

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 18 March 2024

DATE DECISION PUBLISHED 19 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 **26 March 2024**

CABINET MEMBER NAME AND TITLE

Cabinet Member: Councillor Craig ab Iago
Cabinet Member for Housing and Property

SUBJECT

Purchase of Golygfa'r Gest, Morfa Bychan

DECISION

To purchase the property known as Golygfa'r Gest to meet the Children's Department's needs for care home provision for children on terms and conditions to be determined by the Head of Housing and Property 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.

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CABINET – OFFICER'S REPORT**

Name and title of Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Craig ab Iago
Name and designation of the Report's Author:	Daniel Lewis Senior Estates Surveyor
Date of Decision:	18/03/2024
Cabinet Member(s)'s Signature:	

Subject:

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Recommendation for the Decision:

To purchase the property known as Golygfa'r Gest to meet the Children's Department's needs for care home provision for children on terms and conditions to be determined by the Head of Housing and Property Department.

The reason for the need for a Decision:

To enable the Children's Department to realise the provision of small homes in accordance with the Council's priority. The Housing and Property Cabinet Member is required to approve the purchase in accordance with the Council's Constitution dated May 2015.

Rationale and justification for reaching the Decision:

The Council is keen to improve the experiences of children in the Council's care with intense and complex needs, who currently have to leave the county in order to receive a suitable home and care. The Children's Department is keen to develop registered residential homes for small groups of up to two children which will allow them to receive care in Gwynedd, attend local schools, and participate fully in the life of their communities.

Developing residential provision for children in care in small group homes is a priority area in accordance with the Council's Plan. This development is part of a strategy to develop a local choice of residential placements for Gwynedd's children and is in line with the Welsh Government's commitment to eliminate private profit when providing homes for looked after children.

Golygfa'r Gest has been identified as a suitable property for conversion into a small home considering factors such as its location, size and layout.

As an interim arrangement, the purchase will be funded from the Children's Department's capital programme, and confirmation has been received from the Welsh Government that the costs of the purchase will be reimbursed from the Housing with Care fund. A commitment has also been received from the Welsh Government to meet the adaptation costs from that fund.

Record of any personal interest by any Cabinet Member consulted and any dispensations approved by the Standards Committee:

None.

Any consultations undertaken prior to making the Decision:

None.

Chief Finance Officer – Dewi Morgan – “I am satisfied a funding source is in place for this purchase. I therefore have no objection to the decision sought.”

Monitoring Officer – Nia Grisdale - Section 120 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the Council to purchase property in order to carry out its functions. The section within the legislation also includes the ability to give permission to purchase property even though it is not immediately necessary for the purpose or purposes. There are no additional comments to add in terms of propriety.”

Local Member/s – Councillor Gwilym Jones - I believe that this house suits the Council's needs extremely well for these reasons.

1. It's a fairly new house and in good condition.
2. It is located on the main road and the buses pass every hour.
3. There is a small yard at the back that the children can use
4. There are four good sized bedrooms.

I wish this venture every success