

16th September 2024

Dear Chief Executive,

Following the resignation of former Councillor Llinos Medi, and in accordance with paragraph 2.7.3.2.1 we nominate Councillor Gary Pritchard, Plaid Cymru as Council Leader from September 2024 to May 2027.

Proposer – Councillor Robin Williams

Seconder – Councillor Carwyn Elias Jones

The Group's Manifesto

The Plaid Cymru Group takes pride in political maturity and stability, and we commit fully to this principle during the remainder of this administration.

With a change of Government in Westminster and the financial challenges faced by Local Authorities across Wales and beyond, our aim is to ensure stability and continuity so that we can lead an authority that performs well for the public, our partners, and regulators.

As a Group, we will continue to ensure a strong voice for the Authority at both regional and national levels and despite the change in Leadership our priorities will not change nor will our commitment to the Council Plan.

Education

Ensuring a fit for purpose Education system is a priority for us. Plaid Cymru is committed to providing the best opportunities for the island's children, young people, and teaching staff by

- Ensuring sufficient resources to teach our children and young people.
- Working with partners to offer training/post-16 education opportunities.
- Securing and promoting apprenticeships and work-based training opportunities.

Care, Health and Well-being

Plaid Cymru wants to ensure care services that provide for the whole family when they are in need of care. We will support schemes committing us to become a trauma informed island across all aspects of the Council's services. We will also

- Strengthen the day care provision to provide respite for unpaid carers.

- Develop the Extra Care scheme in the south of the island and continue to support schemes to improve dementia care.
- Prioritise family support services through 'Teulu Môn'.

Economy

Plaid Cymru wants to see increased local procurement to keep the money in the local economy. Through the Ambition Board, we are securing economic development opportunities on the island. Plaid Cymru wants to secure the Arfor scheme in future for the benefit of our businesses and the Welsh language. As a Group we want to

- Work together to ensure local benefits from strategic energy developments while reducing and mitigating any negative effects.
- Support the hospitality and tourism sector by safeguarding our communities and natural environment.
- Ensure that local companies from Anglesey and Wales benefit from Council developments and the strategic developments of Westminster and the Senedd.

Housing

Plaid Cymru believes that everyone has the right to have somewhere to call home. We are committed to continuing to work with the Government to respond to the local housing challenge through planning laws and taxes. Plaid Cymru will

- Continue to develop Council Housing and ensure a supply of affordable housing for the residents of Anglesey by offering general and medium rent tenures and low-cost ownership.
- Improve the quality of our housing stock to ensure the best quality home for our tenants.
- Use the council tax premium on second and empty homes to support first time buyers on the island and put innovative schemes in place to respond to the increasing demand for local housing.

Climate

We want to prioritise decarbonisation across the Council. This will be achieved through investment, supporting energy schemes, and working with local, regional and national partners. Plaid Cymru will

- Continue our journey to reduce carbon emissions from Council land and assets and change our ways of working.

- Protect the island's environment by looking after wildlife areas through a biodiversity scheme.
- Consider the impact our decisions will have on climate change and biodiversity at all levels within the Council.

The Welsh Language

The Welsh language is vital to our identity, heritage and culture and is central to everything we do as a Council. We have a responsibility to make sure that the language develops and thrives. Plaid Cymru wants to see and increase in the number of Welsh speakers on the island and an increase in those using the language from day to day. We will:

- Develop an economy that supports the Welsh language by taking advantage of grant programmes and work with local businesses.
- Ensure opportunities for residents to learn Welsh and develop their Welsh language skills in their community by working with learning and training providers.
- Ensure parents and carers understand the value and benefits of the Welsh language by working with the Môn Welsh for Kids and Families Partnership.

Plaid Cymru will secure a better future for the island by committing to make a long-term difference to Council services. We want to give all children and young people the opportunity to fulfil their potential, promote independence in our communities, allow the economy to prosper to fulfil our vision, as noted in the Council Plan, to create an island that is healthy and prosperous where people can thrive.