

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 26 November 2020

DATE DECISION PUBLISHED 27 November 2020

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 **4 December 2020**

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

SUBJECT

To lease an Office at the North Wales Business Centre on behalf of the North Wales Skills Partnership

DECISION

To lease the office space known as Unit 12a, Conwy Business Centre, on behalf of the North Wales Skills Partnership, on terms and conditions to be determined by the Head of Department for Housing and Property.

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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CABINET – OFFICER REPORT**

Name and title of Cabinet Member/s:	Councillor Craig ab Iago
Name and title of Report Author :	Lowri Cadwaladr Roberts Estates Manager
Date of Decision :	26/11/2020
Signature of Cabinet Member/s :	

Subject : To lease an Office at the North Wales Business Centre on behalf of the North Wales Skills Partnership

Recommendation for the Decision :

To lease the office space known as Unit 12a, Conwy Business Centre, on behalf of the North Wales Skills Partnership, on terms and conditions to be determined by the Head of Department for Housing and Property.

Reason why Decision is needed :

In order to operate in compliance with the Councils Constitution dated May 2015.

Reason and justification behind the Decision :

The North Wales Skills Partnership is both co-ordinated and administrated by Gwynedd Council on behalf of six local authorities. The Partnership is responsible for creating Regional Employment and Skills Plans in order to analyse and influence skills provisions based on the regional economic need.

The Welsh Government recognises the North Wales Skills Partnership as one of three regional skills partnerships in Wales. The Welsh Government provides a yearly grant in order to meet the partnership's core costs, which includes the funding of office space.

The need for office space for the Partnership has been identified. During a meeting held on the 21st of September 2020 the Regional Skills Partnership supported the intention to locate staff at the Conwy Business Centre. The Centre is in a convenient location and comparatively central for the region. Additionally, the North Wales Growth Deal staff are also located at the property, fostering an opportunity to collaborate.

In this instance Gwynedd Council will hold the lease on the Partnership's behalf but all the costs associated with the lease will be financed completely by the Partnership's budget.

There is no intention to pay more than market rent for the office.

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 :

None.

Head of Finance – *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.