

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

**DATE OF DECISION** 28 September 2018

**DATE DECISION PUBLISHED** 1 October 2018

**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 8 October 2018

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Councillor Craig ab Iago – Cabinet Member – Youth, Leisure, Archives, Arts and  
Museums, Libraries and Housing Services.

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**SUBJECT** Appointment of Members to serve on the Board of Directors of Cartrefi  
Cymunedol Gwynedd

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### **DECISION**

1. To confirm the continuation of Cllr Berwyn Parry Jones and Cllr. Olaf Cai Larsen as directors on the Gwynedd Community Housing Board.
2. To serve a notice to Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd in accordance with the provisions of the Registered Social Landlords Regulation (Wales) Act 2018 to implement this decision by identifying Councillor Stephen Churchman and Anne Lloyd-Jones as the representative to step back.

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### **REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

Please see attached Officer's Report

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### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

None

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### **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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## INDIVIDUAL MEMBER DECISION FROM GWYNEDD COUNCIL'S CABINET

### OFFICER'S REPORT

**Name and title of Cabinet Member (s):** Cllr. Craig ab Iago

**Name and Title of Report Author:** Arwel Wyn Owen, Senior Housing and Welfare Manager

**Date of Determination:** 28/09/18

Signature of Cabinet Member :



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### Recommendation for the Decision:

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Record of any interest declared by any Cabinet Member of the  
Consulted with them and any dispensation by the Standards Committee:

None

Any consultations carried out before making the Decision:

**Chief Finance Officer -**

"Nothing to add in terms of financial propriety."

**Monitoring Officer -**

"I have worked closely on the report so nothing to add as regards propriety."

### Reason for the need for the Decision:

The constitution of Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd currently allocates a place for 4 elected members out of a total of 12 to be appointment by Gwynedd Council. However, the Regulation of Registered Social Landlords (Wales) Act 2018, came into force on 15 August 2018, amending the 1996 Housing Act. This would mean

fundamental changes to the role of a Local Authority in the governance of Social Registered Landlords.

One of the specific provisions within the Legislation is to limit the number of directors that a Local Authority may appoint to serve on a Social Landlord board. This meant that no more than 24% of a Registered Social Landlord directors, in this case, Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd can be appointed by Gwynedd Council. According to the Act, the figure will have to decrease to two to meet the 24% threshold.

The provision in its constitution allows a period of 4 months from the date on which the provision came into force (of August 15 2018) for Cartrefi Cymunedol Gwynedd to enact. However, the Council has the right to identify the members who are stepping back by giving notice to the company within a period of two months from August 15, 2018. After that the Company Board's decision is to identify who to remove. The purpose of this decision is to determine the membership of Gwynedd Council on the Board in order to comply with the requirements of the legislation.

Rationale and justification for reaching the Decision:

Responsibility for the nomination of members has been put into the hands of the administration and has been an issue for the Housing Cabinet Leader to consider. Currently the following 4 members serve on the Board.

Cllr Stephen William Churchman  
Cllr Ann Lloyd Jones  
Cllr Berwyn Parry Jones  
Cllr. Olaf Cai Larsen

With the change in the Act a decision must be taken within a time window if the Council it to retain the right to nominate.