DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 28 March 2023

DATE DECISION PUBLISHED 29 March 2023

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 **5 April 2023**

Cabinet Member: Councillor Craig ab lago, Cabinet Member for Housing

SUBJECT

Lease of Office at M-SParc on behalf of the North Wales Skills Partnership

DECISION

Take a lease of premises known as the first floor office in building 1A M-SParc Science Park on behalf of the North Wales Skills Partnership, 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

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

| Name and title of Cabinet Member(s): | Councillor Craig ab Iago |
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| Name and designation of the Report's Author: | Lowri Cadwaladr Roberts Estates Manager |
| Date of Decision: | 28.03.2023 |
| Cabinet Member/s Signature: | Congutsleys |

Subject: Lease of Office at M-SParc on behalf of the North Wales Skills Partnership

Recommendation for the Decision:

Take a lease of premises known as the first floor office in building 1A M-SParc Science Park on behalf of the North Wales Skills Partnership, 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 North Wales Skills Partnership to locate staff at M-SParc, Gaerwen.

Rationale and justification for reaching the Decision:

Cyngor Gwynedd administers and coordinates the North Wales Skills Partnership on behalf of six local authorities. The Partnership is responsible for creating Regional Employment and Skills Schemes to analyse and influence the skills provision based on the regional economic need, to support growth and key infrastructure projects in every region.

The North Wales Skills Partnership is recognised by the Welsh Government as one of four regional skills partnerships in Wales. The Welsh Government offers an annual grant to meet with the core costs of the Skills Partnership, to include funding an office space.

In its meeting on 24 October 2022, the Regional Skills Partnership resolved to support the proposal to locate staff at M-SParc, Gaerwen. The lease will also allow other staff from the North Wales Ambition Board to use the office as required, providing opportunities for close collaboration with M-SParc and other employers located in the building.

In this case, Cyngor Gwynedd will hold the lease on behalf of the North Wales Skills Partnership, however all the costs associated with the lease shall be paid from the Partnership budget.

There is no intention to pay in excess of market value for the office.

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 – "No objection from the perspective of financial propriety."

Monitoring Officer – "The Legal Service has advised on this matter. No observations to add in relation to propriety."

Local Member/s - Not a local matter.