# DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

**DATE OF DECISION 15 November 2022** 

**DATE DECISION PUBLISHED 16 November 2022** 

**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 **23 November 2022** 

#### **CABINET MEMBER NAME AND TITLE**

Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn Leader of the Council

SUBJECT – Accepting an offer of funding from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority to Support the Council's work to develop the local authority.

#### **DECISION**

Accept an offer of £464,277 from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority.

#### 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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Name and title of Cabinet Member/s:	Dyfrig Siencyn
Name and title of Report Author:	Nia Swann Bowden, High Value Jobs Scheme Manager
Date of Decision :	15 November 2022
Signature of Cabinet Member/s :	Aleuyn.

Subject: Accepting an offer of funding from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority to Support the Council's work to develop the local authority

Recommendation for the Decision : Accept an offer of £464,277 from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority

### Reason why Decision is needed:

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA) IS uk Government's agency which is responsible for the decommissioning and restoration of 17 of the UK's nuclear sites, including Trawsfynydd Site. As part of their responsibilities through the Energy Act 2004, they must ensure that decommissioning activities benefit communities, and Support alternative future uses of the site.

North Wales has been identified by the NDA as a priority area, since the areas around Trawsfynydd and Wylfa have been shown to be specifically economically dependent on the two sites.

As a result, Cyngor Gwynedd has developed a close relationship with the NDA, and has benefitted from many investments through their socio-economic fund over the last decade, in order to undertake a number of economic development activities arounf the site itself, the Meirionnydd area and Gwynedd as a whole.

The last programme of activities came to an end in 2019, and in the following period, officers from the Economy and Community Department developed a new programme as the basis of a new application for funding. The programme has been written in response to the economic emergency which came from the Covid-

19 pandemic, and additional challenges including the increasing cost of Supplies and fuel, and the effects of Brexit.

The programme addresses 3 main elements:

Supporting SMEs to Survive, including:

- A mentoring scheme, and training for businesses which are continuing to experience significant difficulties due to the pandemic
- Support for business clusters

Supporting businesses and residents to benefit from larger investments, including

- Supporting Cwmni Egino's efforts to develop Trawsfynydd Site
- Supporting the development of Snowdonia Aerospace Centre
- Working with the education sector to identify and promote job opportunities which could come from local economic opportunities

Supporting people to achieve their full potential, including

 Employing a specialist In-work Poverty mentor to augment the work of Communities for Work

The total cost of these activities is £464,277, to be contributed by the NDA. The intention is to use a number of activities run by Cyngor Gwynedd's Economy and Community Department to augment this activity, and to provide match funding to the level of 60%, with a value of £696,415

High Value Jobs Scheme Manager	£180,763
Business Engagement Officer	£120,982
Business Support activities to be confirmed, funded with income received by the unit for administrating Covid funds.	£394,670
	£696,415

The cost of the scheme, therefore, from October 2022 to September 2025, is £1,160,692

The NDA has approved the application and we therefore seek permission to accept their offer

Reason and justification behind the Decision:

Declarations of personal interest by any Cabinet Member consulted with and any relevant dispensations approved by the Standards Committee

None

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Any consultations undertaken prior to making the decision:

Head of Finance "I can confirm the accuracy of the financial information contained above.
Monitoring Officer  "No observations to add in relation to propriety."
Local Member/s -