DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 5 March 2021

DATE DECISION PUBLISHED 9 March 2021

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 **16 March 2021**

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

SUBJECT: Transfer of part of the former Ysgol Beuno Sant site.

DECISION

To transfer ownership of part of the former Ysgol Beuno Sant site directly to the Rhiwlas Estate, in accordance with 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 Local Member

The results of the consultations are reported upon in the attached report

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Name and Title of Cabinet Member:	Councillor Craig ab Iago
Name and title of the Report's Author:	Lowri Cadwaladr Roberts
	Estates Manager
Date of Decision:	05.03.2021
Cabinet Member's Signature:	Congulating

Subject: Transfer of part of the former Ysgol Beuno Sant site.

Recommendation for the Decision:

To transfer ownership of part of the former Ysgol Beuno Sant site directly to the Rhiwlas Estate, in accordance with 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 Council, in collaboration with Cwmni Pum Plwy Penllyn, to secure grant funding from the Government in order to realise a nursery education and childcare scheme on the Ysgol Beuno Sant site in accordance with the objectives of the Children's Department.

Rationale and justification for reaching the Decision:

Following the closure of Ysgol Beuno Sant as part of the education re-organisation process in the Penllyn area, legal obligations mean that the Site of the original school transfers back to the ownership of the Rhiwlas Estate as the original donors of the site.

The Council built a later extension to the original Ysgol Beuno Sant building, partly on land which remains in Gwynedd Council ownership. This part of the extension is therefore in Council ownership.

As part of the wider Ysgol Beuno Sant building which is in private ownership, it is not considered that there is individual value to the extension which is in Gwynedd Council ownership.

The proposed transfer of the part of the site which remains in Council ownership would be conditional on an obligation for the Rhiwlas Estate to provide a lease of the school site as a whole to Cwmni Pum Plwy Penllyn for a period of no less than 10 years, specifically for nursery education and childcare use. This, in turn, would enable the Council, in collaboration with Cwmni Pum Plwy Penllyn, to secure grant funding from the Government in order to realise a nursery education and childcare scheme on the site.

The transfer would also enable the existing nursery provision in Bala to be relocated from the former Ysgol Bro Tegid site to the former Ysgol Beuno Sant site in order to extend the options for an affordable housing development on the former Ysgol Bro Tegid site in accordance with the Housing Implementation Plan.

Record of any personal interest by any Cabinet Member consulted and any dispensations approved by the Standards Committee:

None.

Any consultations held before making the Decision:

None.

Chief Finance Officer – "In the circumstances, it is clear that Council property (which is an extension to the main building) has no value on the open market as the remainder of the building is under other ownership and there will be no way for the Council to gain financial consideration from the disposal of the property in its ownership in an independent sale. I therefore believe that the suggested actions are a way of ensuring that the Council is able to use its asset in a way that achieves one of its objectives, and it is appropriate that the Council disposes of the property on terms set by the Head of Housing and Property in the manner outlined."

Monitoring Officer – "There are very specific circumstance related o this transfer which has been the subject of advice from Legal Services. I am content with the propriety of what is proposed."

Local Member/s: Councillor Dilwyn Morgan

I fully support the decision. This is an important community plan.