

## DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	<b>24 July 2017</b>
<b>DATE DECISION PUBLISHED</b>	<b>24 July 2017</b>
<b>DATE DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE</b> and implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution	<b>31 July 2017</b>

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Cllr Dafydd Meurig, Cabinet Member for the Environment

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### **SUBJECT**

To take a lease of part of the ground floor offices at Linden House, Mold Business Park on behalf of GwE (School Effectiveness and Improvement Service for North Wales).

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### **DECISION**

To authorise taking on a lease of the ground floor offices at Linden House on behalf of GwE, on terms and condition to be determined by the Senior Manager – Corporate Property.

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### **REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

Please see attached report

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### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

None

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### **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 REPORT**

Name and title of Cabinet Member/s:	Councillor Dafydd Meurig
Name and title of Report Author :	Meilir Hughes Rheolwr Stadau
Date of Decision :	19-07-2017
Signature of Cabinet Member/s :	

**Subject :** To take a lease of part of the ground floor offices at Linden House, Mold Business Park on behalf of GwE (School Effectiveness and Improvement Service for North Wales).

**Recommendation for the Decision :**

To authorise taking on a lease of the ground floor offices at Linden House, Mold Business Park, Wrexham Road, CH7 1XP (School Effectiveness and Improvement Service for North Wales), on terms and conditions to be determined by the Senior Manager – Corporate Property.

**Reason why Decision is needed :**

GwE wish to take a new lease of the ground floor offices at Linden House, Mold Business Park. GwE do not have the legal entity to enter into leases. As host authority to GwE, Gwynedd Council are required to hold leases on their behalf. There are no delegated powers contained in the Council's Constitution to take on a new leases, and as such authority must be sought in the form of a Cabinet Member's Decision Notice.

**Reason and justification behind the Decision :**

GwE are currently located at Mold County Hall, which is in the ownership of Flintshire Council. Due to its condition, Flintshire are in the process of closing down parts of the

building, and as such, there is insufficient space to provide for the needs of GwE at Mold County Hall. GwE have therefore have identified suitable office space at Linden House. In addition to providing office space for GwE, Lindern House also includes facilities for holding meetings, training sessions etc. This will result in a reduction in costs for GwE in terms of hiring space to hold meetings and taining sessions.

In this case Cyngor Gwynedd will hold the lease, however the costs associated with the lease will be funded by GwE.

There is no intention to pay more than market rent for the space.

**Declarations of personal interest by any Cabinet Member consulted with and any relevant dispensations approved by the Standards Committee: None.**

**Any consultations undertaken prior to making the decision :**

None.

**Chief Executive –**

**Head of Finance –**

As the report and the Monitoring Officer's comments explain, the Council must sign the lease as it is the Council that acts as the legal entity for entering into contracts on behalf of GwE. I am satisfied that the costs of the lease will be borne in full by GwE, and that this decision would not add a financial burden to the Council."

**Monitoring Officer –**

As noted in the report Gwynedd Council acts as a host authority for the GwE partnership. This means that Gwynedd provides the legal entity to enter into contracts on GwE's behalf. This relationship is governed by an inter authority agreement that provides indemnities for Gwynedd Council when acting on the partnership's behalf as in this case.

**Local Member/s –** Not a local mater.