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

DATE OF DECISION	02/06/25
DATE DECISION PUBLISHED	03/06/25
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	10/06/25

#### NAME AND TITLE OF THE CABINET MEMBER

Cabinet Member: Councillor Paul Rowlinson
Cabinet Member for Housing and Property

#### SUBJECT - Purchase of 6 Griffin Terrace, Penrhyndeudraeth.

#### **DECISION**

To purchase the property known as 6 Griffin Terrace, Penrhyndeudraeth to meet the Children's Department's requirements 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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Name and title of Cabinet Member(s):	Cllr. Paul Rowlinson
Name and designation of the Report's Author:	Efan Thomas MRICS Senior Estates Surveyor
Date of Decision:	2 June 2025
Cabinet Member(s)'s Signature:	P. 3. 1200

# Subject:

Purchase of 6 Griffin Terrace, Penrhyndeudraeth.

## Recommendation for the Decision:

To purchase the property known as 6 Griffin Terrace, Penrhyndeudraeth to meet the Children's Department's requirements 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 supervised visits 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 purpose of purchasing this property is so that it can be used as a location for supervised visits.

Supervised visits are when a child spends time with someone close to him/her who they do not live with (usually a parent or other family member). There are many reasons why social workers might think that contact should be supervised, but the ultimate goal is to ensure that the child is safe, and that the contact is in their best interest. The social worker or the court must make sure that the person with a contact does not do anything that could harm or upset the child.

Supervised visits usually take place in a neutral location, and this is what this house will offer for years to come.

6 Griffin Terrace, Penrhyndeudraeth, has been identified as a suitable property for this purpose considering factors such as its location, size and specification.

As an interim arrangement, the purchase is to be funded from the Department for Children's capital programme, and confirmation has been received from the Welsh Government that the costs of the purchase are to be repaid from the Housing With Care fund. A commitment has also been received from the Welsh Government to cover the adjustment costs from that fund.

Following consultation with the planning authority there is no need for the Council to apply for change of use in this instance. There is no intention to pay more than the market value for the property.

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 - Iwan Evans - "No observations to add in relation to propriety"

Local Member/s -

Councillor Meryl Roberts - "Happy to support this, as it will be a good place and as it will be in Meirionnydd too"