

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 26 February 2024

DATE DECISION PUBLISHED 5 March 2024

DATE DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE and implemented,
unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25
of the Gwynedd Council Constitution **11 March 2024**

CABINET MEMBER NAME AND TITLE

Cabinet Member: Councillor Nia Jeffreys
Deputy Leader of the Council

SUBJECT – Implementing the ‘Gwynedd skills and work potential’ project

DECISION

To authorise the Head of Economy and Community to implement the ‘Gwynedd skills and work potential’ project as outlined in section 3.4 below, including directing any requirements to comply with the funding agreement to the Education Department and the Adults Department.

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Please see attached Officer Report.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL’S STANDARDS COMMITTEE


None

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Consultation with
Gwynedd Council Statutory Officers

The results of the consultations are reported upon in the attached report.

**DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF CYNGOR GWYNEDD'S
CABINET – OFFICER'S REPORT**

Name and title of Cabinet Member:	Councillor Nia Jeffreys Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the economy (operational) and primary cross-departmental programmes
Name and title of the Author of the Report:	Kelvin Roberts Employability Programme Lead, Economy Development Service, Economy and Community Department
Date of Decision:	26 February 2024
Signature of Cabinet Member:	

SUBJECT: Implementing the 'Gwynedd skills and work potential' project

1. Recommendations for the Decision:

- 1.1. To authorise the Head of Economy and Community to implement the 'Gwynedd skills and work potential' project as outlined in section 3.4 below, including directing any requirements to comply with the funding agreement to the Education Department and the Adults Department.

2. The reason for the need for a Decision:

- 2.1. The [20 July 2023 Cabinet \(Item 5\)](#) committed £21,352,966 of Gwynedd's funding from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) to 38 projects. The 'Gwynedd skills and work potential' project was one of the applications approved.
- 2.2. The project will receive nearly £700,000 of SPF funding. A decision is needed to authorise the implementation of the project.

3. Rationale and justification for reaching the Decision:

- 3.1. Services across the Council contribute positively towards helping the residents of Gwynedd achieve to the best of their ability in the world of work. This benefits the individual and the community. The importance of ensuring that everyone reaches their full potential has been prioritised in the [Cyngor Gwynedd 2023-28 Plan](#) within the priority field 'A Prosperous Gwynedd'.

- 3.2. The Economy & Community Department already provides a selection of support for the world of work under the banner of '[Gwaith Gwynedd](#)'. The Gwaith Gwynedd team also coordinates efforts within the field to facilitate access and identify gaps.
- 3.3. With the arrival of SPF funding, there was an opportunity to attract funding to address some of the gaps in the current provision. In response, the Education Department, the Adults Department and Gwaith Gwynedd developed the 'Gwynedd skills and work potential' project.
- 3.4. The project will provide:
- a) additional help for young people who are at risk of not having a plan after leaving school, to allow them to move forward to education, training or work. (Education Department);
 - b) support for young people who are on the verge of becoming inactive to prepare them for education, training or to prepare them in advance of support into work. (Education Department);
 - c) extra help for adults with additional learning needs, a disability or learning disability to go to work and to remain in work (Adults Department); and,
 - d) support for people in low-paid jobs to acquire new skills and qualifications that will help them earn a better wage (Gwaith Gwynedd).
- 3.5. The plan's SPF application has been successful in securing nearly £700,000.

4. Record of any interest declared by any Cabinet Member consulted and any dispensation by the Standards Committee:

4.1. None

5. Any consultations undertaken prior to making the Decision:

5.1. Chief Finance Officer:

"I have no objections to the decision sought. The Finance Department will support the relevant officers with financial matters while the plan moves forward."

5.2. Monitoring Officer:

"No comments to add regarding propriety."

5.3. Local Member/s:

Not a local matter