

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION	18/09/2025
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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	25/09/2025

NAME AND TITLE OF THE CABINET MEMBER

Cabinet Member for: R Medwyn Hughes,
Cabinet Member for Economy and Community

SUBJECT - Accept a grant offer and implement a scheme to support the development of the local economy.

DECISION

To receive a grant of £597,764 from the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, to continue a programme of activities to support the development of the local economy as well as researching the development of a science centre in Trawsfynydd which will create work in new areas to reduce the impact of the decommissioning of the power station on our residents and communities.

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

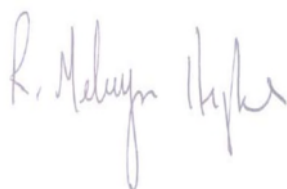
None.

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):	R Medwyn Hughes, Cabinet Member for Economy and Community
Name and title of Report Author :	Nia Bowden, Business Support Manager, Economic Development Service, Department for Economy and Community
Date of Decision:	18.9.2025
Signature of Cabinet Member(s):	

Subject:

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Recommendation for the Resolution :

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Reason why the Decision is needed:

Authorise the acceptance of the offer of funding and the implementation of the activity to be funded

Rationale and justification behind the Decision:

The Nuclear Decommissioning Authority is responsible for the site of the former Trawsfynydd power station on behalf of the UK Government.

As well as restoring the nuclear power plant site, the Authority has a statutory duty to minimise the economic impact of the closure and decommissioning of their power stations. The Authority offers grants to organisations to realise plans to this end and Gwynedd Council has taken advantage of these grants over a number of years to fund projects to develop the local economy in response to the impact of the closure of the Trawsfynydd power station.

In June the Department for Economy and Community submitted a further application for a grant of £597,764 from the Decommissioning Authority for the implementation and co-ordination of a work package up to October 2028 including:

- a) Extra help for young people who have difficulties finding work
- b) Help local residents who are working but still in poverty to improve their skills and increase their earnings
- c) Engage with local businesses and provide expert advice to long-standing local enterprises to help them review their business and make it more future-proof
- (d) Prepare plans and develop the case for the establishment of a new Science Centre on the grounds of the former Trawsfynydd powerhouse in order to ensure that quality work for local residents remains available.

a) to c) are a continuation / evolution of activities by the Council which have previously been funded by the Decommissioning Authority.

d) is a new activity to develop a project which is a priority of the Council in order to ensure the supply of good jobs for this part of Meirionnydd into the future. The development of plans and a business case is necessary to allow the targeting of funding sources such as the North Wales Growth Deal to develop the Centre.

The activities funded by the Authority are bundled within a £1.83M package of support for local businesses and enterprises run by the Council using dedicated funding and further money from the UK Government through the Shared Prosperity Fund.

This is to confirm the success of the bid and a funding agreement arriving on the first of September.

There is no additional cost to the Council of implementing the scheme, a resource to realise and co-ordinate the activities is included within the application costs

The scheme will operate under the auspices of the Council's financial management and project management procedures to mitigate risk.

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 the Decision being made:

Chief Finance Officer

This grant is welcomed to fund the projects that have been noted. I have no objection to the decision sought from the perspective of financial propriety."

Monitoring Officer

"I am satisfied with regards to the propriety of the decision sought".

Local Member(s) –

"It is imperative that we accept the NDA grant to enable us to do our best for all the people of the area, especially by means of a science centre"