

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION	24/11/2025
DATE DECISION PUBLISHED	5/12/2025
DATE DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE and implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25.1 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution	12/12/2025

NAME AND TITLE OF THE CABINET MEMBER:

Councillor R. Medwyn Hughes (Cabinet Member for Economy and Community)

SUBJECT

Cyngor Gwynedd's votes in the Bangor Business Improvement District ballot

DECISION

Withhold all the votes that Cyngor Gwynedd has in the Bangor Business Improvement District (BID) ballot to ensure that the result of the vote reflects the views of the business community.

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
Cyngor Gwynedd 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:	Councillor R. Medwyn Hughes Cabinet Member for Economy and Community
Name and title of Report Author:	Esyllt Jones, Regeneration Programmes Manager, Economy and Community Department
Date of Decision:	24/11/2025
Signature of Cabinet Member/s:	

Subject: Cyngor Gwynedd's votes in the Bangor Business Improvement District ballot

Recommendation for the Decision:

Withhold all the votes that Cyngor Gwynedd has in the Bangor Business Improvement District (BID) ballot to ensure that the result of the vote reflects the views of the business community.

Reason why Decision is needed:

The Bangor BID vote will close on 27th November 2025.

Reason and justification behind the Decision:

Following a successful vote in 2021, a second term of the Bangor Business Improvement District commenced. The Bangor BID company continued to operate the BID. In accordance with the Business Improvement Area (Wales) Regulations 2005, a BID is only active for a period of 5 years and a ballot must be held to determine a new term. The current BID at Bangor will come to an end on 31st March 2026.

At a Cabinet meeting on 16th September 2025 support was given to the proposal received from Bangor BID and to hold a vote for a third term for the Bangor Business Improvement District (BID). During this meeting the power was delegated to the Economy and Community Cabinet Member to have responsibility for voting on behalf of Cyngor Gwynedd. The votes will close on 27th November 2025.

The Council has a dual role within Business Improvement Areas, While the Council collects the levy on behalf of the BID company, it is also a non-domestic taxpayer in the city.

Cyngor Gwynedd, as a taxpayer of non-domestic taxes, has a vote for each of their hereditaments. In Bangor, Cyngor Gwynedd's property is a mixture of car parks, a library, halls and public toilets. These are all included within the proposed BID.

If the BID continues, the Council will have to pay the additional levy for non-domestic properties owned by the Council within the boundaries of the BID e.g. based on a levy of 1.5%. It is anticipated that there would be an additional cost of approximately £2,006 per year in Bangor.

Business Improvement Districts are recognised as a local regeneration vehicle that responds directly to the economic and environmental challenges of town centre business communities. There is support at a national level for the model from the Welsh Government.

In practice, the principle of establishing a Business Improvement District in a town can create a rift within the business community and there are mixed opinions about how effective they are as a means of regeneration. This, along with receiving Elected Members' feedback and opinions on the BID, were important considerations in reaching this decision.

Since its establishment, the Department of Economy and Community has been working closely with the Business Improvement District in Bangor in a supporting role.

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:

Head of Finance – “No comments in respect of financial appropriateness”.

Monitoring Officer – “The power to determine how to vote has been delegated to the Cabinet Member”.