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RHYBUDD O GYFARFOD	NOTICE OF MEETING
PWYLLGOR SGRIWTINI PARTNERIAETH AC ADFYWIO	PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DYDD MAWRTH, 13 HYDREF, 2026 am 2.00 o'r gloch yp	TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER, 2026 at 2.00 pm
CYFARFOD HYBRID – YN YSTAFELL BWYLLGOR , SWYDDFEYDD Y CYNGOR, LLANGEFNI AC YN RHITHIOL DRWY ZOOM	HYBRID MEETING – IN COMMITTEE ROOM, COUNCIL OFFICES, LLANGEFNI AND VIRTUALLY THROUGH ZOOM
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Gwilym O Jones (Is-gadeirydd/Vice-Chair)

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Non Dafydd, Euryrn Morris, John Ifan Jones, Dylan Rees, Margaret M Roberts, Sonia Williams
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Annibynnwyr Môn/Anglesey Independents

Robert LI Jones, 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 - 20)

To submit, for confirmation, the minutes of the following meetings:-

- Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September, 2026
- Minutes of the meeting held on 28 September, 2026

4 SCRUTINY OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP - NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE (Pages 21 - 38)

To receive a presentation by North Wales Fire and Rescue.

5 GWYNEDD & YNYS MÔN COMMUNITY SAFETY PARTNERSHIP - ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 39 - 52)

To submit the Annual Report of the Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Community Safety Partnership.

6 COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2026/2027 (Pages 53 - 62)

To submit a report by the Scrutiny Officer.

PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2026

PRESENT:

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

Councillors Non Dafydd, Douglas Massie Fowle, John Ifan Jones,
Euryd Morris, Pip O'Neill, Dylan Rees, Margaret Murley Roberts

Councillor Alun Roberts – Portfolio Member for Leisure, Tourism,
Maritime and Property – for item 4

Councillor Ieuan Williams – Portfolio Member for Highways, Waste
and Climate Change – for items 5 and 6

IN ATTENDANCE:

Chief Executive,
Deputy Chief Executive,
Head of Regulation and Economic Development (for item 4),
Head of Highways, Waste and Property (for items 5 & 6),
Head of Democratic Services,
Visitor Economy & Coastal Area Manager (AG) (for item 4),
Chief Waste Management Officer (SO) (for item 5),
Scrutiny & Committee Services Manager (AH),
Committee Officer (MEH),
Support Assistant Democratic Services (Webcasting) (CH).

APOLOGIES:

Councillor Derek Owen
Mr John Tierney – The Roman Catholic Church
Councillor Neville Evans – Portfolio Member for Adults' Services

ALSO PRESENT:

Portfolio Members

Councillor Carwyn Jones – Portfolio Member for Housing &
Community Safety;
Councillor Dyfed W Jones – Portfolio Member for Children, Young
People and Families Services;
Councillor Dafydd Roberts – Portfolio Member for Education & the
Welsh Language;
Councillor Nicola Roberts – Portfolio Member for Planning & Public
Protection;
Councillor Gary Pritchard – Leader of the Council and Portfolio
Member for Economic Development;
Councillor Robin Williams – Deputy Leader of the Council and
Portfolio Member for Finance, Corporate Business & Customer
Experience.

1 APOLOGIES

As noted above.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillor Douglas M Fowlie declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 4 – Visitor Levy Consultation and left the meeting during discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor John Ifan Jones declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Item 5 – Visitor Levy Consultation and left the meeting during discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Alun Roberts declared a personal interest in Item 4 – Visitor Levy Consultation but having received dispensation by the Dispensation Panel of the Standards Committee he was allowed to present the item to the Committee.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 14 July, 2026 were confirmed as correct.

ARISING THEREON

Scrutiny of Strategic Partnership – Natural Resources Wales

- That Natural Resources Wales provides further information about the organisation responsible for regulating drinking water as well as an explanation of the process for considering the effects of developments that are planned for the Island in relation to drinking water.

An email was received by the Elected Members by Natural Resources Wales on 10 August, 2026.

- That Natural Resources Wales provides the appropriate on-line link that Members can share with the electorate, outlining how they can directly contact Natural Resources Wales.

Information circulated to Members of the Committee on 10 August, 2026.

Tackling Poverty Strategic Plan

To request the three third-sector organisations to complete impact assessments and use the findings to write jointly on behalf of the Committee to the UK and Welsh Governments, highlighting the significant impact of the proposed CJC role in LGF funding on Anglesey and advocating a return to the SPF model (70% revenue, 30% capital) to ensure essential local services can continue. **In progress**

4 VISITOR LEVY CONSULTATION

The report of the Head of Regulation was presented for the Committee's consideration.

The Portfolio Member for Leisure, Tourism, Maritime and Property said that the full County Council meeting on 12 May, 2026 resolved that a public consultation process be undertaken regarding the potential introduction of a visitor levy on Anglesey, in line with Council and Welsh Government guidelines. The consultation process was undertaken between the 15 May, 2026 and 13 July, 2026 which was conducted through an on-line process and 6 face-to-face sessions. One specific business sector session was also conducted in conjunction with the Welsh Revenue Authority on 22 June, 2026. The Council received 2,098 responses to the on-line consultation and during the sessions. He noted that opposition to the adoption of the Visitor is strong, with 70.8% of all respondents opposed or tended to oppose the introduction of a visitor levy, whilst 25.1% supported or tended to support. He further said that it has been highlighted that there are clear weaknesses in legislation and mainly in the administration and collection of the levy and that young children accompanying relative would be expected to pay the levy. The Portfolio Member said that the recommendation was not to support the introduction of the Visitor Levy as the tourism industry on the Island needs to be supported.

The following were points of discussion by the Committee:-

- Questions were raised as to the procedure in responding to Welsh Government as to the concerns regarding inconsistencies in the level of the levy between people staying in caravans and in hotels. The Portfolio Member responded that the inconsistencies as to how the levy was to be administered was highlighted during the consultation process. He noted that it is recommended that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, will write to Welsh Government requesting a review of the current legislative regime to address the issues raised during the consultation process on Anglesey. He stressed that the opinion of people as regards to the Visitor Levy is paramount and it is evident during the consultation process that there is strong objection to the levy and that changes are required to the legislation to ensure that it is a fair process as tourism for the Island is important due to the demographic and nature of Anglesey. He considered that levy is easier to administer in urban areas.
- Questions were raised about the levy's potential impact on businesses and how any resulting income would be allocated. The Portfolio Member explained that, under the legislation, income from the levy could not be considered as part of the consultation process. The Leader of the Council said the Executive was responding to the needs of small and medium-sized tourism businesses, which are central to Anglesey's local economy. He added that the current legislation creates challenges for the sector and stressed the need to support sustainable tourism.
- Reference was made that the Committee agreed to the recommendation that the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, will write to Welsh Government requesting a review of the current legislative regime to address the issues raised during the consultation process on Anglesey,

however, questions were raised whether additional information could be included that Anglesey was unique as it is an Island. The Leader of the Council responded that it would be difficult for a government to create a legislation for different areas. He considered that the Council should highlight that the current legislation is not sustainable for small and medium businesses on the Island and to highlight the weaknesses within such a legislation. The Chief Executive said that it would be beneficial to highlight that Anglesey is dependent on small businesses.

- Reference was made to the Economic Impact Assessment within the report and questions were raised whether the figures within the report were accurate that Anglesey could benefit from £1.56m with the introduction of the Visitor Levy. The Head of Regulation and Economic Development responded that there are challenges with the data set by the government and the figures differ significantly. There is no consistent evidence across Wales to assess the potential of the Visitor Levy and the risks associated with its implementation. He noted that this will need to be highlighted within the letter to Welsh Government.
- Questions were raised about whether the Visitor Levy consultation had been imposed on local authorities, as some Members considered it was premature to introduce such a levy without sufficient information or clarity at a UK level about its implications. The Chief Executive explained that the legislation sets out a clear process that the Council must follow before deciding whether to adopt the levy, and that consultation is a statutory part of that process. He noted that it is difficult to assess the effect of the introduction of the levy within rural and urban areas. The Leader of the Council said that it was a decision by the County Council at its meeting held on 12 May, 2026 to conduct a consultation process on the Visitor Levy to allow the residents and businesses the opportunity to express their view of the introduction of a levy. A timetable of 12 months is set to consult and to introduce the levy.
- Questions were raised as to the tax implications for businesses whilst collecting the Visitor Levy and when the levy is transferred to Welsh Government the Authority will not receive the full amount thereafter. The Portfolio Member responded that there are clear weaknesses in the legislation in administering the collection of the levy. He noted that there are uncertainties as to the percentage of the levy that would be transferred to the Local Authorities.

It was RESOLVED:-

- **Having considered the current uncertainties facing the tourism sector and outcome of the public consultation and impact assessments, the Council does not adopt the Visitor Levy.**
- **The Council will monitor, review and consider evidence of the impact of the Visitor Levy in other local authorities in Wales that have chosen to adopt the Levy, and any changes to the relevant legislation.**
- **The Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, will write to Welsh Government requesting a review of the current legislative regime to address the issues raised in the recent consultation process. Such letter to Welsh Government to be circulated to all elected members.**

5 CHANGES TO RECYCLING AND WASTE COLLECTIONS

The report of the Head of Highways, Waste and Property was submitted for the Committee's consideration.

The Portfolio Member for Highways, Waste and Climate Change said that is a statutory requirement for the Council to achieve a household waste recycling rate of 70%. The Executive recommended in December 2025 that a consultation process be undertaken on the possible changes to the Recycling and Waste Collection Service on Anglesey. The consultation process was conducted between January and February 2026 with over 4,000 responses received which is summarised in Appendix 1 of the report. Following the consultation process it was recommended that the collection of residual waste should continue every 3 weeks but by reducing the capacity of the black bins with new 180 litre bins, in place of the current 240 litre bins in 2029. To increase the recycling figures by 2029 it was recommended that more space is required in the recycling boxes i.e. the collecting of cardboard and paper together in the top box of the trolley box; offering additional storage options for recycling additional cardboard, and/or hard plastic and cans; conduct a campaign to raise awareness and understanding of recycling and reusing; conduct research into extending the recycling materials collected to include soft plastic and other materials; proceed to develop and submit an outline business case for funding to Welsh Government. There is clear evidence that reducing the capacity of the black bins in Newport and Flintshire Councils has resulted in them achieving Welsh Government's recycling targets. Whilst it would be possible to start collecting cardboard and paper together sooner, WRAP Cymru recommends implementing all changes involved in the service change at the same time as it will reduce the risk of not being able to cope with the additional recycling and it would facilitate the change for the customer by having one clear communication plan. He further said that a robust business plan could result in attracting grant funding from Welsh Government of between 60% and 70% to improve the infrastructure in the Penhesgyn and Gwalchmai Recycling Centres.

The following were points of discussion by the Committee:-

- Questions were raised as to the intentions regarding the campaign to raise awareness of recycling and reusing and whether the Council is considering a campaign to educate people of the need to put food waste in the Brown Bin as the figures show that 27% of residents choose not to use the food waste bin. The Portfolio Member responded that engagement has been undertaken with other local authorities who have been able to succeed in reaching the 70% Welsh Government targets for recycling and to ascertain and learn how they have been able to persuade residents to recycle.
- Questions were raised as to the percentage of residents that have not used the Green Garden Waste since the additional tax payment has been introduced. The Leader of the Council wished to clarify that the fee in collecting the Green Garden Waste that it is not a tax payment it is a collection fee. He noted that the introduction of the Green Garden Waste fee was to enable people who needed a green garden waste to be able to attain the facility but those who do not have a garden do not require the service provided. The Portfolio Member said that he would afford the figures through email to the Member who had

raised the matter. He emphasised that each other local authority charges a fee for the collection of green waste.

- Reference was made that there is a potential for fines to be imposed by Welsh Government if the 70% recycling figures are not improving. Questions were raised as to whether the Council Tax will have to be increased to pay for these fines. The Portfolio Member responded that resources would need to be addressed if the Authority is fined for not reaching the recycling targets. However, if a business case was produced to show that the Authority is striving to reach the recycling targets and that strong plans are in place to reach these targets, this could show that the Authority is taking action similar to other local authorities. The Chief Executive said that every action is undertaken to avoid fines but if such fines were imposed there are three possible avenue of resources i.e. the use of Council reserves, reducing expenditure in other services or reducing funding to reduce the fines imposed. The Head of Services, Highways, Waste and Property said that if a decision was made to implement the recommendations in the report, the Authority can access 65% of the fundings of over £20m. Funding of up to £15m is required to improve the Gwalchmai Recycling Centre together with machinery at the site with no grant available unless a clear path to increase recycling rate is confirmed.
- Reference was made that during the consultation process it was evident that residents choose not to use the Brown Food Waste box and therefore 27% of the black bin contains food waste. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that it is hoped that reducing the size of the black bin will encourage residents to use the brown food waste and the education of people is paramount in the success of reaching the recycling targets. Further comments were made by the Committee that targeted approach should be undertaken in areas where it is evident that residents are not recycling. Questions were raised whether the data is available as regards to these areas. The Head of Highways, Waste and Property responded that data has been collected by WRAP Cymru and it shows that some areas are better than others in recycling; these areas will be targeted to educate people to recycle. Additional questions were raised whether the Authority has considered employing a person to specifically educate and target areas that are not complying to the need for recycling. The Head of Highways, Waste and Property responded that whilst it is accepted that there is a need to educate people about the need to recycle, there are other methods to achieve that have proven to be successful such as reducing the size of the black bins.
- Questions were raised as to whether the figures within the report include the private bins collection provision. The Portfolio Member responded that the figures are those of the collections afforded by the Authority.
- Questions were raised as to the costs of replacing the black bins and whether a phased approach could be implemented as some peoples black bins are not full after three weeks. The Portfolio Member responded that the WRAP Cymru has indicated that the changes proposed should be implemented at the same time in three years, to ensure that once the infrastructure has been upgraded. The Chief Waste Management Officer said that a plan will need to be established if the replacement of the black bins, and the 240 litre bins can be afforded to larger families. The existing black bins have been in use for 20 years and need to be replaced.

- Questions were raised whether the Council had clarified that there was an intention to reduce the capacity of the black bin to 180 litres within the consultation process. It was further said that education of residents of the need to recycle should also have been a factor in the decision to reduce the capacity of the black bin. The Portfolio Member responded that Welsh Government collection blueprint states that each household black bin waste should be 60 litres per week and WRAP Cymru's recommended is also to reduce the black bin capacity to 60 litres per week.
- Reference was made that the 240 litre black bins will be surplus to requirement and will need to be collected from each household. Questions were raised as to whether the collection of the 240 litre black bins will be compliant with the Council's Climate Change objectives. The Portfolio Member responded that the 240 litre bins will be recycled without polluting landfill and there is a value for plastic pellets following recycling of the bins. The Portfolio Member for Finance, Corporate Business and Customer Experience said that it is important that fines of up to £600k per year could be imposed if the recycling targets are not met. The replacement of 180 litre black bins will cost the Council £350k following a 65% grant from Welsh Government. He noted that if the Council has not agreed a plan to improve recycling, then access to grant funding will not be available. The infrastructure at Penhesgyn and Gwalchmai Recycling Centres also need to be improved.
- Reference was made that some local authorities in England collect the food waste and green garden waste within one bin as they have an in-vessel composting facility. Questions were raised whether there is an intention to have such a facility during the upgrade of the Recycling Centres. The Chief Waste Management Officer responded that the food waste is transported to an anaerobic digester plant in Gwynedd. He noted that the investor composer in Penhesgyn deals with the green waste.

It was RESOLVED :-

- **To continue to collect residual waste once every 3 weeks but by collecting new 180 litre black bins, in place of the current 240 litre bins, from 2029.**
- **To create more space for recycling by 2029 by:**
 - **collecting cardboard and paper together in the top box of the trolley box;**
 - **offering additional storage options for recycling additional cardboard, and / or hard plastic and cans.**
- **Conduct a campaign to raise awareness and understanding of recycling and reusing.**
- **To conduct research into extending the recycling materials collected to include soft plastic and other materials.**
- **Proceed to develop and submit an outline business case for funding to Welsh Government.**

6 BUS FRANCHISING - PROPOSED BUS ROUTES

The report of the Head of Highways, Waste and Property was submitted for the Committee's consideration.

The Portfolio Member for Highways, Waste and Climate Change said that Transport for Wales is holding a consultation on the proposed buses network for Anglesey, as part of preparations for franchising. The consultation process closing date is 9 October, 2026. Transport for Wales objectives are to reduce the number of miles travelled per person by car by 10% in 2030 and to increase the proportion of journeys made on public transport and active travel to 45% by 2040. To attract more people to use buses, it is hoped to build a simpler bus network by offering a wider range of journeys and providing more reliable and frequent services. He noted that the proposed bus routes were included at Appendix 2 within the report, and it is evident that there are caps within the routes that will need to be addressed. Community Transport is undertaken currently by Medrwn Môn and some Community Councils afford bus services within the current caps in rural communities.

The following were points of discussion by the Committee:-

- Reference was made the proposed network offers 9 services/routes instead of the 30 that currently operate and the comments made on each route within the report. Questions were raised whether the Transport Officer has responded to these proposed routes. The Portfolio Member responded that the Transport Officer has responded to the proposed bus routes to Transport for Wales. Transport for Wales have reviewed the current routes and suggested the 9 service routes is required to ensure effectiveness of the service. Further questions were raised as the data used by Transport for Wales with the use of mobile phone data to gauge the movement into passengers' movement patterns. The Portfolio Member responded that there is currently no wi-fi provision on the current buses and there are questions as to how Transport for Wales has been able to use such a tracking facility.
- Questions were raised as to how the 9 proposed routes can be assessed with the current 30 bus routes provision on the Island and the effect it will have on the service users. The Head of Highways, Waste and Property responded that the level of use of bus routes has reduced significantly since the pandemic together with operational costs increasing. He expressed that it is important for Elected Members and the residents of the Island to respond to the new proposed bus franchise. He noted that providing a bus service is challenging in rural areas. Transport for Wales wishes to improve the connection for routes in coastal areas but the Authority has expressed that there will be challenges in rural villages for people to attain a bus service as the facility is essential for people to get to work, medical and hospital appointments.
- Questions were raised as to the provision available for residents to be able to respond to the consultation process. The Portfolio Member responded that an on-line consultation process will be undertaken together with drop-in sessions to be arranged. He noted that it is imperative that Elected Members should promote the consultation process with their electorate.
- Reference was made to the Community Alliance Transport provisions in local communities. It was stressed that it is important that the bus franchise will

serve those communities and not be disregarded as there is already a Community Alliance Transport link in the area. The Portfolio Member responded that it is important that Transport for Wales be made aware of the need for such a provision in the Community Alliance Transport links and to confirm that these areas are not disregarded within their bus franchise plans.

- Reference was made to the loss of bus service in the village of Bodedern. The village has lost 15 bus journeys per day since 2024 with no provision to Bangor nor Llangefni. The Portfolio Member reiterated that it is important that Elected Members and residents of the Island should respond to the proposed bus franchise and to gain support from the First Minister and the Member of Parliament to express concerns that some villages have no adequate public transport provision.
- A suggestion was made that Elected Members should meet in an informal session to discuss the bus routes and to raise any concerns within their electoral area. The Chief Executive responded that it is important that the Council supports the bus routes before the consultation process can commence. The Head of Highways, Waste and Property said that the Transport Officer has reviewed the bus routes and compared those routes with existing provision on Anglesey. However, there are concerns that the network does not serve every village on the Island.
- Questions were raised whether a Steering Group will be established to review the consultation data. The Head of Highways, Waste and Property responded that such a review would need to be undertaken before the consultation process comes to an end on 9 October, 2026.
- Questions were raised as the costs associated with the Community provision to the Council. The Portfolio Member responded that it is uncertain at present to the required Community provision and the Authority will request Transport for Wales to fund a high proportion of the provision. The Head of Highways, Waste and Property said that the expectations are that the Council will be part of a North Wales bus franchise and a contribution will be expected from Transport for Wales to fund Community/Flexible Transport to serve the villages who are not part of the bus routes.

The Committee were concerned with the second recommendation in the report that it 'supports' the proposed buses network proposed by Transport for Wales. The Committee were unable to support such a recommendation until the data afforded by Transport for Wales is factual and correct. It was noted that the residents should be afforded the opportunity to respond to the consultation before the Council can support the bus franchise and the recommendation should be that the Committee is supporting reviewing the buses network. Whilst accepting the comments made the Chief Executive said that Transport for Wales is an external body and they could proceed without receiving the Authority's comments and therefore it is important that the Council adheres to the timescale. It is important to note that every Elected Member can respond to the consultation process, and he suggested that an informal consultation between the Members could be undertaken to ensure compliance with the timetable.

It was RESOLVED:-

- To note that Transport for Wales is holding a consultation on the proposed buses network for Anglesey, as part of preparations for franchising.
- That the Councils responds to the consultation by the closing date, which is 9 October, 2026, by agreeing to the proposed buses network that Transport for Wales has developed but that further consideration is given to the bus routes in the future.

Councillor Douglas Fowlie wished it to be noted that he was against the changes to the second recommendation.

COUNCILLOR SONIA WILLIAMS
CHAIR

PARTNERSHIP AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the hybrid meeting held on 28 September 2026

- PRESENT:** Councillor Sonia Williams (Chair)
Councillor Gwilym O Jones (Vice-Chair)
- Councillors Non Dafydd, Douglas M Fowlie, John Ifan Jones, Euryr Morris, Pip O'Neill, Derek Owen, Dylan Rees and Margaret Murley Roberts
- IN ATTENDANCE:** Chief Executive,
Director of Social Services,
Head of Adults' Services,
Head of Democratic Services,
Committee Officer (MEH),
Support Assistant – Democratic Services (Webcasting) (CH)
- APOLOGIES:** Councillor Alun Roberts – Portfolio Member for Leisure, Tourism, Maritime and Property.
- Deputy Chief Executive
- ALSO PRESENT:** **Portfolio Members**
- Councillor Neville Evans – Portfolio Member for Adults' Services;;
Councillor Dyfed W Jones – Portfolio Member for Children, Young People and Families;
Councillor Dafydd Roberts – Portfolio Member for Education and the Welsh Language;
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.
- Mr Dyfed Edwards – Chair of the Chair of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (in respect of item 3);
Mr Paul Andrew – IC Director of Operations (West) – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (in respect of item 3);
Mr Tom Regan – Mental Health Team – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board (in respect of item 3).
- Mr Jim Lee – Chair of the Nifty60's

1 APOLOGIES

As noted above.

2 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None received.

3 SCRUTINY OF STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP - BETSI CADWALADR UNIVERSITY HEALTH BOARD

The Chair welcomed Mr Dyfed Edwards, Chair of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Mr Paul Andrew – IC Director of Operations (West) – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and Mr Tom Regan – Mental Health Team to the meeting.

Mr Paul Andrew and Mr Tom Regan gave a brief presentation to the Committee on the strong partnership between the Health Board and the Authority who has a shared focus on improving health, independence and wellbeing for the residents of Anglesey.

Mr Jim Lee, Chair of Nifty60's who had requested to attend the meeting said that Nifty60's was established in 2019 and to date there are nearly 900 registered members of Nifty60's with a programme of resistance and functional training. The aim of Nifty60's is to reduce the risks of slips, falls in older people and reduce the pressure on GP surgeries and A+E at Ysbyty Gwynedd. He presented an insight to the work undertaken at 13 locations across the Island. Representatives from the Nifty60's met with Ellen Williams, the West Area Cluster Manager of Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board to discuss Primary Care Prevention with the possibilities of Nifty60's meeting with Anglesey's GP Cluster Hub to give a presentation with the hope of them funding Nifty60's. In September 2025 a presentation was given to the GP Cluster Hub at Benllech at two evenings and the feedback as very positive in support to afford funding for Nifty60's. A figure of £400k was initially discussed and following an additional meeting it was reduced to approximately £200k. This would have resulted in amendment to Nifty60's plan by reducing the number of coaches and manager. Following further meetings with the Health Board there is still no sign of a resolution to the funding of Nifty60's. During those meeting it was suggested by Nifty60's that Health Board could have an SLA Arrangement, where the funds come directly to the Local Authority, then an SLA with Local Authority Nifty60s would have full scrutiny and quarterly reports, to ensure transparency. He further said that an average of some 450 Nifty60's athletes attend the classes each week across the 13 venues with a potential of nearer 1,000 older people training every week across Anglesey. Due to the promise of the funding, Nifty60's are at a point where they must keep telling people, on their waiting list, that there is currently no provision for them due to the lack of funding. The First Minister attended Nifty60's and he was supportive that the Health Board should fund Nifty60's. He considered that Anglesey should be a pilot scheme across Wales. Mr Lee further said that he gave a presentation, at the request of Mr Robert Callow, Engagement Officer of the Health Board at their Strategic Development Event held at the Conwy Business Centre in October 2025 and April

2026. Nifty60s also attend by request from Jenna Gallagher, CMATS Spinal Specialist, BCUHB Community Referral Days at the Anglesey Leisure Centres across the island, where the physiotherapists refer patients to Nifty60s. Mr Lee further said that Sarcopenia is a loss of muscle mass due to little or no exercise and the GPs refer patients to Nifty60's to help to rebuild muscle mass. He further said that the uncertainties as to the funding from the Health Board is frustrating for the Nifty60's to carry on with their programme of helping older people to be able to improve their health and to be able to socialise to improve their mental health.

Mr Lee was afforded the opportunity to ask questions of the representatives of the Health Board as follows:-

- **Partnership Working and Sustainability** - given the financial pressures facing both health and social care services, what further opportunities does the Health Board see for developing long-term service level agreements with local authorities and third-sector organisations to deliver preventative and community-based support? Would the Health Board consider increasing investment in proven community programmes that help prevent ill health, reduce demand on statutory services, and contribute to longer-term sustainability across the health and social care system?
- **Return on Investment** - many community and third-sector programmes are designed to keep people well, independent and connected, thereby reducing demand on GPs, hospitals and social care services. Given the evidence that prevention is often more cost-effective than crisis intervention, why is the Health Board not investing more consistently in long-term preventative programmes through formal partnership agreements with local authorities and community organisations?

Mr Dyfed Edwards, Chair of the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board said that Mr Lee has attended the Boards Conferences that do discuss the need to work within the preventative schemes and acknowledge the frustration of attaining assurance of funding toward the Nifty60's scheme. He noted that he will discuss with Mr Paul Andrew (who attended the meeting) a response to Nifty60's as soon as possible and afford copy of the correspondence sent to Mr Lee to the Council. Questions were raised by the Committee whether a timeframe of the response can be afforded to the Nifty60's. Mr Edwards responded that he was unable to commit a timeframe to respond but he assured that once he had any information he would communicate with Mr Jim Lee. The Chief Executive said that Nifty60's has previously received funding from the Shared Prosperity Fund through Medrwn Môn and suggested that a similar source of funding would may be an avenue for resources.

Mr Edwards responded to the second question and noted that there is pressure from the First Minister's Office to fund such schemes, but significant savings would be needed in other areas within the Health Board. He noted there is an agreement that Health and Welfare needs to be viewed differently. He referred that Welsh Government has requested that the Health Board should move 0.5% of the budget from the Acute Services to the Community Section. The Health Board had already discussed this before the instruction from the Government, but whilst people are on a waiting list for treatment it is a difficult decision as there is a need to support people earlier in the system. The policy framework to be used is the Community by Design, to provide services and variety of provision to help support people within their communities. Mr Edwards further said that Nifty60's also affords older people the opportunity to have an activity to attend and will help with loneliness and to socialize.

In considering the report, the following were points of discussion by the Committee:-

- Reference was made that 72 children from Anglesey are currently on the waiting list for Neurodiverse and Autism Services. Questions were raised as to what the Health Board intends to do to bring the waiting list down as 3 years is totally unacceptable and children should be seen at the latest within few months. Mr Dyfed Edwards responded that there are difficulties in recruiting experienced staff to deal with referrals. He said that the Board is trying to create a Team across the region that can respond to the caps in the recruitment of specialist staff. The Director of Social Services said that regional work is also undertaken with the Social Services Department and the six local authorities in the West are working with the Health Board to have a resolution to the needs to support children with specific needs. He highlighted that not all children on the waiting list needs referral to the Neurodiverse and Autism Service as schools refer children directly to the Social Services Department as they do not have another avenue to address the problems children may experience. He noted that innovative work is currently undertaken regionally to bring down the waiting list.
- Reference was made to the Dementia Services and questions were raised whether there are adequate Community Psychiatric Nurses (CPN) on Anglesey to support patients and families. Mr Tom Regan - Mental Health Team – Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board responded that there is capacity of CPNs on Anglesey compared to Gwynedd as additional funding was received toward Intensive Assistant Team. He noted that it has taken time to integrate the system within the Community Mental Health Team on Anglesey to assist patients.
- Reference was made that there is a new Government in the Senedd in Cardiff and questions were raised as whether it has given Health Board confidence that the Board will see improvements. Further questions were raised as to what Welsh Government should do to strengthen the relationship between the Health Board and local authorities. Mr Edwards responded that Welsh Government have said that Health is a priority and wish to see an improvement to services provided to patients. He noted that during discussion with the Ministers in Welsh Government he has emphasised that Health and Wellbeing should be viewed through a wider perspective across the spectrum with partner organisations rather than focusing on figures and data. He considered that joint funding with

local authorities should be undertaken rather than separate services afforded by the Health Board and local government. Further questions were raised as to whether the Council supports the joint funding of health and care. The Chief Executive responded that the statutory responsibilities of every organisation should be fully funded as there are additional pressures been placed on organisations without adequate funding. He considered that responsibility and accountability is weakened with joint funding and this authority is working across the region in several areas at present.

- Questions were raised as to how the Health Board ensures that patients who wish to receive services and communicate through the Welsh language. Mr Edwards responded that the Health Board is committed to the Welsh Language Act 1993 and the Board has an ambition to promote the use of the Welsh language within the daily services afforded to patients. An Annual Report is presented to the Health Board meeting which highlights the number of patients wishing to receive services through the medium of Welsh. He noted that there is a need to support and encourage staff to speak Welsh with patients and families.
- Questions were raised whether the Health Board has plans in place to tackle the parking issues at Ysbyty Gwynedd. Mr Paul Andrew responded that a parking strategy has been undertaken by the Director of Facilities regarding parking issues in all the Health Board hospitals. He noted that additional bus services have been afforded to come to Ysbyty Gwynedd following the publication of the parking strategy and staff are encourage to car share. Further suggestions were made that patients could receive a QR code with their appointments letter to use public transport to the hospitals. The Chief Executive said that there are parking options off-site that needs to be considered with the park and ride facilities in Gaerwen and Llanfairpwll; people's perception needs to change to not be solely dependent on cars. The Chief Executive suggested that Transport for Wales Partnership Group could assist the Health Board in tackling the parking issues. The Portfolio Member for Children's and Families referred to a meeting with the Deputy Minister for Transport with the Aethwy Members and the Leader of the Council and Officers recently with regards to the resilience of the bridges across the Menai Straits and the use of public transport and the impact it can have on services such as parking issues at Ysbyty Gwynedd. He noted that there are challenges with some people using the Ysbyty Gwynedd car parks as a park and ride facility and leaving their cars there all day. The building of multi-storey parking facility on the site could be an option but the cost implications and the impact on the parking provision during construction would be immense. He further said that Welsh Health Board are unable to charge for parking which is similar in England.
- Reference was made that it has recently reported in the press that the Health Board has loss a third of their Leadership Team with 4 Senior Management Staff leaving their posts whilst Audit Wales has reported last year that there has been stability within the Board. Questions were raised whether there is stability in the management of the Health Board as the patients report that they have not witness any changes to the services. Mr Dyfed Edwards responded that Audit Wales had reported that there was stability within the Health Board and mainly within the Boards Membership and the Independent Members. He agreed that there are significant gaps within the Leadership Team and there are recruitment issues that needs to be addressed as salaries are higher in England and senior staff seems to only stay for a short period in the Health Boards in Wales. He

noted that there is a need to create a Health Board that staff can progress within their careers and people who are local to the area are more likely to stay longer within their posts in the Health Board. The Portfolio Member for Children and Families said that the People and Culture Board within the Health Board are considering issues of recruitment and succession planning.

- Questions were raised whether there is an issue with the recruitment of District Nurses. Mr Paul Andrew responded that the Head of Nursing is responsible for District Nurses and it has been reported that there have been significant challenges due to sickness and maternity leave. He noted that training of staff is currently taking place within the District Nurses Team and a development Matron will be working closely with the team. The workplace Dashboard has improved the sharing of information and working collaboratively with the Community Resilience Team is welcomed. Further questions were raised whether there is pressure been put on other services if staff must cover for the lack of District Nurses attending to patients. Mr. Paul Andrew responded that there are challenging in moving staff to different roles especially during the weekends but patients' needs to be addressed and staff are sent to carry out different roles.
- Questions were raised whether 24-hour care in A+E has been regarded as the norm as there are reports of people having to be in Ambulances outside the A+E department and patients sitting in A+E for hours. Mr Dyfed Edwards responded that patients are having to wait longer in the A+E department than 2/3 years ago. He noted that people seem to be using A+E as a drop-in facility for all ailments rather than attending their GP surgeries. Mr Paul Andrew said that people are under the perspective that the A+E department is a 24-hour service and there is a need to change that expectation and to prevent it to be normalised. He said that it is unacceptable that patients have to be in Ambulances for hours outside the A+E department and significant work is currently undertaken by the Health Board to address the issues of communication and education of people that there are other facilities available to them to be seen with general ailments rather than attending the A+E department. Welsh Government has indicated that they wish to see the Health Board affording additional community services which is challenging when the Health Board has a £43m deficit.
- Reference was made that it was pleasing to hear that the waiting times of Ambulances awaiting outside A+E departments has improved. Questions were raised as to what the Health Board has achieved to improve the situation and how does Ysbyty Gwynedd transfer times compare with the other two hospitals in North Wales and how does the Health Board compare with other hospitals in Wales. Mr Paul Andrew responded that the peak of patients has not increased as was expected and accountability meetings are undertaken with the Emergency Care Team who are responsible for A+E departments to improve the system within these departments. He noted that challenges of transfer of patients in other hospitals differ at certain periods and it is difficult to compare due to the location of hospitals. He further said that the Ambulance Services has a timeframe of 45 minutes handover of patients nationally. It was noted that the statistics for patient transfers is included on Welsh Government website.
- Further questions were raised whether there is evidence that people from England are attending A+E departments in North Wales. Mr Dyfed Edwards responded that he would investigate any evidence of people crossing the border from England to A+E departments in North Wales. He noted that A+E departments across the border is also facing challenges with people having to

wait hours in these departments for treatment. Comments were made that there are examples of people, whilst on holiday, having to attend the A+E department in Ysbyty Gwynedd and been call-back to Bangor for further treatment. It was considered that these patients should be transferred to their own hospital for further treatment rather than having local people having to wait on the waiting list longer than expected. Mr Paul Andrew said that currently 12 patients from over the border currently in-patients at Ysbyty Gwynedd and efforts are made to move them back to their local hospitals.

- Questions were raised as to the timeframe for works to be completed at the Penrhos Stanley Hospital in Holyhead and whether the hospital in Holyhead could be utilised to alleviate the problems within the A+E department in Ysbyty Gwynedd. Mr Paul Andrew responded that works at Penrhos Stanley Hospital has now been completed. He noted that a Pharmacy Robot is to be installed at the hospital to give the opportunity for patients to collect their prescriptions. He noted that innovative work is undertaken at the hospital with Bangor University staff working regularly from the site. The Chief Executive considered that there is a need for an awareness raising campaign to inform people as to the services provided in Penrhos Stanley Hospital and to alleviate the pressure in the A+E department in Ysbyty Gwynedd.
- Questions were raised as to whether there is an update on the proposed Medical Centre in Holyhead. Mr Dyfed Edwards responded that the Health Board is eager to develop such a Medical Hub in Holyhead but there is ongoing discussion with different agencies and the Council. He noted that he would correspond with the Members when details are available. The Chief Executive said that there are concerns as to the lack of progress in the development of a Medical Centre in Holyhead which is urgently needed. He noted that the Authority is eager to collaborate with the Health Board for such a facility in Holyhead. He suggested that a planning application needs to be submitted and that thereafter capital funding can be sought when the opportunity is available.
- Questions were raised as to how the Health Board collates customer satisfaction figures and whether it is collated through GP surgeries and if they are consistent questions asked within the surgeries. Mr Paul Andrew responded that there are consistencies as to how customer satisfaction data is recorded by the Health Board and information of how it is collated and reported can be shared with the Members of the Council.
- Reference was made to 13 reported cases of 'never events' undertaken across the Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board over the last 12 months. Questions were raised whether the data was available of the 'never events' which occurred in Ysbyty Gwynedd and whether it is higher in the Health Board than other Health Boards. Mr Dyfed Edwards said that he did not have such details of such occurrences, history, background and analysis of each case and he would share the information with the Members in due course.
- Questions were raised whether opening the Cottage Hospitals would alleviate the pressure on Ysbyty Gwynedd. Mr Edwards responded that capacity in the community is important in treating patients but with so many patients awaiting to be discharged from hospital it creates problems and the flow of patients in and out of hospital is creating the problems within A+E departments in every hospital. He referred to the Môn Enhancement Care Team (MEC Team) on Anglesey who treat people with the home environment which is similar to the provision that Cottage Hospitals provided over the years. Mr Paul Andrew said that over the

last 6 to 8 months work has been undertaken with external care providers who work across the Health Board together with the 6 local authorities and have advised that there is over prescribing of the patients' pathway. Clear intervention is required is to get patients out of the hospital environment early as possible due to infection risk and mobility issues if in hospital for a long period.

- Questions were raised whether the Health Board charges for treatment of visitors from abroad. Mr Paul Andrew responded that charges for treatment of visitors from abroad is undertaken by the finance department of the Health Board.
- Reference was made that there has been an increase in the numbers of people with Mental Health illnesses and some incidents of suicide. Questions were raised as to whether there is an increase on Anglesey of suicide incidents. Mr Tom Regan responded that a thematic review is currently undertaken of the suicide incidents last year. The previous years review across Wales noted that the suicide trends were among middle aged men and work is currently ongoing to review the trend of these suicides. He noted that there are people who are not known/registered to mental health services who are suffering from mental health and potential suicides. A protocol is currently being undertaken by Regional Co-ordinator for suicides. He referred to the 111+2 service, established 3 years ago, which is available for people with mental health problems.
- Reference was made to the Medical School at Bangor University and there is now a campaign for a Dental School. Questions were raised as the possibilities of having a Dental School in the area. Mr Dyfed Edwards responded that the Medical School at Bangor University has been a success and there is good collaboration with placements from the Medical School into the hospitals. He expressed that there is a need to support the students to consider different areas of expertise within the Health Board i.e. GP's, Surgeons etc. However, people's expectations of work life balance have changed with staff wishing to work part-time employment. He noted that he hoped that a Dental School will come to the area.
- Questions were raised as to whose responsibility, accountability and funding is for the Dashboard. The Head of Adults' Services responded that the Council and the Health Board share accountability for the Dashboard and a meeting is held every Wednesday afternoon to review the cases. Some additional assistance may be needed by other services within the Council i.e. Housing Services. The funding of the services through the Dashboard varies as to whom that responsibility is for a specific case. Mr Paul Andrew said that there is a data shared agreement between the Health Board and the Authority to ensure better services for the residents.

It was RESOLVED to accept the presentation by the representatives from the Health Board.

4 COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME - 2026/2027

The report of the Scrutiny Officer 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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Strategic Partnership – North Wales Fire and Rescue Service



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North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

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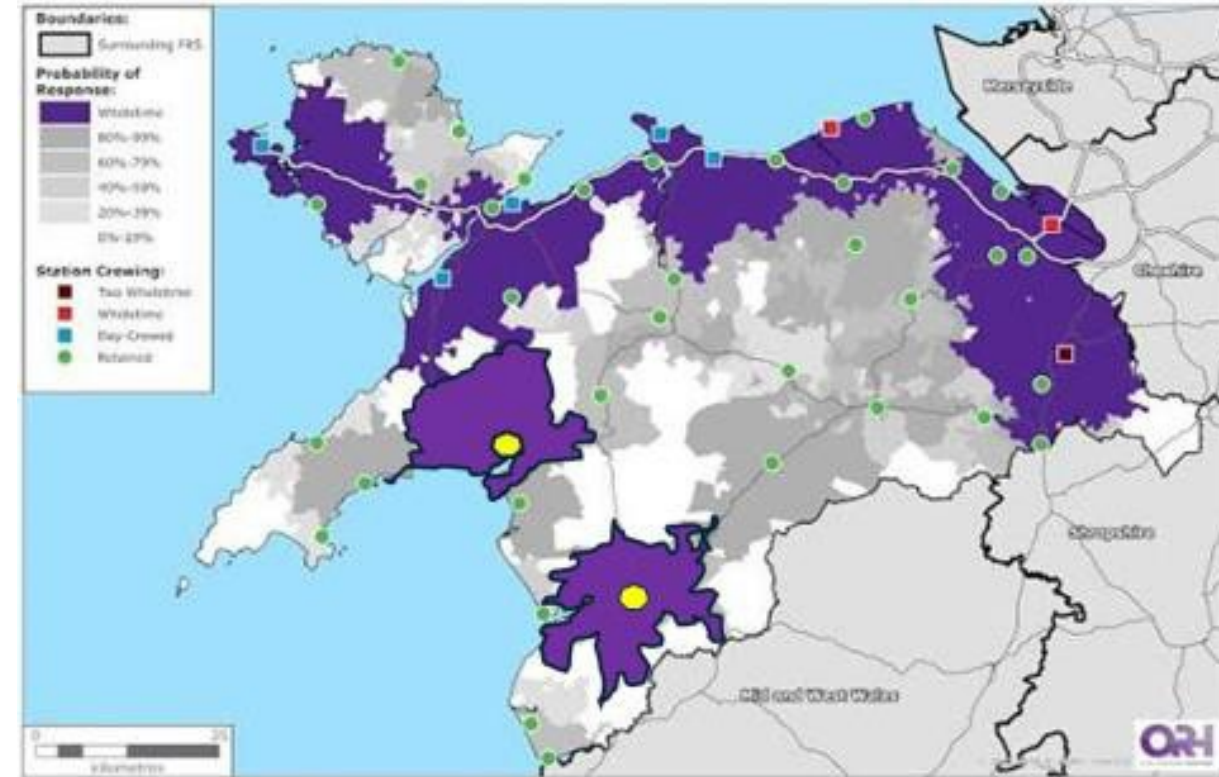
44 o orsafoedd:

- 3 Gorsafoedd ddyletswydd 24 awr: Wrecsam, Glannau Dyfrdwy a Rhyl
- 5 Gorsafoedd criwiau dydd: Bae Colwyn, Llandudno, Bangor, Caernarfon a Caergybi
- 36 gorsaf ar alwad
- 2 griw Nucleus: Dolgellau a Phorthmadog
- 2 Gwylfa o ddiffoddwyr tân system ddyletswydd wledig llawn amser

Current Response Model:

44 Stations in total:

- 3 Twenty four hour duty stations: Wrexham, Deeside & Rhyl
- 5 Day crewed stations: Colwyn Bay, Llandudno, Bangor, Caernarfon & Holyhead
- 36 On-call, retained duty system stations
- 2 Nucleus Crews: Dolgellau and Porthmadog
- 2 Watches of Wholetime duty system rural firefighters



Tebygolrwydd cyfartalog y bydd lleoliad yn cael ymateb yn ystod y dydd o fewn 20 munud ar ôl rheoli ymyrraeth
Average probability of a location receiving a daytime response within 20 minutes after intervention management

Ein Hargaeledd – Ynys Môn

Our Availability - Anglesey



Ynys Môn: Argaeledd yn sefydlogi, a'r gweithlu wrth gefn yn tyfu



- ✓ Newidiadau llawer llai yn argaeledd yr offer tân yn ystod 2026 nag a welwyd yn 2025



- ✓ Mae nifer y diffoddwyr tân wrth gefn wedi cynyddu o 71 i 82 ers mis Ebrill 2026



- ✓ Cynnydd o **15.5%** yn nifer y staff a **11.7%** mewn cyfwerth ag amser llawn (CALI)



- ✓ **40** o ymgeiswyr ychwanegol ar hyn o bryd yn symud ymlaen drwy'r broses recriwtio ar wahanol gamau



Anglesey : Availability stabilising, and On-Call workforce growing



- ✓ Much smaller changes in appliance availability during 2026, than seen in 2025



- ✓ Staffing increased from 71 to 82 on-call firefighters since April 2026



- ✓ **15.5%** increase in headcount and **11.7%** increase in FTE



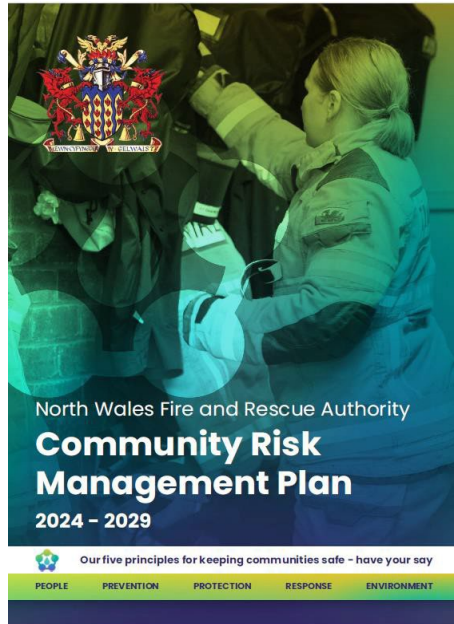
- ✓ An Additional **40** applicants currently progressing through recruitment processes (at various stages)

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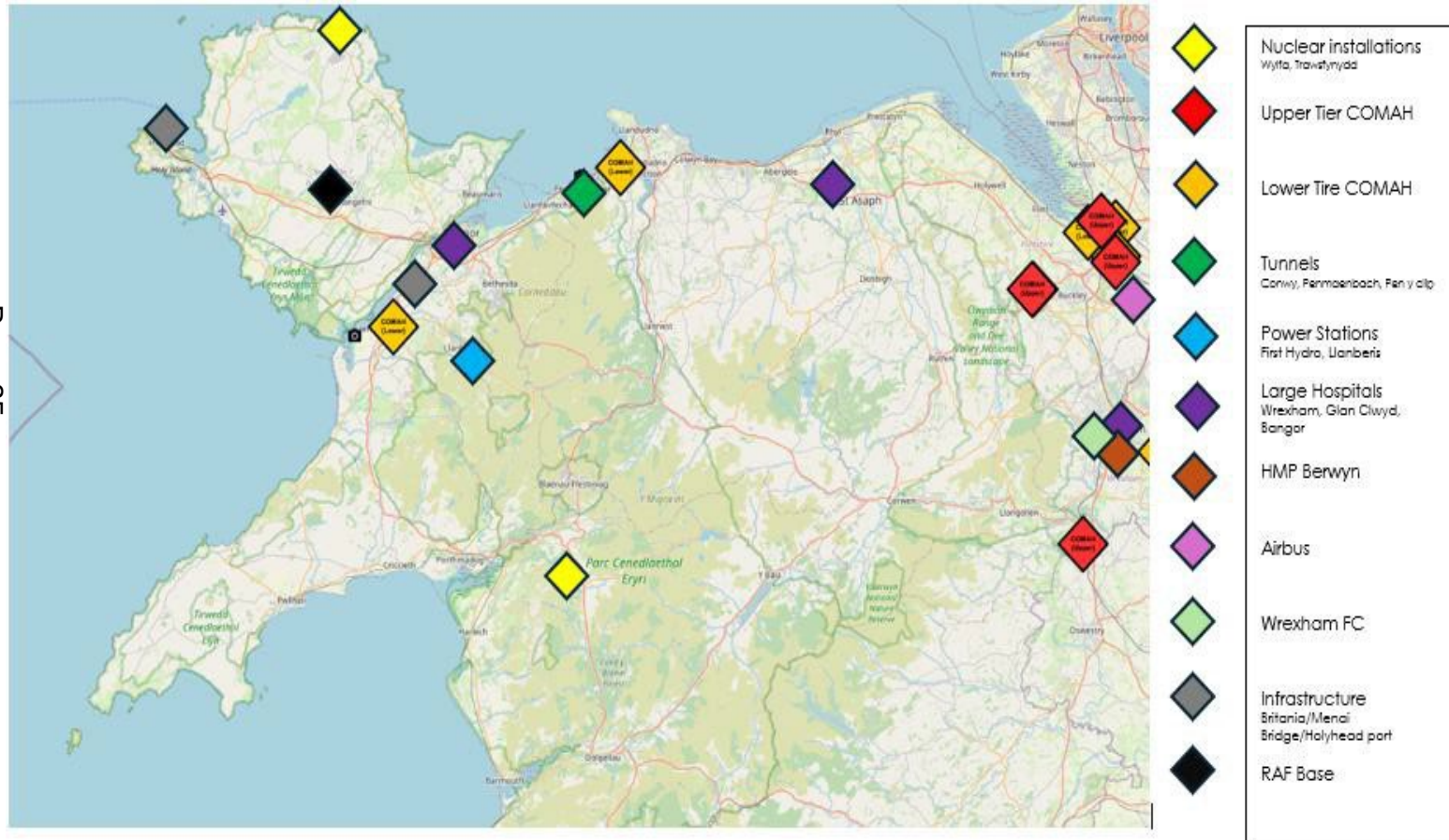
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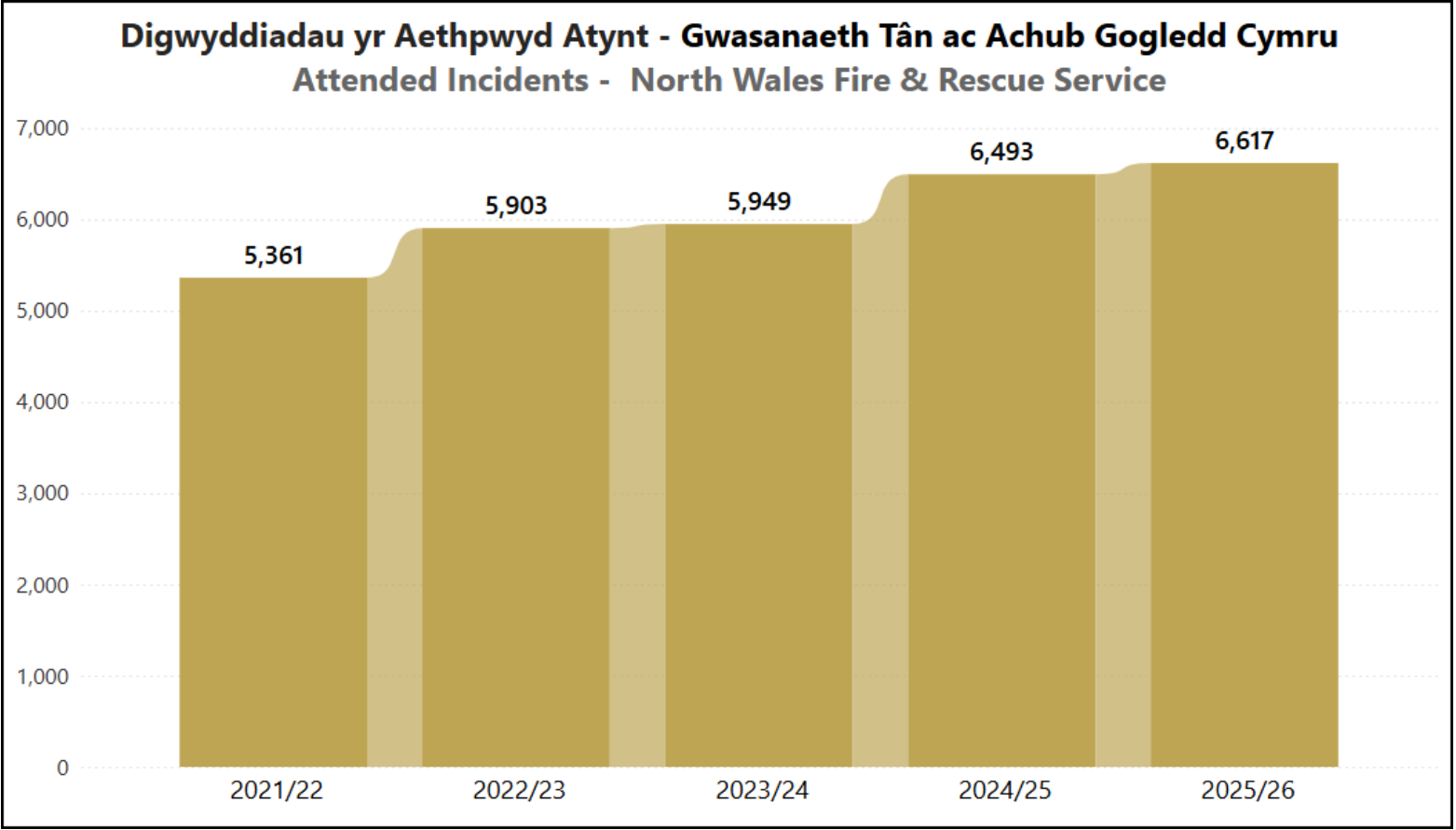
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Locations of the high-risk sites within the NWFRS area



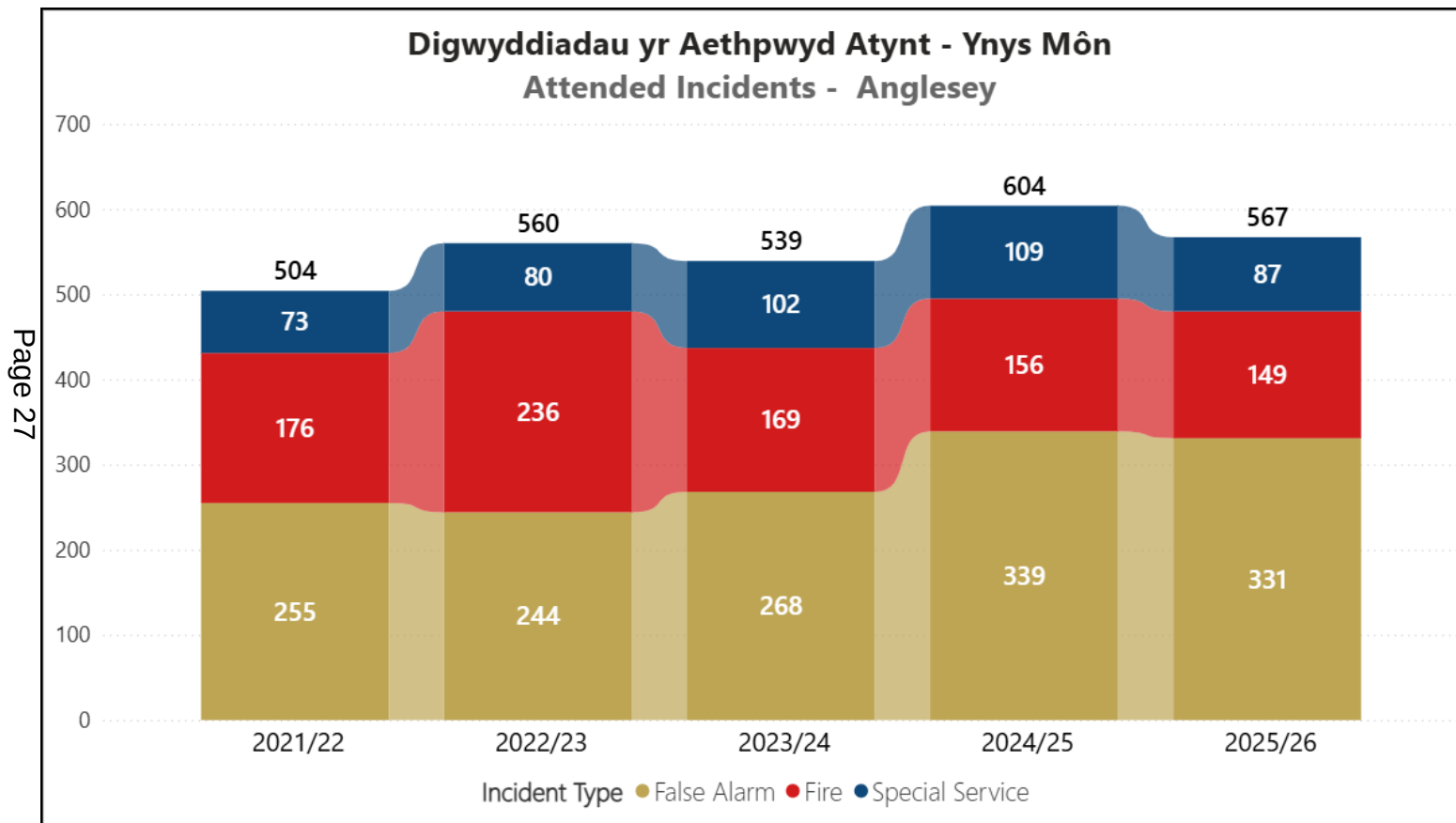
Ein Digwyddiadau

Our Incidents



Digwyddiadau Ynys Môn

Anglesey Incidents



Nifer o ddigwyddiadau ar gyfartaledd 5 mlynedd: Ynys Môn

- Holl danau: 177
- Galwadau Diangen: 287
- Gwasanaeth Arbennig: 90
- Cyfanswm Digwyddiadau: 555

Anglesey: 5 Year Average Incident Demand

- All Fires: 177
- Final Class False Alarm: 287
- Special Service: 90
- Total Incidents: 555

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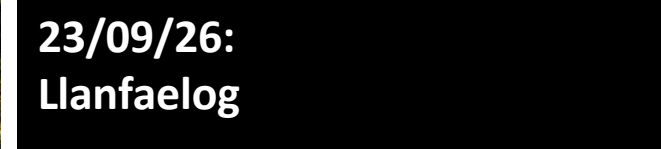
06/06/23:
Gaerwen Arms, Gaerwen



22/08/25:
Mynydd bodafon



17/07/26:
Ty Felin, Holyhead



23/09/26:
Llanfaelog



17/12/23 :
Shirehall, Llangefni



06/03/26:
**Pwll y Gynau Isaf,
Llanerchymedd**



11/01/26:
Elim/Peugeot, Llangefni



06/08/25:
Pen Cefn, Rhosmeirch





Digwyddiadau Tanau Gwyllt dros ardal GTAGC

Wildfire Incidents over NWFRS's area

Bu'r 40 digwyddiad tân gwyllt a fynychwyd yn ystod 2025/26:

🕒 Bu'r digwyddiadau tanau gwyllt yn weithredol am gyfanswm o 935 awr.

🚒 332 nifer y cerbydau a anfonwyd i danau gwyllt.

👤 1,416 nifer o ddiffoddwyr tân a anfonwyd i ddigwyddiadau tanau gwyllt

The 40 wildfire incidents attended during 2025/26:

🕒 The wildfire incidents were active for a combined total of 935 hours.

🚒 332 Vehicle mobilisations to Wildfires.

👤 1,416 firefighter deployments to wildfire incidents.



Dim Tannau Yn Unig

More Than Just Fires

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Risgiau Technoleg sy'n Dod i'r Amlwg

Emerging Technology and Climate Risks



Llifogydd: Mae gaeafau gwlypach a stormydd dwysach yn cynyddu'r risg o lifogydd.

Flooding: Wetter winters and more intense storms raise flood risk.

Poethder eithafol: Gallai hafau poethach a sychach wneud tonnau gwres ar lefel 2018 yn debygol bob yn ail flwyddyn erbyn 2050.

Extreme Heat & Drought: Hotter, drier summers could make 2018-level heatwaves likely every other year by 2050.

Lefel môr yn codi: Bydd lefelau'r môr sy'n codi yn gwaethygu erydiad ac yn bygwth cymunedau ac isadeiledd arfordirol, gan gynnwys yr A55.

Sea-Level Rise: Rising seas will worsen erosion and threaten coastal communities and infrastructure, including the A55.

Stormydd a Gwyntoedd cryf: Mae mwy o stormydd ag enwau yn cynyddu'r risgiau i adeiladau, seilwaith a thrafnidiaeth.

Storms & High Winds: More named storms increase risks to buildings, infrastructure and transport.



Diogelwch tân

Fire Safety



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Keeping People Safe in Their Homes in Anglesey



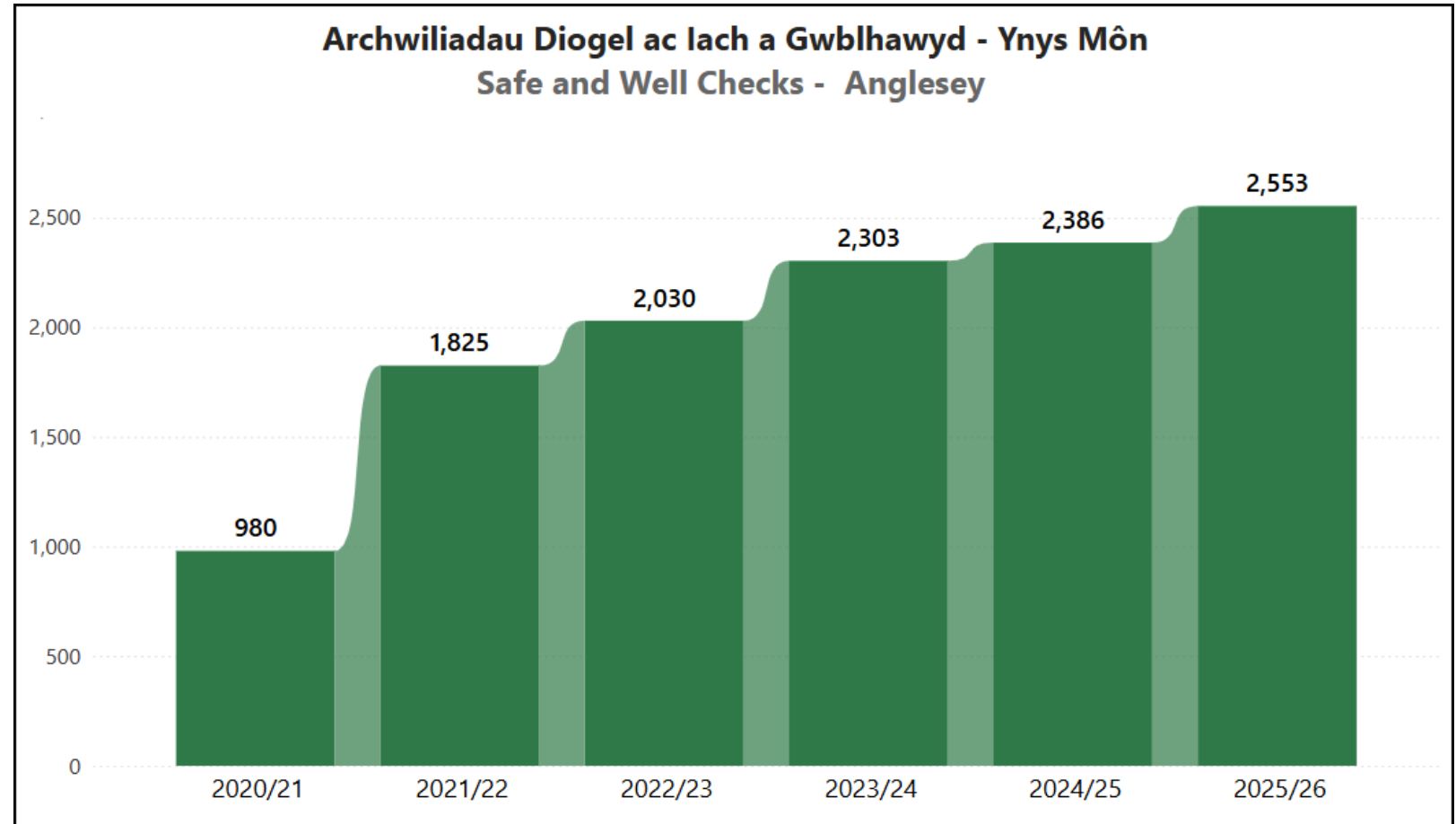
Cynnydd o 7.0% rhwng
24/25 a 25/26

Cynnydd o 161% dros y 5
mlynedd diwethaf

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Increase of 7.0% between
24/25 and 25/26

Increase of 161% over the
last 5 years





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Fire and Rescue Service

Partneriaeth cryfach
Gweithlu sy'n barod i'r dyfodol
Cymunedau mwy diogel
Stronger partnerships
Future-ready workforce
Safer communities

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Ased strategol i Ogledd Cymru
A strategic asset for North Wales



Aliniad Strategol

Cefnogi blaenoriaethau cenedlaethol, rhanbarthol a gwasanaeth cyhoeddus



Diogelwch y Cyhoedd a Gwydnwch

- Paratoi ar gyfer risgiau sy'n dod i'r amlwg
- Cryfhau diogelwch cymunedol
- Gwellu parodrwydd amlasiantaethol



Hinsawdd a Chynalladwyedd

- Hyfforddi ar gyfer digwyddiadau sy'n gysylltiedig â'r hinsawdd
- Dyluniad ynni sero net
- Lleihau effaith amgylcheddol



Y Gwellthlu a Llesiant

- Cyfleusterau modern a chynhwysol
- Cefnogi iechyd a lles diffoddwyr tân
- Gwellu recriwtio a chadw staff



Gwerth am Fuddsoddlad Cyhoeddus

- Ased seilwaith hirdymor
- Arbedion blynyddol o £300,000
- Buddsoddiad yn GTAGC

Strategic Alignment

Supporting national, regional and public-service priorities



Public Safety & Resilience

- Prepare for emerging risks
- Strengthen community protection
- Enhance multi-agency readiness



Climate & Sustainability

- Train for climate incidents
- Net Zero energy design
- Reduce environmental impact



Workforce & Wellbeing

- Modern, inclusive facilities
- Support firefighter health
- Improve recruitment & retention



Value for Public Investment

- Long-term infrastructure asset
- £300k annual savings
- NWERS investment

Trosolwg Ariannol GTAGC 2025-26

NWFRS Financial Overview 2025-26



2025/26 Financial Outturn (£'000)

£52,389

Total contributions

£121

Reported surplus

£51,788

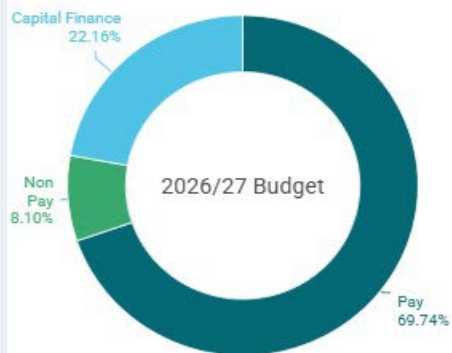
Total levy

£5,008

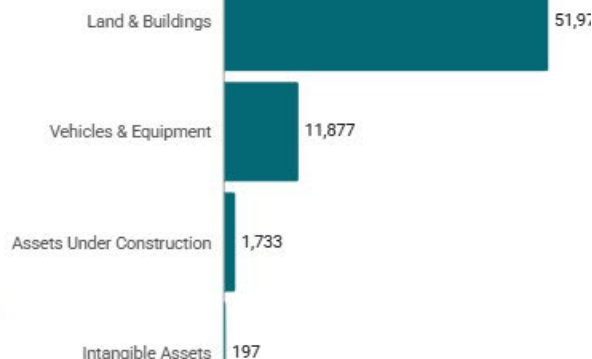
Capital Expenditure

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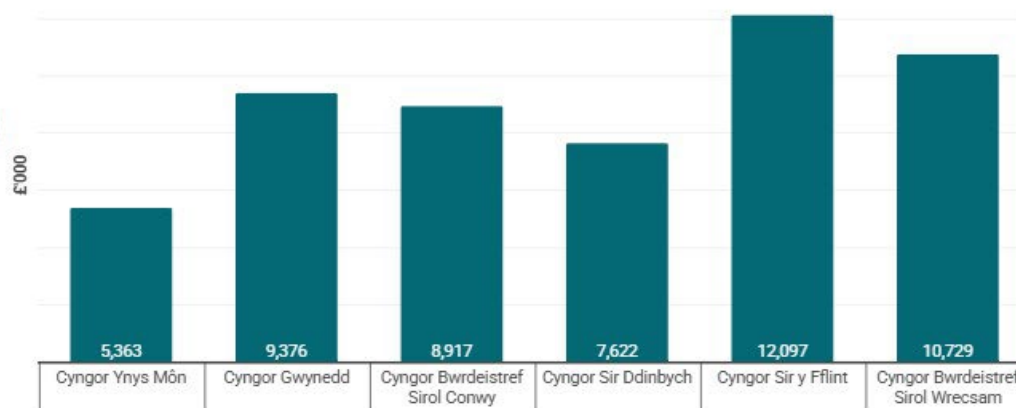
Capital Grant and Contributions



Property Plant and Equipment Value at 31 March 2026 (£'000)



Fire Service Levy Contributions by North Wales Local Authorities (2026/27)



Cost y GTAGC fesul person yr wythnos yn 2025/26 oedd £1.44.

NWFRS cost per person per week in 2025/26 was £1.44



£75

Cost per person in North Wales to cover the fire service levy for 2025/26

28 Days

Average days to pay invoices during 2025/26

7,067

Number of invoices paid during 2025/26

19,374

Safe and well checks completed during 2025/26



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Fire and Rescue Service

Gweithio gyda'n gilydd i ddiogelu ein cymuned
Working together to protect our community

Cwestiynau? **Questions?**

03/2026

Isle of Anglesey County Council Scrutiny Report

Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	13/10/2026
Subject:	Community Safety Partnership – Annual Report
Scrutiny Chair:	Councillor Sonia Williams

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

Portfolio Holder	Role
Councillor Carwyn Elias Jones	Portfolio holder for Community Safety
Service Officer (Supporting)	Role
Daron Owens	Senior Executive Officer
Rhys Hughes	Deputy Chief Executive

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

The Community Safety Partnership is required to formally report to this committee each year to present an overview of activities.

3. Role of the Scrutiny Committee and recommendations

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

Recommendation(s):
 To note the contents of the report and attached documents, and state whether the Scrutiny Committee supports the priorities and future direction of the work.

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

Delivering healthier, safer and fairer communities through a range of preventative, curative and supportive services in partnership with other like-minded stakeholders.

5. Key scrutiny themes

Key themes the Scrutiny Committee should concentrate on:

1. Measuring the Partnership's priorities, (based on a local needs assessment process) and identification of any emerging or additional local needs

2. Assessing the effectiveness and efficiency of the statutory partnership in accordance with the expectations of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.
3. Evaluating the impact of the action plan against the priority areas for the benefit of Anglesey's communities.

6. Key points / summary

BACKGROUND:

1. This report covers the Partnership's activities over the past 12 months since we last presented to the Scrutiny Panel in October 2025.
2. There is a statutory duty on Local Authorities in accordance with the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 to work in partnership with the Police, the Health service, the Probation Service and the Fire and Rescue Service. These are the main agencies that make up the Community Safety Partnership. There are also additional partners such as the Area Planning Board (substance misuse), Education, Youth Justice and Community Cohesion.
3. As a statutory member of the Partnership, it is important that IOACC is appropriately represented. This is achieved by the presence of the current local member with Community Safety Portfolio, Carwyn Elias Jones, and the officers with responsibility for the work, Rhys Hughes (Deputy Chief Executive) and Ned Michael (Head of Housing).
4. **Community safety partnerships were originally called crime and disorder partnerships, and although the name has been changed, the areas or responsibility have not, and they remain – crime and disorder, substance misuse and reducing reoffending.**
 - -Under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004, CSPs also have a statutory duty to establish Domestic Homicide Reviews. These are a review of the circumstances in which the death of a person aged 16 or over has, or appears to have, resulted from violence, abuse or neglect by— (a) a person to whom he was related or with whom he was or had been in an intimate personal relationship, or (b) a member of the same household as himself, held with a view to identifying the lessons to be learnt from the death. In Wales, from 1 October 2024, this statutory duty is fulfilled through the Single Unified Safeguarding Review (SUSR), which incorporates DHRs within the single review process now used for all safeguarding reviews in Wales.
 - -Following recent amendments to the Crime and Disorder Act as a result of the new Serious Violence Duty, we also have a responsibility to prevent and reduce serious violence.
5. Quarterly meetings are always well attended. Partners and Local Members who attend the meetings contribute positively. Quarterly data on crime figures and delivery plan updates are shared at every meeting. Every responsible member contributes financially

towards a Partnership Analyst, so that regular data can be supplied to support evidence-based decisions.

6. Working between partners is fundamental to community safety. The main reason for the introduction of CSP's back in 1998, was to ensure that crime and disorder was seen as **'everybody's problem'** and not the realm of the Police alone.
7. We do not commission any projects or services directly (only the DHRs) **as we have no funding allocated to Community Safety on a permanent basis. Funding for specific projects is reliant on grant opportunities and are only available by applying for them.**

THE PARTNERSHIP'S PRIORITIES/DOCUMENTS FOR SCRUTINY:

The partnership works to an annual plan. Attached is the 2026-28 plan, which is based on the priorities within the **regional** Safer North Wales Board's Strategy:

- Preventing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Tackling Serious Violence
- Tackling Serious Organised Crime
- Protecting and building resilient communities and maintaining public safety

WORK COMPLETED SO FAR DURING 2025/26:

1. The annual plan was developed in accordance with the regional Safer North Wales Board's priorities. The 2026-28 plan (attached) sets out the activity the Partnership would achieve during this financial year.
2. Crime figures were shared on a quarterly basis through a performance report prepared by the Police Analyst, so that any trends and additional activity needed could be discussed.
3. As stated above, we have a statutory duty under the Domestic Violence, Crime and Victims Act 2004 to establish Domestic Homicide Reviews. Sadly, during 2025/26 we received 2 referrals for new reviews. Under the new Single Unified Safeguarding Review (SUSR) Process, the CSP collaborates with the Regional Safeguarding Board with our DHR duties.
4. A summary of the work completed this year:
 - a) Ongoing delivery of the annual Community Safety plan and quarterly reporting to the regional Safer North Wales Partnership Board.
 - b) The North Wales Serious Violence Strategy was published in January 2024, in response to the National Serious Violence Duty. The Duty requires specified authorities to work together to prevent and reduce serious violence in the area. We have been involved in the regional strategy work throughout.

- c) As part of the regional Serious Violence Strategy, the Partnership was awarded £77,500 for preventative projects in our region. This year, six different projects are being undertaken. In Anglesey this includes:
- ‘Don’t Steal My Future’ sessions held in schools by RASASC Wales (Rape and Sexual Abuse Support Centre). This is an educational campaign, raising awareness of the widespread prevalence of sexual violence in society, and most importantly, how we can begin to change attitudes and behaviors.
 - Action for Children - A three-strand CCE programme combining targeted youth sessions, a lived-experience assembly, and staff upskilling to help at-risk young people make safer choices and stay engaged in education. Staff development will be supported through accessible drop-in information sessions, enabling professionals to better identify and respond to exploitation. supports at-risk youth with knowledge, skills, and trusted networks to make safer choices and stay engaged in education. Sessions explore healthy relationships, peer pressure, and safety planning using a trauma-informed, youth-led approach. Assemblies raise awareness and promote peer support.
 - Môn Actif - Delivering a targeted Youth Access Programme for vulnerable 11–17s on Anglesey, alongside primary-age support, to help schools prevent serious violence and expand year-round youth provision with Youth Packages. Early intervention and primary prevention for young people identified as at risk of involvement in anti-social behaviour, exploitation, or violence. The initial pilot supported 60 young people aged 11–17 with funded “Youth Packages” valued at £190 each, providing access to: Fitness classes, Gym facilities, Swimming Pools, Structured leisure provision. Referrals were received from a wide network - Schools, Youth Services, Youth Justice, Health services, Third sector organisations, Parents/carers.
 - Children and Family Services, Mon - Deliver a targeted prevention and early-intervention programme to reduce the risks and impact of exploitation and grooming affecting children, young people and adults (including care leavers). The programme will provide awareness-raising, education, training for professionals, sessions for parents and carers, and direct work with young people, alongside targeted mentoring delivered by a practitioner with lived experience to build resilience and reduce vulnerability.
 - Using last year's funding, an awareness campaign was developed earlier in the year, regarding the sale of illegal vapes and the exploitation of children, to increase reporting and information sharing.
- d) The Partnership supported the multi-agency *‘Be smart, don’t start’* event held at Holyhead High School in February. Approximately 250 young people aged between 13 and 16 took part in interactive workshops and open discussions about ketamine and its potential consequences, in an engaging and safe environment.
- e) We have continued to be active members of the Council’s Corporate Safeguarding Board and have worked closely with the Service Manager for Safeguarding and Quality Assurance on safeguarding matters such as Prevent, Domestic Violence and Serious Organised Crime.
- f) We have continued to work closely with the Regional Lead for Suicide and Self-harm within the Health Service. There is significant work being undertaken

regionally, for example delivering on the new Welsh Government Strategy, responding to locations of concern and raising awareness of the support available. A local strategy for Anglesey was developed based on the priorities of the new National Strategy.

- g) Following discussions with Welsh Women's Aid regarding support for Deaf survivors of domestic abuse, the Partnership arranged British Sign Language (BSL) training through Llandrillo College for staff and our local domestic abuse organisations. Feedback will be gathered from attendees to understand the impact of the training and any further requirements, and additional sessions will be arranged based on the needs identified.
- h) 'Bystander Intervention' training for Council staff was arranged for October 2026. This is a Welsh Government programme aimed at equipping Council staff with the skills and confidence to intervene safely in potentially harmful situations, such as sexual harassment. This could involve a stranger, a colleague, or a friend. This forms part of the activities for White Ribbon Day.
- i) Also as part of preparations for White Ribbon Day, the Partnership has collaborated with Wrexham Council to develop a North Wales Women's Night Safety Charter. This is an initiative to enable night-time economy businesses to prioritise women's safety. The Charter is due to be launched locally during the White Ribbon Day events in November.

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: The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on any of the protected groups.

7.2 Possible impacts on groups protected under the Equality Act 2010

The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on any of the protected groups.

7.3 Possible impacts on those experiencing socio-economic disadvantage

The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on anyone experiencing socio-economic disadvantage in their lives.

7.4 Potential impacts on opportunities to use Welsh and not treating the language less favourably than English (strategic decisions)

The annual report does not contain reference to any developments, which are deemed to have an unfavorable impact on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and treating the Welsh language no less favorably than the English language.

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

None / not applicable

8. Financial implications

The report does not identify any specific financial implications for the Local Authority.

9. Appendices

1. 2026-28 Community Safety Plan

10. Report author and background papers

Daron Owens – Senior Executive Officer



Gwynedd and Anglesey Community Safety Partnership Annual Plan 2026-28

Background

The Community Safety Partnership is a group of organisations that collaborate to consider how best to address crime and disorder. The requirement to have such a partnership in place on a local level is part of the law, under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. Several organisations have a part to play within the partnership, including the local authority, the police, the probation service, the fire and rescue service and the health board.

We have responsibilities under the 1998 Act for a number of areas, including – reducing crime and disorder, reducing re-offending, substance misuse and anti-social behaviour. In addition, we have a duty to commission Domestic Homicide reviews under certain circumstances.

Our plan will deliver against the priorities within the Safer North Wales Strategy 2025-28, namely:

1. Preventing crime and anti-social behaviour
2. Tackling violent crime
3. Tackling serious organised crime
4. Protecting and building resilient communities and maintaining public safety

2026-28 Programme of work

Strategic Priority 1: Preventing Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour						
No.	Actions	Output	Outcome	Responsibility	Timescale	Strategic Priority
1	Targeting problem ASB areas: through our powers within the ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014 – through enforcement of the current PSPOs and undertaking ASB Case Reviews Multi-agency problem solving approaches to any issues as they arise Implementation and ongoing monitoring of the extended Bangor Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) Accessing targeted funding i.e. for additional CCTV/improved lighting	Monitoring of enforcement to understand impact of PSPOs Hotspot areas identified through Police data and any concerns brought to our attention Consultation with the public and relevant partners Evidence led bids submitted when opportunities arise	Specific ASB problems targeted Victims put at the heart of responses to persistent ASB Reduction in ASB	CSP / Police / relevant bodies of ASB 2014 Act	Throughout 2026/28	Priority 1.1 and 4 of the Safer North Wales Strategy
	Provide CSP-led co-ordination and thematic consistency for the delivery of the Crucial Crew multi-agency safety programme across Gwynedd and Anglesey secondary schools	Partner agreement reached; consistent programme developed; delivery across participating secondary schools	Increased awareness and resilience among young people; reduced risk-taking behaviours; earlier prevention of ASB, exploitation and harm	CSP / Partner agencies		Priority 1.1 of the Safer North Wales Strategy
2	Delivery of the new North Wales Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2025-28 which has the following aims: - Promotion of a safe and sensible approach to alcohol consumption - Protection of families and wider communities from adverse impacts of alcohol - Reducing the impact of alcohol related harms - Producing robust working relationships and referral pathways between service providers	Refreshed Strategy published June 2025 Delivery Group to meet quarterly	Safer and healthier relationship with alcohol encouraged through a collaborative, partnership-based approach Harmful impacts of alcohol consumption reduced across North Wales Public health improved	Regional Preventing and Reducing Harm Forum / APB	Throughout 2026/28	Priority 1.3 Safer North Wales Strategy Welsh Government Substance Misuse Delivery Plan

3	North Wales Fire and Rescue Service (NWFRS) will continue to present the Phoenix youth referral programme to address ASB / behavioural problems / low self esteem	Continue to present the intervention programme in the region Young People given the opportunity to learn new skills, interact as part of a team and discover talents	Young people educated about the importance of fire safety and the consequences of deliberate fires and hoax calls Increased confidence and interpersonal skills for young people A reduction in fires/ASB A reduction in the number of repeat offenders	NWFRS	Throughout 2026/28	Priority 1 in the Safer North Wales Strategy
Strategic Priority 2: Tackling Serious Violence						
No.	Actions	Output	Outcome	Responsibility	Timescale	Strategic Priority
4	Meet our responsibilities under the Serious Violence Duty (SVD) – serious violence is now an explicit statutory priority for CSPs . A regional strategy has been developed for North Wales. Like last year, we will coordinate local spend of Home Office SVD Funding on several preventative interventions in Anglesey and Gwynedd: To be determined	Based on 4 priorities, continue responding to Regional Strategy published in January 2024 Business case to be submitted to the OPCC Business case to be approved by OPCC Projects to be completed and evaluated by March 2027	Statutory responsibilities under the Duty are met locally Actions resulting from the strategy are delivered and reviewed SVD implemented to prevent and reduce serious violence across the region Local interventions focused on prevention delivered locally through SVD funding to address the root causes of serious violence	CSP / task and finish group to coordinate local spend / SVD Regional Steering Group	Throughout 2026/27	Priority 2.4 of the Safer North Wales Strategy
5	<u>Violence Against Women and Girls, Domestic Abuse & Sexual Violence (VAWDASV)</u> Increase awareness of reporting domestic abuse and access to services and safety for victims Increase awareness of Bystander Intervention, healthy relationships and prevention	Continually promote Live Fear Free Helpline, Clare's Law. DASU and Gorwel Continually raising awareness of themes arising from DHR learning, including – older people as victims, tech-facilitated abuse, filial abuse,	The profile of domestic abuse, the situation locally, and the help available is raised Improved understanding of early intervention	CSP and relevant partners	Throughout 2026/28	Priority 2.3 of the Safer North Wales Strategy

	Allocate and raise awareness of target hardening Develop and pilot materials to hold DHR/DARDR Learning Events for our staff based on the recommendations from previous reviews Implement Safe Zones in Bangor and Caernarfon and build public awareness.	rurality and suicide related to domestic abuse Mark the annual White Ribbon campaign in November Arranging training sessions for staff and promote available training Safe Zones promoted through partner communications, campaigns and engagement with businesses, staff and the public	High risk victims provided with target hardening Increased awareness of Safe Zones; improved feelings of safety; earlier support and intervention for people at risk; safer night-time environments			Priority 2.2 of the Safer North Wales Strategy
6	Monitor the progress of Ask and Act training - National Training Framework as required by the Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) Act 2015	Understand current picture of progress Develop and implement a training plan Collaborate with the Regional Training Development Officer and relevant training departments to monitor and improve progress	Improved awareness in Local Authorities of domestic violence to enable effective referral to support services Statutory requirements for Ask and Act are met	Training departments in both counties / CSP Regional training officer	Throughout 2026/28	Priority 2.3 of the Safer North Wales Strategy
7	Development of a Women's Safety at Night Charter for the nighttime economy of North Wales, to encourage businesses to make a commitment and enable systemic change for prioritising the safety of women	Development of charter and promotional materials Engagement with local businesses and a launch event	North Wales businesses invited to take a zero-tolerance stance on the harassment of women Positive change to women's experiences at night across North Wales	CSP in collaboration with Wrexham County Borough Council	Throughout 2026/28	Priority 1.3 and 2.2 of the Safer North Wales Strategy
Strategic Priority 3: Tackling Serious Organised Crime						
No.	Actions	Output	Outcome	Responsibility	Timescale	Strategic Priority
8	Identify emerging Serious Organised Crime (SOC) and linked Serious Violence threats and work together to provide an effective response to such threats	Regional SOC Group in place for Gwynedd and Anglesey – for delivery of 4P Strategy and	Preventing the operation of serious and organised criminals in Gwynedd and Anglesey	CSP / Regional SOC Group	Throughout 2026/28	Priority 3 of the Safer North

		identification of vulnerable locations, individuals and groups	Reducing incidents of serious violence linked to county lines and the drug market			Wales Strategy
9	Agencies taking a joined-up partnership approach for the implementation of the Clear Hold Build initiative in Bangor to deliver and sustain reductions in SOC and related crime in the area	<i>Clear</i> phase implemented by NWP Multiagency workshop to develop 4P Plan – June 2025 <i>Hold / Build</i> phases to be implemented with partners and the wider community Community led approach to identify long term solutions	Reducing crime, the fear of crime, regeneration and renewing in Bangor Local response to SOC is sustainable and moves beyond conventional enforcement tactics	CSP / North Wales Police / CHB Working Groups	Throughout 2026/28	Priority 3 of the Safer North Wales Strategy
10	Implement bespoke SOC training package for partners including LA staff across departments and beyond	Training package developed and delivered; managers and frontline staff trained; increased awareness of SOC indicators. Arrangement and delivery of sessions for 150+ staff members initially with wider roll out possible	Raising awareness of serious organised crime: what to look out for, what role our partners play and how we can all make a difference Coordination and proactive engagement by partners to protect our communities from the threat of SOC	CSP / NWP	Throughout 2026/28	Priority 3.1 of the Safer North Wales Strategy
Strategic Priority 4: Protecting and Building Resilient Communities and Maintaining Public Safety						
No.	Actions	Output	Outcome	Responsibility	Timescale	Strategic Priority
11	We will ensure that responsibilities placed upon the CSP in relation to undertaking Domestic Abuse Related Death Reviews Homicide Reviews (DARDR) will be appropriately completed. Since the launch on 1st October 2024, any new reviews commissioned will be under the Single Unified Safeguarding Review (SUSR) process. This means ensuring that appropriate review panels, chairs and authors are commissioned, and that final review reports are submitted and accepted by the Home Office (Welsh Government for SUSRs) before publication.	Commission review panels, chairs, and authors for the reviews, liaise with local agencies as required Undertake the DHR, monitor progress and learning, and submit to the Home Office/ Welsh Government	The responsibilities placed upon the CSP in relation to undertaking DARDR reviews are appropriately completed Action plans in place to respond to recommendations - lessons learned to improve services in the future and safeguard victims	CSP / North Wales Regional Safeguarding Board	Throughout 2026/28	Priority 2.3 of the Safer North Wales Strategy

12	Deliver on statutory Prevent Duty – this is overseen by the CSP Update our arrangements as necessary in conjunction with the Home Office Regional Adviser Monitor the progress of Prevent training. Develop and implement bespoke face to face training package for staff	Update regional Prevent Plan to reflect current risk Respond to annual Assurance Process with the Home Office – complete self-assessment and respond to recommendations Develop and implement a training plan and venue hire policy Continue as proactive members of the Regional Prevent Delivery Group	Contribute to the regional CONTEST Board Action Plan Contribute to the Home Office's Prevent outcomes of reducing radicalisation Improve awareness throughout both local authorities of the principles of the Prevent Duty and how to make referrals Early intervention for individuals susceptible to radicalisation	CSP / Local Authority relevant departments/Regional Prevent Delivery Group	Throughout 2026/28	The Home Office's Prevent Scheme Regional CONTEST Board Priority 4.3 of the Safer North Wales Strategy
13	Actions to prevent suicide and self-harm, including: • Act in accordance with the North Wales Plan and report on this based on individual plans for both Counties • Permanent members of the Regional Forum • Attend and contribute to the subgroups to respond to specific issues	The Welsh Government's new strategy was published last year Forum meets quarterly	Prevention through a multi-agency response Ensuring knowledgeable and compassionate communities, empowered through knowledge and awareness Support and services that meet needs Timely responses to suicides and compassionate support available to all those affected	CSP / Regional Forum	Throughout 2026/28	Welsh Government Suicide Prevention and Self-harm Delivery Plan 2025-28 Priority 4 of the Safer North Wales Strategy
14	Delivery of the Regional Substance Misuse Plan through the Area Planning Board (APB)	2025-26 Annual Plan developed based on Welsh Government key priorities Monitored at the APB Executive and updates provided to CSP's	Harms associated with substance misuse are reduced Health and well-being of individuals and communities are improved More supportive and inclusive environment created for those affected by substance misuse	APB	Throughout 2026/28	Welsh Government Substance Misuse Delivery Plan

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Isle of Anglesey County Council Scrutiny Report

Committee:	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
Date:	13th October, 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 28th September, 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: 05/10/26

Note for Stakeholders and the Public:

A [Protocol for Public Speaking at Scrutiny Committees](#) has been published by the Council.

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:

	• 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
Vacant Housing Strategy 2023-2028-measure progress	Bus Franchising Report
Strategic Asset Management (Housing) Plan 2024-2029-measure progress	Waste Collection and Recycling Scrutiny Pre-decision
Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27	

	September, 2026 (28/09/26)
	Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board
	Committee Forward Work Programme for 2026/27

October 2026

Corporate Scrutiny Committee	Partnership and Regeneration Scrutiny Committee
October, 2026 (14/10/2026)	October, 2026 (13/10/2026)
Regional Emergency Planning Service Annual Report: 2025/26	North Wales Fire and Rescue
Social Services Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	Gwynedd & Ynys Môn Community Safety Partnership Annual Report: 2025/26
Annual Report North Wales Regional Partnership Board (Part 9): 2025/26	Item for Information: Ambition North Wales: 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)
Monitoring Performance: Corporate Scorecard Q2: 2026/27	Levelling Up Fund, Local Growth Fund and SPF Report
Self-Assessment, Performance and Wellbeing Report 2025/26	ALN & Inclusion Service-measure progress
Corporate Safeguarding	Education Scrutiny Panel Progress Report
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	January, 2027 (20/01/2027)
2027/28 Budget Setting (Revenue Budget) – initial budget proposals	Gwynedd and Ynys Môn Public Services Board: • 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	Ynys Môn Free Port – measure progress
Resources Scrutiny Panel Progress Report	Gypsy and Traveler Accommodation Action Plan
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	ALN & Inclusion Service-measure progress
Annual Report on Equalities: 2025/26	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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