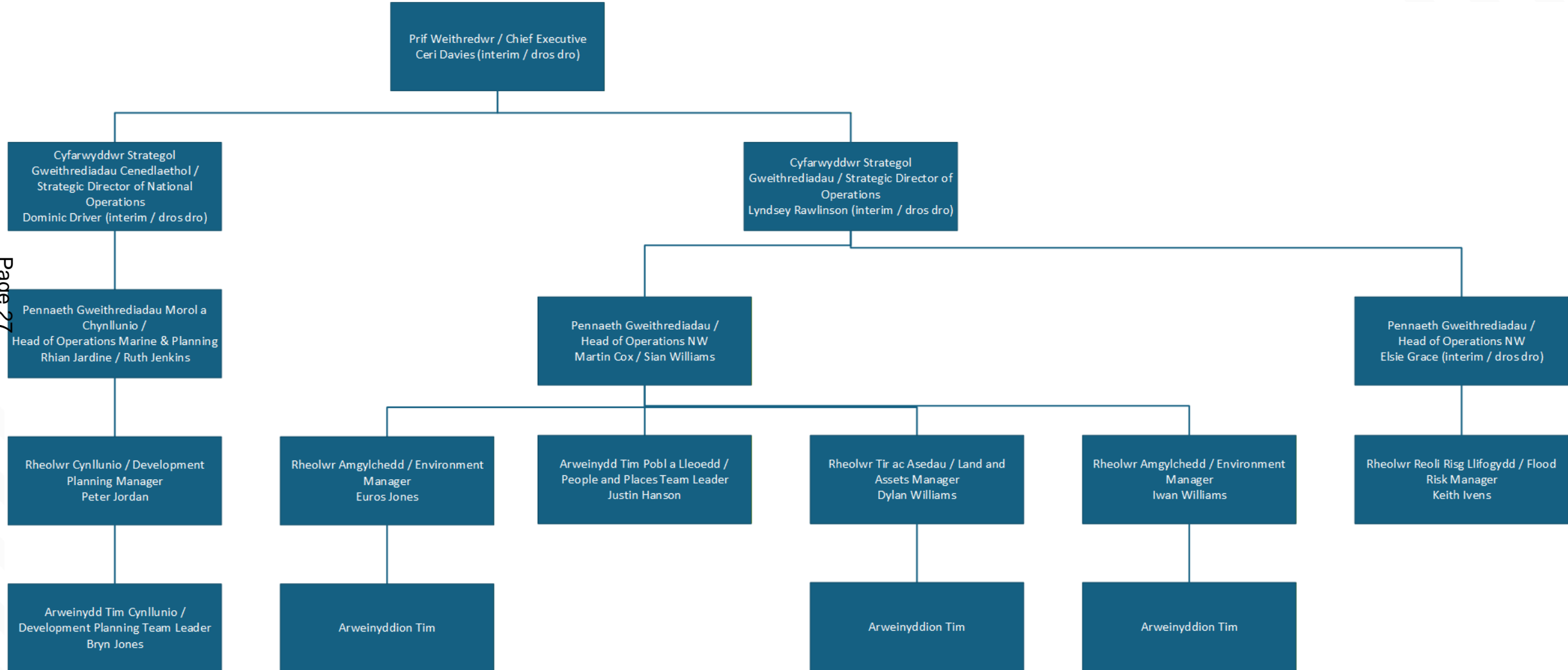
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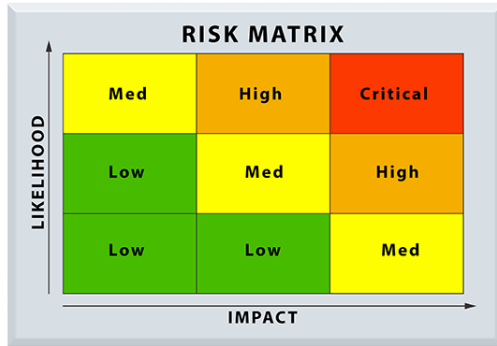
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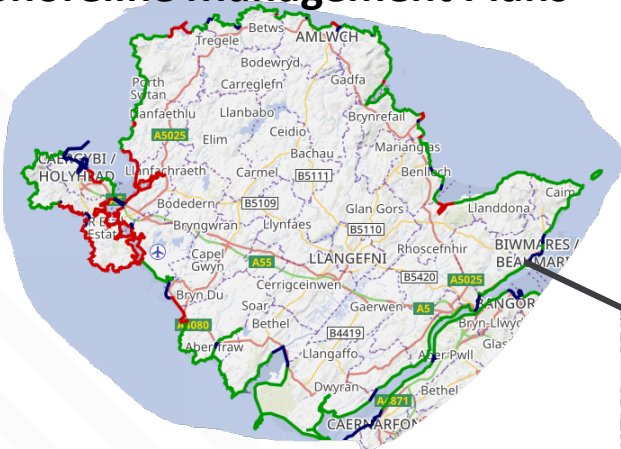
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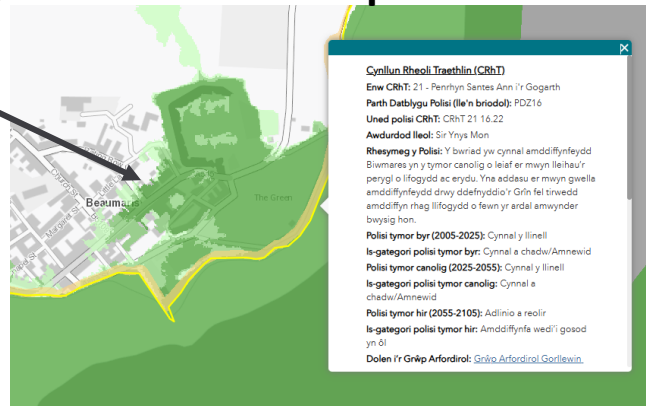
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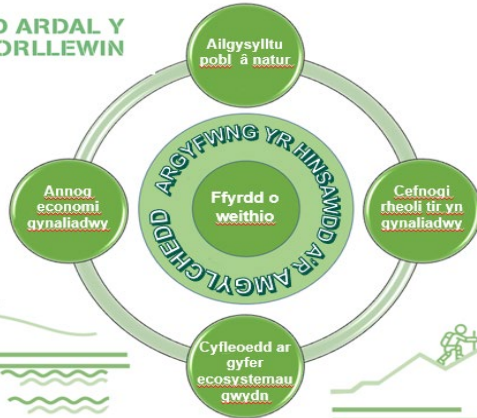


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Isle of Anglesey County Council Scrutiny Report

Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	14 July 2026
Subject:	Tackling Poverty Update
Scrutiny Chair:	Councillor Sonia Williams

1. Who will be the portfolio holder presenting / leading the report?

Portfolio Holder	Role
Councillor Gary Pritchard	Council Leader
Service Officer (Supporting)	Role
Fon Roberts	Director of Social Services, and Head of Children & Families Services

2. Why the Scrutiny Committee is being asked to consider the matter

<p>Purpose of this report is to share the outcome of:</p> <p>1) Tackling Poverty update for 2025/26, outlining the work over the past 12 months, priorities for 2026/27, and financial challenges.</p>

3. Role of the Scrutiny Committee and recommendations

- For assurance
- For recommendation to the Executive
- For information

<p>Recommendation(s):</p> <p>The Committee is asked to:</p> <p>R1: Accept the Tackling Poverty update for 2025/26 offering comments on Tackling Poverty's work priorities for the year 2026/27</p>

4. How does the recommendation(s) contribute to the objectives of the Council's Plan?

1.

This report gives members of the Social Services Scrutiny Committee reassurance that the Tackling Poverty Group continues to work in response to key priorities included in the **Tackling Poverty Strategic Plan 2024-2029**.

Fundamentally, our core values, as stated in the Council Plan 2023-2028 - Respect, Collaboration, Honesty and Champion the Council and Island - are also supported by the priorities within the reports.

5. Key scrutiny themes

Key themes the Scrutiny Committee should concentrate on:

1. Social prescribing
2. Work ready people
3. In work poverty
4. Funding

6. Key points / summary

1. Tackling Poverty Update

Purpose of the Tackling Poverty group:

- The group continues to meet quarterly, aiming to encourage and facilitate forward planning, share information, and work in partnership.
- The group continues to focus on the key priorities included in the **Tackling Poverty Strategic Plan 2024-2029**

Priority 1 – Ensuring access to help with managing spending and debts

- 256 households supported through financial and digital inclusion.
- £328k in gains and savings secured for residents.
- Demand remains high for help with hardship, food, fuel, and budgeting.
- The digital inclusion project reached its targets early and has moved into normal operations.

Priority 2 – Making sure children and young people reach their full potential

- Around 600 children aged 0–4 supported each quarter through Flying Start, with over 250 receiving childcare.
- 900 young people supported through trauma-aware work.
- 490 young people took part in structured summer activities, with many engaging for the first time.

- Anglesey continues to perform strongly with the lowest NEET rate in Wales for 16–18 year olds.

Priority 3 - Working together to ensure local employment opportunities

- Prioritising the employability of parents through the Flying Start childcare programme
- 21 young people have gained sports qualifications through Môn Actif
- 100 Open Awards Wales supporting skills, confidence, and bridging to education, training, and work
- Multi-agency collaboration (youth, housing, education, third sector) strengthens referral pathways and follow-up

Priority 4 – Ensuring the population is healthy, safe, and independent Leisure, Physical Activity, and Wellbeing

- 322,843 participations in leisure activities (Q3–Q4)
- 1,750+ participants in holiday programmes
- New provision for childhood obesity, family wellbeing, and women and girls
- 3 community capital assets in the pipeline

Priority 5 – Supporting communities to be Age-Friendly

- 264 older people and carers supported through conferences and Winter Wellbeing Days
- Dementia and Unpaid Carers Conferences delivered
- Older People’s Council members trained as Energy Ambassadors

Priority 6 – Working in partnership to ensure affordable and accessible homes

- 95% of homelessness cases prevented
- 70 vacant properties returned to use
- 33 households supported to own a home
- 3 equity schemes approved
- Additional Care Housing in Aethwy received planning permission

7. Impact assessments

7.1 Has an impact assessment (equality considerations, the socio-economic duty, Welsh language) been undertaken?

Yes

No

If not, please explain why:

At this stage, a formal Integrated Impact Assessment (including Equality Impact Assessment, Welsh Language Impact Assessment and Socio-Economic Duty considerations) has not been undertaken. This report provides an update on the work of the Tackling Poverty agenda and does not itself introduce a new policy, service change or decision requiring a full assessment.

However, the partnership/group recognises the importance of considering equality, Welsh language and socio-economic impacts in future work. Where specific proposals, actions or strategic decisions are developed, appropriate impact assessments will be undertaken and reported as required.

7.2 Potential impacts on opportunities to use Welsh and not treating the language less favourably than English

See 7.1 above

No negative impact on opportunities to use Welsh has been identified.

The Tackling Poverty work programme aims to support all residents across Anglesey and is delivered in accordance with the Council's commitment to the Welsh Language Standards. Services, information and engagement activities are available bilingually, ensuring that Welsh is not treated less favourably than English.

Future projects and initiatives arising from the work programme will continue to consider Welsh language requirements and opportunities to promote the use of Welsh.

The Work around Tackling Poverty is committed to not treating the Welsh language less favourably than the English language; and to promote and facilitate the use of the Welsh language in order to make it easier for people to use the language.

7.3 Possible impacts on groups protected under the Equality Act 2010

See 7.1 above

No adverse impacts on groups protected under the Equality Act 2010 have been identified at this stage.

The overarching aim of the Tackling Poverty agenda is to reduce inequalities and improve outcomes for residents who may be experiencing disadvantage. This includes individuals and communities that may be disproportionately affected by poverty, including some people with protected characteristics.

As specific actions and projects are developed, equality impacts will be considered in more detail and any necessary mitigation measures put in place.

7.4 Possible impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage (strategic decisions)

See 7.1 above

The report is expected to have a positive impact on people experiencing socio-economic disadvantage.

The purpose of the Tackling Poverty agenda is to improve coordination across services and partners, reduce barriers to support, and improve outcomes for individuals, families and communities affected by poverty and financial hardship.

Whilst no formal socio-economic assessment has been undertaken at this stage, future strategic decisions arising from this work will consider the requirements of the Socio-economic Duty and assess potential impacts on those experiencing disadvantage.

7.5 Potential impact on the Council's Net Zero Carbon target

Neutral

The Inspection itself was conducted face to face and purely electronic - no paper files or documentations were shared during this inspection, assisting in our carbon footprint.

The impact is assessed as minimal.

8. Financial implications

We are aware of the financial implications under Priority 1 of the Group's work – Ensuring access to help with managing spending and debts

- 256 households supported through financial and digital inclusion.
- £328k in gains and savings secured for residents.
- Demand remains high for help with hardship, food, fuel, and budgeting.

Based on this, there is a key message to note:

The increase in food bank use shows growing pressure on households across Anglesey, with a noticeable rise in the number of households, people, and children receiving support. This highlights the importance of continuing to invest in preventative interventions, financial assistance, and local community provision to reduce the risk of a wider crisis.

9. Appendices

Tackling Poverty Update (Report)

10. Report author and background papers

Report written by Emma Edwards, Business Manager on behalf of Llyr Ap Rhisiart.

<https://www.anglesey.gov.wales/en/Residents/Benefits-and-grants/Cost-of-living/Tackling-Poverty-Strategic-Plan-2024-to-2029.aspx>

Adroddiad Diweddarau: Cynllun Strategol Taclo Tlodi 2024–2029

1. Pwrpas yr adroddiad

Mae'r adroddiad hwn yn darparu diweddariad ffurfiol ar gynnydd y gwaith Taclo Tlodi ar draws Ynys Môn, gan ganolbwyntio ar weithgarwch Chwarteri 3 a 4 2025–26, trefniadau llywodraethu'r grŵp, cynnydd yn erbyn blaenoriaethau'r Cynllun Strategol Taclo Tlodi 2024–2029, a'r prif risgiau a blaenoriaethau ar gyfer 2026/27.

Bwriad yr adroddiad yw cynorthwyo Cynghorwyr i ddeall nid yn unig lefel y gweithgarwch sy'n digwydd, ond hefyd y gwerth ymarferol a strategol sydd yn deillio o'r gwaith: atal argyfyngau, targedu cymorth yn gynharach, cryfhau partneriaethau lleol, a chefnogi trigolion a chymunedau i fod yn fwy gwydn yn wyneb pwysau economaidd a chymdeithasol parhaus.

2. Crynodeb gweithredol

Mae'r gwaith Taclo Tlodi yn parhau i chwarae rôl allweddol wrth gydlyn ymateb y Cyngor a'i bartneriaid i effaith tlodi, costau byw, dyled, digartrefedd, unigrwydd, iechyd a lles, a mynediad at gyfleoedd. Mae'r dystiolaeth yn y cyfnod adrodd yn dangos lefel uchel o alw am gymorth, ond hefyd effaith gadarnhaol ymyriadau lleol wrth sicrhau budd ariannol i drigolion, cynnal annibyniaeth, lleihau risgiau argyfwng a chryfhau llwybrau cymorth ataliol.

Yn ystod Chwarteri 3 a 4 2025–26, gwelwyd enghreifftiau clir o effaith, gan gynnwys cymorth ariannol a digidol i 256 o aelwydydd, sicrhau £328,000 mewn enillion a chynilion i drigolion, cefnogi cannoedd o blant, pobl ifanc a theuluoedd, cynnal darpariaeth lles cymunedol, atal 95% o achosion digartrefedd, a dychwelyd 70 eiddo gwag i ddefnydd.

3. Cyd-destun a threfniadau llywodraethu

Mae'r Grŵp Taclo Tlodi yn gweithredu fel fforwm strategol i ddod â gwasanaethau'r Cyngor a phartneriaid allweddol ynghyd er mwyn cydlynu camau gweithredu, rhannu gwybodaeth a sicrhau bod gweithgarwch lleol yn cyd-fynd â'r blaenoriaethau a nodir yn y Cynllun Strategol Taclo Tlodi 2024–2029.

- Mae'r grŵp yn parhau i gyfarfod yn chwarterol gan geisio annog a hwyluso blaengynllunio, rhannu gwybodaeth, a gweithio mewn partneriaeth.
- Mae'r grŵp yn parhau i ganolbwyntio ar y blaenoriaethau allweddol sydd wedi eu cynnwys yn y Cynllun Strategol Taclo Tlodi 2024-2029

1. Sicrhau mynediad at gymorth ar reoli gwariant a dyledion

2. Sicrhau bod plant a phobl ifanc yn cyflawni hyd orau eu gallu
3. Cydweithio i wneud yn siŵr bod cyfleoedd cyflogaeth ar gael yn lleol fel y gall bobl gymryd mantais ohonynt
4. Gwneud yn siŵr bod y boblogaeth yn iach, diogel ac annibynnol
5. Cefnogi ein cymunedau i fod yn oed gyfeillgar
6. Gweithio mewn partneriaeth er mwyn sicrhau darpariaeth cartrefi o safon sy'n fforddiadwy ac yn hygyrch.

Cadeiryddiaeth

- Roedd y tîm rheoli wedi argymhell fod y Gadeiryddiaeth yn cael ei rannu fesul blwyddyn gyda'r Adran Dai.
- Llyr Ap Rhisiart yn Cadeirio 2026/27
- Llinos Williams yn Is-gadeirydd, gyda'r bwriad o gymryd y Gadair yn 2027/28.

Aelodaeth

- Rydym eto ar ddechrau blwyddyn yn adolygu aelodaeth y grŵp, er mwyn sicrhau bod y swyddogion a phartneriaid cywir yn mynychu.
- Bwyd Da Môn a Menter Môn yn ychwanegiadau i'r grŵp eleni.

Adroddiadau chwarterol a blynyddol

- Rydym wrthi'n coladu'r data ar gyfer blwyddyn 2025/26 a byddwn yn rhoi'r wybodaeth yma i mewn i adroddiad blynyddol dros y mis nesaf.
- Rydym wedi trafod o'r blaen y cynnig o gynnwys y diweddariadau blynyddol o fewn adroddiad cynllun datblygu adrannau - rydym dal o'r farn byddai hyn yn ffordd fwy hwylus o gasglu data/astudiaethau achos.

Cynllun Gweithredu – Awdit

- Mae'r Grŵp yn gweithredu'r argymhellion sydd o fewn y cynllun gweithredu. Rydym wedi gallu cwblhau'r tasgau oedd ar gyfer Ebrill 2026 yn unol â'r amserlen a gytunwyd. Rydym yn hyderus bydd y tasgau sydd i'w cwblhau erbyn Medi 2026 hefyd yn cael eu cwblhau yn unol â'r amserlen.

4. Cynnydd yn erbyn blaenoriaethau strategol

Mae'r adran ganlynol yn crynhoi'r prif weithgarwch a'r gwerth sy'n cael ei greu drwy bob un o'r chwe blaenoriaeth strategol. Mae'r enghreifftiau'n dangos sut mae gwaith ataliol, ymyrraeth gynnar a chydweithio aml-asiantaeth yn cyfrannu at leihau risgiau i unigolion, teuluoedd a gwasanaethau cyhoeddus.

Blaenoriaeth 1 – Sicrhau mynediad at gymorth ar reoli gwariant a dyledion

- **256 o aelwydydd** wedi'u cefnogi drwy gynhwysiant ariannol a digidol.
- **£328k** mewn enillion a chynilion wedi'u sicrhau i drigolion.
- Mae galw'n parhau'n uchel am gymorth gyda **chaledi, bwyd, tanwydd a chyllidebu**.
- Mae'r prosiect cynhwysiant digidol wedi **cyrraedd ei dargedau'n gynnar** ac wedi symud i fusnes arferol.

Effaith a gwerth y gwaith

Atal esgyniad i argyfwng ariannol, ôl-ddyledion rhent, a digartrefedd, gan gefnogi Blaenoriaeth Taclo Tlodi 1 a diogelu cyllidebau tymor canolog.

Neges allweddol

Mae'r cynnydd yn y defnydd o'r banc bwyd yn dangos pwysau cynyddol ar aelwydydd ar draws Ynys Môn, gyda chynnydd amlwg yn nifer yr aelwydydd, y bobl a'r plant sy'n derbyn cymorth. Mae hyn yn tanlinellu pwysigrwydd parhau i fuddsoddi mewn ymyriadau ataliol, cymorth ariannol a darpariaeth gymunedol leol er mwyn lleihau'r risg o argyfwng ehangach.

Blaenoriaeth 2 – Sicrhau bod plant a phobl ifanc yn cyflawni hyd orau eu gallu

Prif uchafbwyntiau

- **Tua 600 o blant 0–4 oed** yn cael eu cefnogi bob chwarter drwy Dechrau'n Deg, gyda **dros 250** yn derbyn gofal plant.
- **900 o bobl ifanc** wedi'u cefnogi drwy waith gwybodus am drawma.
- **490 o bobl ifanc** wedi cymryd rhan mewn gweithgareddau haf strwythuredig, gyda llawer yn ymgysylltu am y tro cyntaf.
- Mae Ynys Môn yn parhau i berfformio'n gryf gyda'r **gyfradd NEET isaf yng Nghymru** ar gyfer 16–18 oed.

Effaith a gwerth y gwaith

Atal NEET, gwella llesiant, sgiliau a chyfleoedd bywyd tymor hir.

- Grant Datblygu Disgyblion (GDD) yn cael ei ddefnyddio gan ysgolion i leihau effaith tloedi ar gynnydd a chyrhaeddiad dysgwyr e.e. £1,968,800 yn cael ei ddsbarthu i'r Ysgolion eleni. Bydd swyddog yn cael ei benodi yn fuan er mwyn monitro y grant yma a fydd hefyd yn rhanu arferion da.
- Mae dalgylch Llangefni am fod yn cyd weithio gyda Llywodraeth Cymru ar gynllun peilot "Poverty Proofing" o fis Medi ymlaen. Mi fydd hwn drwy awdit ar yr Ysgolion yn edrych ar wir gost y diwrnod ysgol a gweld beth allwn ei addasu er mwyn lleihau cost gweithgareddau drwy gyd weithio gyda'r Ysgolion a gwrando ar lais y disgyblion.

Blaenoriaeth 3 - Cydweithio i sicrhau cyfleoedd cyflogaeth leol

Uchafbwyntiau

- Blaenoriaethu **cyflogadwyedd rhieni** drwy ofal plant Dechrau'n Deg
- **21 o bobl ifanc** wedi ennill cymwysterau chwaraeon drwy Môn Actif
- **100 achrediad Agored Cymru** yn cefnogi sgiliau, hyder a phontio i addysg, hyfforddiant a gwaith
- Cydweithio aml-asiantaeth (ieuenctid, tai, addysg, trydydd sector) yn cryfhau llwybrau atgyfeirio a dilyniant

Effaith a gwerth y gwaith

Mae'r gwaith hwn yn cefnogi pontio i addysg, hyfforddiant a gwaith, ac yn helpu i leihau dibyniaeth hirdymor ar wasanaethau cymorth.

Blaenoriaeth 4 – Sicrhau bod y boblogaeth yn iach, diogel ac annibynnol

Hamdden, Gweithgarwch Corfforol a Lles

- **322,843 o gyfranogwyr** mewn gweithgarwch hamdden (Ch3–Ch4)
- **1,750+ o gyfranogwyr** mewn rhaglenni gwyliau
- Darpariaeth newydd ar ordewdra plentyndod, lles teuluol, a menywod a merched
- **3 ased cyfalaf cymunedol** ar y gweill

Mannau Cynnes a Lles Cymunedol

- **18 Hwb Mannau Cynnes, 273 sesiwn**
- **753 o unigolion** wedi'u cefnogi
- **71%** yn nodi gwell lles, **60%** gwell boddhad bywyd
- **80 o bobl ifanc** yn derbyn mynediad am ddim i hamdden

Effaith a gwerth y gwaith

Mae'r ddarpariaeth yn helpu i leihau unigedd, gwella iechyd a lles, a lliniaru pwysau ar wasanaethau iechyd a gofal cymdeithasol.

Blaenoriaeth 5 – Cefnogi cymunedau i fod yn Oed-Gyfeillgar

Uchafbwyntiau

- **264 o bobl hŷn a gofalwyr** wedi'u cefnogi drwy gynadleddau a Diwrnodau Lles y Gaeaf
- Cynadleddau **Dementia** a **Gofalwyr Di-dâl** wedi'u cyflwyno
- Aelodau Cyngor Pobl Hŷn wedi'u hyfforddi fel **Hyrwyddwyr Ynni**

Effaith a gwerth y gwaith

Mae'r gwaith yn cryfhau annibyniaeth pobl hŷn, yn ymateb i bwysau costau byw ac yn cefnogi gwydnwch cymunedol.

Blaenoriaeth 6 – Gweithio mewn partneriaeth i sicrhau cartrefi fforddiadwy a hygyrch

Uchafbwyntiau

- **95% o achosion digartrefedd** wedi'u hatal
- **70 eiddo gwag** wedi'u dychwelyd i ddefnydd
- **33 o aelwydydd** wedi'u cefnogi i berchenogi cartref
- **3 chynllun ecwiti** wedi'u cymeradwyo
- **Tai Gofal Ychwanegol Aethwy** wedi derbyn caniatâd cynllunio

Effaith a gwerth y gwaith

Mae atal digartrefedd a chynyddu mynediad at dai fforddiadwy yn parhau'n allweddol i leihau costau argyfwng a darparu atebion mwy cynaliadwy.

5. Risgiau allweddol

- Cynnydd parhaus mewn **pwysau costau byw**, gan gynyddu'r galw am gymorth
- **Capasiti staff a chyllid** wrth symud prosiectau grant i fusnes arferol
- **Pwysau tai cenedlaethol** a chostau llety dros-dro
- Risg o **esgyniad mewn galw iechyd a lles** pe bai darpariaeth ataliol yn lleihau

6. Blaenoriaethau ar gyfer 2026/27

Yn seiliedig ar y cynnydd a'r risgiau a nodwyd, dylai'r gwaith yn 2026/27 ganolbwyntio ar gryfhau'r trefniadau canlynol:

- Datblygu'r adroddiad blynyddol ar gyfer 2025/26, gan gynnwys data, tueddiadau ac astudiaethau achos sy'n dangos effaith y gwaith ar drigolion.
- Cynnal ffocws ar ymyrraeth gynnar mewn perthynas â dyled, bwyd, tanwydd, digartrefedd a lles cymunedol.
- Cryfhau llwybrau atgyfeirio rhwng gwasanaethau'r Cyngor, partneriaid trydydd sector a darpariaeth gymunedol.
- Sicrhau bod data perfformiad a gwybodaeth ansoddol yn cael eu casglu'n gyson er mwyn cefnogi craffu, dysgu a chynllunio gwasanaethau.
- Parhau i adolygu aelodaeth y grŵp er mwyn sicrhau bod y partneriaid cywir yn cyfrannu at flaenoriaethau'r Cynllun Strategol.

7. Goblygiadau ariannol, cydraddoldeb a llesiant

Goblygiadau ariannol

Nid yw'r adroddiad hwn yn gofyn am gymeradwyo cyllid ychwanegol ar hyn o bryd. Fodd bynnag, mae'r gwaith a amlinellir yn dangos pwysigrwydd parhau i ddefnyddio adnoddau presennol, grantiau a chyllid partneriaethol mewn ffordd gydgysylltiedig er mwyn cynnal ymyriadau ataliol. Mae enghreifftiau megis sicrhau £328,000 mewn enillion a chynilion i drigolion, atal digartrefedd, a chefnogi mynediad at dai fforddiadwy yn dangos sut gall buddsoddi mewn cymorth cynnar leihau costau argyfwng a phwysau ar wasanaethau statudol dros amser.

Goblygiadau cydraddoldeb

Mae tlodi a phwysau costau byw yn gallu effeithio'n anghymesur ar rai grwpiau, gan gynnwys plant a phobl ifanc, pobl hŷn, gofawyr di-dâl, pobl anabl, aelwydydd incwm isel, unigolion sy'n byw ar eu pennau eu hunain, a theuluoedd sy'n wynebu rhwystrau i gyflogaeth, tai neu wasanaethau digidol. Mae'r gwaith Taclo Tlodi yn cyfrannu at leihau anghydraddoldebau drwy wella mynediad at gyngor, cymorth ariannol, cyfleoedd lles, gweithgareddau cymunedol, tai addas a llwybrau at wasanaethau priodol.

Wrth ddatblygu'r gwaith ymhellach, bydd angen parhau i ystyried effaith penderfyniadau ar grwpiau gwahanol, gan sicrhau bod data, astudiaethau achos a gwybodaeth ansoddol yn cael eu defnyddio i nodi bylchau mewn mynediad, deall profiadau trigolion, a chryfhau ymatebion lleol.

Goblygiadau llesiant

Mae'r gweithgarwch a amlinellir yn yr adroddiad yn cefnogi llesiant economaidd, cymdeithasol a chymunedol trigolion Ynys Môn. Mae'r gwaith yn cyfrannu at atal argyfyngau ariannol, cynnal annibyniaeth, lleihau unigedd, gwella iechyd a lles, cefnogi plant a phobl ifanc i gyrraedd eu potensial, a chryfhau gwydnwch cymunedau. Mae hyn yn cyd-fynd â dull ataliol a hirdymor, gan ganolbwyntio ar gefnogi pobl yn gynharach ac yn nes at eu cymunedau.

8. Casgliad

Mae'r diweddariad hwn yn dangos bod gwaith Taclo Tlodi yn darparu gwerth clir i drigolion, cymunedau a gwasanaethau cyhoeddus ar Ynys Môn. Trwy gydlyn gweithgarwch ar draws partneriaid, mae'r gwaith yn helpu i sicrhau bod cymorth yn cyrraedd pobl yn gynharach, bod adnoddau'n cael eu defnyddio'n fwy effeithiol, a bod y Cyngor yn gallu ymateb yn fwy strategol i bwysau cymdeithasol ac economaidd parhaus.

Bydd parhau i fuddsoddi mewn dulliau ataliol, partneriaethau lleol a threfniadau adrodd cryfach yn allweddol i gynnal y cynnydd hwn dros gyfnod y Cynllun Strategol Taclo Tlodi 2024–2029.

Blaenoriaethau 26/27

- **Mesur yr effaith mae'r cynlluniau yn ei gael ar leihau effeithiau tlodi.**
- **Edrych ar gyfleoedd i gyd lynu'r ddarpariaeth yn fwy effeithiol.**
- **Canolbwyntio ar feysydd tlodi bwyd, ynni ac uchafu incwm.**

Update Report: Tackling Poverty Strategic Plan 2024–2029

1. Purpose of the report

This report provides a formal update on the progress of Tackling Poverty across Anglesey, focusing on Quarters 3 and 4 activity 2025–26, the group's governance arrangements, progress against the priorities of the Tackling Poverty Strategic Plan 2024–2029, and the main risks and priorities for 2026/27.

The report is intended to assist Councillors in understanding not only the level of activity taking place, but also the practical and strategic value derived from the work: preventing crises, targeting aid earlier, strengthening local partnerships, and supporting residents and communities to be more resilient in the face of ongoing economic and social pressures.

2. Executive summary

Tackling Poverty continues to play a key role in co-ordinating the Council's and partners' response to the impact of poverty, the cost of living, debt, homelessness, loneliness, health and wellbeing, and access to opportunities. The evidence at the reporting stage shows a high level of demand for support, but also the positive impact of local interventions in ensuring financial benefit for residents, maintaining independence, reducing crisis risks and strengthening preventative support pathways.

Quarters 3 and 4 2025–26 saw clear examples of impact, including financial and digital support for 256 households, securing £328,000 in earnings and savings for residents, supporting hundreds of children, young people and families, sustaining community wellbeing provision, preventing 95% of homelessness, and returning 70 empty properties to use.

3. Context and governance arrangements

The Tackling Poverty Group acts as a strategic forum to bring together Council services and key partners to co-ordinate action, share information and ensure that local activity aligns with the priorities set out in the Tackling Poverty Strategic Plan 2024–2029.

- The group continues to meet quarterly and seeks to encourage and facilitate forward planning, knowledge sharing, and partnership working.
- The group continues to focus on the key priorities contained in the Tackling Poverty Strategic Plan 2024-2029

1. Ensuring access to support on managing expenditure and debt

2. Ensuring that children and young people achieve to the best of their ability
3. Work together to make sure employment opportunities are available locally so that people can take advantage of them
4. Making sure the population is healthy, safe and independent
5. Supporting our communities to be age friendly
6. Working in partnership to ensure the provision of homes of a standard that is affordable and accessible.

Chairmanship

- The management team had recommended that the Chairmanship be shared annually with the Department of Housing.
- Llyr Ap Rhisiart Chairs 2026/27
- Llinos Williams as Vice-Chair, with a view to taking the Chair in 2027/28.

Swansea

- We are again at the beginning of a year reviewing the group's membership, to ensure that the right officers and partners are attending.
- Bwyd Da Môn and Menter Môn are additions to this year's group.

Quarterly and annual reports

- We are currently collating the data for the year 2025/26 and will feed this information into an annual report over the next month.
- We have previously discussed the proposal of including the annual updates within a departmental development plan report - we still believe this would be a more convenient way to collect data/case studies.

Action Plan – Audit

- The Group implements the recommendations contained within the action plan. We have been able to complete the tasks that were scheduled for April 2026 as per the agreed timetable. We are confident that the tasks to be completed by September 2026 will also be completed as scheduled.

4. Progress against strategic priorities

The following section summarizes the key activity and value being created through each of the six strategic priorities. The examples illustrate how preventive work, early intervention and multi-agency collaboration contribute to reducing risks to individuals, families and public services.

Priority 1 – Ensure access to support on expenditure and debt management

- **256 households** supported through financial and digital inclusion.
- **£328k** in earnings and savings secured for residents.
- Demand remains high for assistance with **hardship, food, fuel and budgeting**.
- The digital inclusion project has **reached its targets early** on and moved to business as usual.

Impact and value of the work

Preventing the escalation of financial crisis, rent arrears, and homelessness, supporting Tackling Poverty Priority 1 and safeguarding medium-term budgets.

Key message

The increase in the use of the foodbank shows increasing pressure on households across Anglesey, with a marked increase in the number of households, people and children receiving support. This underlines the importance of continuing to invest in preventive interventions, financial support and local community provision in order to reduce the risk of a wider crisis.

Priority 2 – Ensuring that children and young people achieve to the best of their ability

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- **Around 600 children aged 0–4** are supported quarterly through Flying Start, with **over 250** in childcare.
- **900 young people** supported through trauma-informed work.
- **490 young people** took part in structured summer activities, with many engaging for the first time.
- Anglesey continues to perform strongly with the **lowest NEET rate in Wales** for 16–18 year olds.

Impact and value of the work

Preventing NEET, improving well-being, skills and long-term life chances.

- A Pupil Development Grant is used by schools to reduce the impact of poverty on learners' progress and attainment e.g. £1,968,800 is being distributed to Schools this year. An officer will be appointed soon to monitor this grant who will also share good practice.
 - The Llangefni catchment area will be working with the Welsh Government on a "Poverty Proofing" pilot scheme from September. This will be completed through an audit of the Schools looking at the true cost of the school day and seeing what we can adjust in order to reduce the cost of activities by working with the Schools and listening to the voice of the pupils.
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Priority 3 - Working together to secure local employment opportunities

Highlights

- Prioritising **parental employability** through Flying Start childcare
- **21 young people** gain sports qualifications through Anglesey Actif
- **100 Agored Cymru accreditations** support skills, confidence and transition to education, training and work
- Multi-agency collaboration (youth, housing, education, third sector) strengthens referral and progression pathways

Impact and value of the work

This work supports transitions to education, training and work, and helps reduce long-term reliance on support services.

Priority 4 – Ensuring that the population is healthy, safe and independent

Leisure, Physical Activity & Wellbeing

- **322,843 participation** in leisure activity (Q3–Q4)
- **1,750+ participants** in holiday programmes
- New provision on childhood obesity, family wellbeing, and women and girls
- **3 community capital assets** in the pipeline

Warm Spaces and Community Wellbeing

- **18 Warm Spaces Hub, 273 sessions**
- **753 individuals** supported
- **71%** report better well-being, **60%** better life satisfaction
- **80 young people** receive free entry to leisure

Impact and value of the work

The provision helps reduce isolation, improve health and wellbeing, and alleviate pressure on health and social care services.

Priority 5 – Supporting AgeFriendly communities

Highlights

- **264 older people and carers** supported through conferences and Winter Wellbeing Days
- **Dementia and Unpaid Carers-** Conferences Introduced
- Older People's Council Members trained as **Energy Champions**

Impact and value of the work

The work strengthens older people's independence, responds to cost-of-living pressures and supports community resilience.

Priority 6 – Working in partnership to ensure affordable and accessible homes

Highlights

- **95% of homelessness cases prevented**
- **70 empty properties** returned to use
- **33 households** supported to own a home
- **3 Approved Equity Schemes**
- **Aethwy Extra Care Housing** granted planning permission

Impact and value of the work

Preventing homelessness and increasing access to affordable housing remain key to reducing emergency costs and providing more sustainable solutions.

5. Key risks

- Continued increase in **cost of living pressures**, increasing demand for support
- **Staff capacity and funding** in moving grant projects to normal business
- **National housing pressures** and temporary accommodation costs
- Risk of an **uptick in health and wellbeing demand** if preventive provision decreases

6. Priorities for 2026/27

Based on the progress and risks identified, work in 2026/27 should focus on strengthening the following arrangements:

- Develop the annual report for 2025/26, including data, trends and case studies showing the impact of the work on residents.
- Maintain a focus on early intervention in relation to debt, food, fuel, homelessness and community wellbeing.
- Strengthen referral routes between Council services, third sector partners and community provision.
- Ensure that performance data and qualitative information are collected on a regular basis to support scrutiny, learning and service planning.
- Continue to review the group's membership to ensure that the right partners contribute to the priorities of the Strategic Plan.

7. Financial, equality and well-being implications

Financial implications

This report does not currently require approval of additional funding. However, the work outlined demonstrates the importance of continuing to use existing resources, grants and partnership funding in a coordinated way in order to carry out preventive interventions. Examples such as securing £328,000 in earnings and savings for residents, preventing homelessness, and supporting access to affordable housing show how investing in early support can reduce emergency costs and pressures on statutory services over time.

Implications of equality

Poverty and cost-of-living pressures can disproportionately affect some groups, including children and young people, older people, unpaid carers, disabled people, low-income households, individuals living alone, and families facing barriers to employment, housing or digital services. Tackling Poverty contributes to reducing inequalities by improving access to advice, financial support, wellbeing opportunities, community activities, suitable housing and pathways to appropriate services.

In developing the work further, it will be necessary to continue to consider the impact of decisions on different groups, ensuring that data, case studies and qualitative information are used to identify gaps in access, understand residents' experiences, and strengthen local responses.

Well-being implications

The activity outlined in the report supports the economic, social and community well-being of the residents of Anglesey. The work contributes to preventing financial crises, maintaining independence, reducing isolation, improving health and wellbeing, supporting children and young people to reach their potential, and strengthening the resilience of communities. This aligns with a preventative and long-term approach, focusing on supporting people earlier and closer to their communities.

8. Conclusion

This update shows that the work of Tackling Poverty provides clear value to residents, communities and public services on Anglesey. By co-ordinating activity across partners, the work helps to ensure that aid reaches people earlier, that resources are used more effectively, and that the Council is able to respond more strategically to ongoing social and economic pressures.

Continuing to invest in preventive approaches, local partnerships and stronger reporting arrangements will be key to sustaining this progress over the period of the Tackling Poverty Strategic Plan 2024–2029.

Priorities 26/27

- **Measuring the impact the schemes have on reducing the effects of poverty.**
- **Look at opportunities to make provision more effective.**
- **Focus on the areas of food poverty, energy and income maximisation.**

Isle of Anglesey County Council Scrutiny Report

Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	14 July, 2026
Subject:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme
Scrutiny Chair:	Councillor Sonia Williams

1. Who will be the portfolio holder presenting / leading the report?

Portfolio Holder	Role
Not applicable	
Service Officer (Supporting)	Role
Elin Allsopp	Scrutiny Officer

2. Why the Scrutiny Committee is being asked to consider the matter

Assist the Scrutiny Committee in considering, agreeing and reviewing its forward work programme for 2026/27

3. Role of the Scrutiny Committee and recommendations

- For assurance
- For recommendation to the Executive
- For information

Recommendation(s): The Committee is requested to:
R1 agree the current version of the forward work programme for 2026/27
R2 note progress thus far in implementing the forward work programme

4. How does the recommendation(s) contribute to the objectives of the Council's Plan?

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.

5. Key scrutiny themes

Key themes the Scrutiny Committee should concentrate on:
 Not applicable

6. Key points / summary

1. Background

1.1 Effective work programming is the bedrock of an effective local government scrutiny function¹. 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:

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

1.2 Basic principles of good work programming²

- 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 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. **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.

¹ A Cunning Plan? Devising a scrutiny work programme, Centre for Public Scrutiny (March, 2011)

² A Cunning Plan? Devising a scrutiny work programme, Centre for Public Scrutiny (March, 2011)

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 2026/27 work programme is attached as **APPENDIX 1** to this report for reference and includes changes made to the work programme since the Committee last considered the document³

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).

7. Impact assessments

7.1. Has an impact assessment (equality considerations, the socio-economic duty, Welsh language) been undertaken?

Yes

No

If not, please explain why: Not applicable.

7.2. Potential impacts on opportunities to use Welsh and not treating the language less favourably than English

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.

7.3. Possible impacts on groups protected under the Equality Act 2010

Not applicable.

³ Meeting of the Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee convened on 09th June, 2026

7.4. Possible impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage (strategic decisions)

Not applicable.

7.5. Potential impact on the Council's Net Zero Carbon target

Positive / Neutral / Negative and how
Not applicable.

8. Financial implications

Not applicable.

9. Appendices

Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme 2026/27

10. Report author and background papers

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ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR SCRUTINY

Period: May 2026 to April 2027

Version dated: 23/06/26

Note for Stakeholders and the Public:

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Should you wish to speak on any specific item at a Scrutiny Committee then you should register your interest by submitting a written request using the form available as soon as possible and at least 3 clear working days prior to the specific Committee meeting. You can access information about the meeting and which items being discussed by reading this Forward Work Programme. Contact the Scrutiny Team if you have any queries [sgrwtiniscrutiny@ynysmon.llyw.cymru]

May 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
May, 2026 (12/05/2026)	May, 2026 (12/05/2026)
Election of Chair: 2026/27	Election of Chair: 2026/27
Election of Vice-chair: 2026/27	Election of Vice-chair: 2026/27

June 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
June, 2026 (10/06/2026)-Q4	June, 2026 (09/06/2026)-Education / Welsh Language

Performance Monitoring: Corporate Scorecard Qtr4: 2025/26	Welsh Language: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report on the Welsh Standards: 2025/26 • Welsh in Education Strategic Plan 2022-2032: Measure Progress→2025/26
Annual Delivery Plan: 2026/27	ALN and Inclusion Report 2025/26-measure progress
Care Inspectorate Wales	Item for Information: Ambition North Wales Qtr 4: 2025/26 Progress Report
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

July 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
No meeting scheduled	July, 2026 (14/07/2026)
	Natural Resources Wales
	Tackling Poverty Strategic Plan
	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

September 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
September, 2026 (16/09/2026) – Q1	September, 2026 (15/09/2026) -Special Meeting
Performance Monitoring: Corporate Scorecard Q1: 2026/27	Report following consultation on the Visitor Levy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Destination Management Strategic Plan 2023-2028-measure progress
Vacant Housing Strategy 2023-2028-measure progress	Levelling Up Fund, Local Growth Fund and SPF Report
Strategic Asset Management (Housing) Plan 2024-2029-measure progress	Strategic Plan Management of AONB 2023-2028-measure progress
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	
	September, 2026 (28/09/26)
	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

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October 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
October, 2026 (14/10/2026)	October, 2026 (13/10/2026)
Annual Report North Wales Regional Partnership Board (Part 9): 2025/26	Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Community Safety Partnership Annual Report: 2025/26
Social Services Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	North Wales Fire and Rescue
Regional Emergency Planning Service Annual Report: 2025/26	Item for Information: Ambition North Wales: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report: 2025/26 • Qtr 1: 2026/27 Progress Report
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

November 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
November, 2026 (11/11/2026) – Q2	November, 2026 (10/11/2026)-Education
Monitoring Performance: Corporate Scorecard Q2: 2026/27	ALN & Inclusion Service-measure progress
Self-Assessment, Performance and Wellbeing Report 2025/26	Education Scrutiny Panel Progress Report
Corporate Safeguarding	Item for Information: Strategic Asset Management Plan – measure progress
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

January 2027

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
January, 2027 (19/01/2027) – 2027/28 Budget (morning)	January, 2027 (20/01/2027)
2027/28 Budget Setting (Revenue Budget) – initial budget proposals	Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Public Services Board: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Report 2025/26 • Governance arrangements / scrutiny of delivery of the Wellbeing Plan
Resources Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	Towards Zero Net Strategic Plan 2026-2031- measure progress Housing Services Energy Targets
	Item for Information: Ambition North Wales Qtr 2: 2026/27 Progress Report
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

February 2027

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
February, 2027 (17/02/2027) – 2027/28 Budget	February, 2027 (16/02/2027)
Final Draft Budget Proposals for 2027/28 – revenue & capital	Gypsy and Traveler Accommodation Action Plan

Resources Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

March 2027

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
March, 2027 (10/03/2027) – Q3	March, 2027 (09/03/2027)
Monitoring Performance: Corporate Scorecard Q3: 2026/27	Grŵp Llandrillo Menai
Housing Assistance Grant Strategy 2027-2031	Ynys Môn Free Port – measure progress
Annual Report on Equalities: 2025/26	ALN & Inclusion Service-measure progress
	Item for Information - Ambition North Wales Qtr 3: 2026/27 Progress Report
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

April 2027

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
No meeting scheduled	No meeting scheduled

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