

**Denbighshire County Council – Decisions taken by the Cabinet on Tuesday, 25 March 2025**

Agenda Item No	Topic	Decision
1	APOLOGIES	There were no apologies.
2	DECLARATION OF INTERESTS	Councillor Alan James – Personal Interest – Agenda Item 5
3	URGENT MATTERS	No urgent matters had been raised.
4	MINUTES	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2025 be received and confirmed as a correct record.
5	ENDING THE REGIONAL SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT SERVICE	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that –</p> <p>(a) this Council approves the termination of the agreement to work in partnership with other North Wales local authorities in the context of the regional School Effectiveness and Improvement Service (GwE) on the 31 May 2025 and subsequently dissolve the requirement for the GwE Joint Committee;</p> <p>(b) this Council confirms its contractual commitment in relation to ending the arrangement, and</p> <p>(c) that Cabinet confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Wellbeing Impact Assessment (Appendix 1 to the report) as part of its consideration.</p>
6	HR POLICIES - NEW SEXUAL HARASSMENT POLICY AND UPDATED REDEPLOYMENT POLICY	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) approve and adopt the Sexual Harassment Policy and the Redeployment Policy, and</p> <p>(b) confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Wellbeing Impact Assessment (Appendix 3 and 4 to the report) as part of its consideration.</p>
7	FOSTER FRIENDLY POLICY	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet –

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		<p>(a) <i>approve and adopt the Foster Friendly Policy, and</i></p> <p>(b) <i>confirms that it has read, understood and taken account of the Wellbeing Impact Assessment (Appendix 2 to the report) as part of its consideration.</i></p>
8	TRANSFER OF THE NORTH WALES GROWTH DEAL TO THE NORTH WALES CORPORATE JOINT COMMITTEE	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet –</p> <p>(a) <i>agree to enter into a Partnering and Funding Agreement (Appendix 2 to the report) whereby the role of the Accountable Body, responsible for the delivery of the North Wales Growth Deal and funding arrangements for the Growth Deal are transferred to the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee on or before 31 March 2025;</i></p> <p>(b) <i>agree to novate and assign as required the delivery of the North Wales Growth Deal and rights and obligations in all incoming funding agreement held by Cyngor Gwynedd as Accountable Body on behalf of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board (“NWEAB”) transfer to the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee (“NWCJC”);</i></p> <p>(c) <i>agree to transfer and novate and or assign all interests in the portfolio of projects funded by the North Wales Growth Deal together with any ancillary agreements, charges and leases from Cyngor Gwynedd as Accountable Body on behalf of NWEAB to the NWCJC;</i></p> <p>(d) <i>agree to the transfer and /or assignment of all financial balances, monies due and assets as held on behalf of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board by Cyngor Gwynedd to the North Wales Corporate Joint Committee;</i></p> <p>(e) <i>delegate authority to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Monitoring Officer and Section 151 Officer, to agree and execute the final form agreements, deeds and all other legal documents necessary to implement the transfers referred to at paragraphs</i></p>

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		<p><i>(a) (b) and (c) above;</i></p> <p><i>(f) on completion of the Partnering and Funding Agreement agree to the termination of the GA2 agreement and the winding up of the North Wales Economic Ambition Board Joint Committee;</i></p> <p><i>(g) agree to the transfer of accountability to the NWCJC and that the NWCJC accept responsibility for decision making for the implementation of the North Wales Growth Deal subject to novation of the Growth Deal and approval of additional Standing Orders incorporating the key terms of the Joint Working Agreement (“GA2”) between the 6 Constituent Councils and 4 Education parties, and</i></p> <p><i>(h) agree that the decisions set out above be implemented immediately without call-in, in accordance with section 7.25 Council Constitution in order that the transfer may take place on or before 31st March 2025.</i></p>
9	RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING CARE HOME FEE SETTING 2025/26	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet –</p> <p><i>(a) approves the Care Fee uplifts, on top of the 2024/25 fees, for Older People’s Residential and Nursing Homes for 2025/2025 as -</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><i>• 3.8% for Standard Residential Care</i></li> <li><i>• 6.6% for EMI Residential Care</i></li> <li><i>• 5.9% for Standard Nursing Care</i></li> <li><i>• 7.2% for EMI Nursing Care</i></li> </ul> <p><i>(b) approves that any provider who does not accept the proposed fees will enter into a Care Cubed exercise to determine a fair-price for their care (previously open book</i></p>

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		<i>exercise).</i>
10	FINANCE REPORT	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet note the budgets set for 2024/25 and progress against the agreed strategy.
11	CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet's forward work programme be noted.