

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 10 October 2024

DATE DECISION PUBLISHED 10 October 2024

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 17 October 2024

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

SUBJECT

Purchase of Rhiwen, Deiniolen, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 3NF

DECISION

To enable the Children's Department to realise the provision of small homes 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.

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
Local Member

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

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL'S CABINET – OFFICER'S REPORT

Name and title of Cabinet Member(s):	Councillor Craig ab Iago
Name and designation of the Report's Author:	Efan Thomas MRICS Senior Estates Surveyor
Date of Decision:	10/10/2024
Cabinet Member(s)'s Signature:	

Subject:

Purchase of Rhiwen, Deiniolen, Caernarfon, Gwynedd LL55 3NF

Recommendation for the Decision:

To purchase the property known as Rhiwen, Deiniolen to meet the Children's Department's needs for care home provision for children 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 small homes 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 Council is keen to improve the experiences of children in the Council's care with intense and complex needs, who currently have to leave the county in order to receive a suitable home and care. The Children's Department is keen to develop registered residential homes for small groups of up to two children which will allow them to receive care in Gwynedd, attend local schools, and participate fully in the life of their communities.

Developing residential provision for children in care in small group homes is a priority area in accordance with the Council's Plan. This development is part of a strategy to develop a local choice of residential placements for Gwynedd's children and is in line with the Welsh Government's commitment to eliminate private profit when providing homes for looked after children.

Rhiwen has been identified as a suitable property for conversion into a small home considering factors such as its location, size and layout.

As an interim arrangement, the purchase will be funded from the Children's Department's capital programme, and confirmation has been received from the Welsh Government that the costs of the purchase will be reimbursed from the Housing with Care fund. A commitment has also been received from the Welsh Government to meet the adaptation costs from that fund.

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.

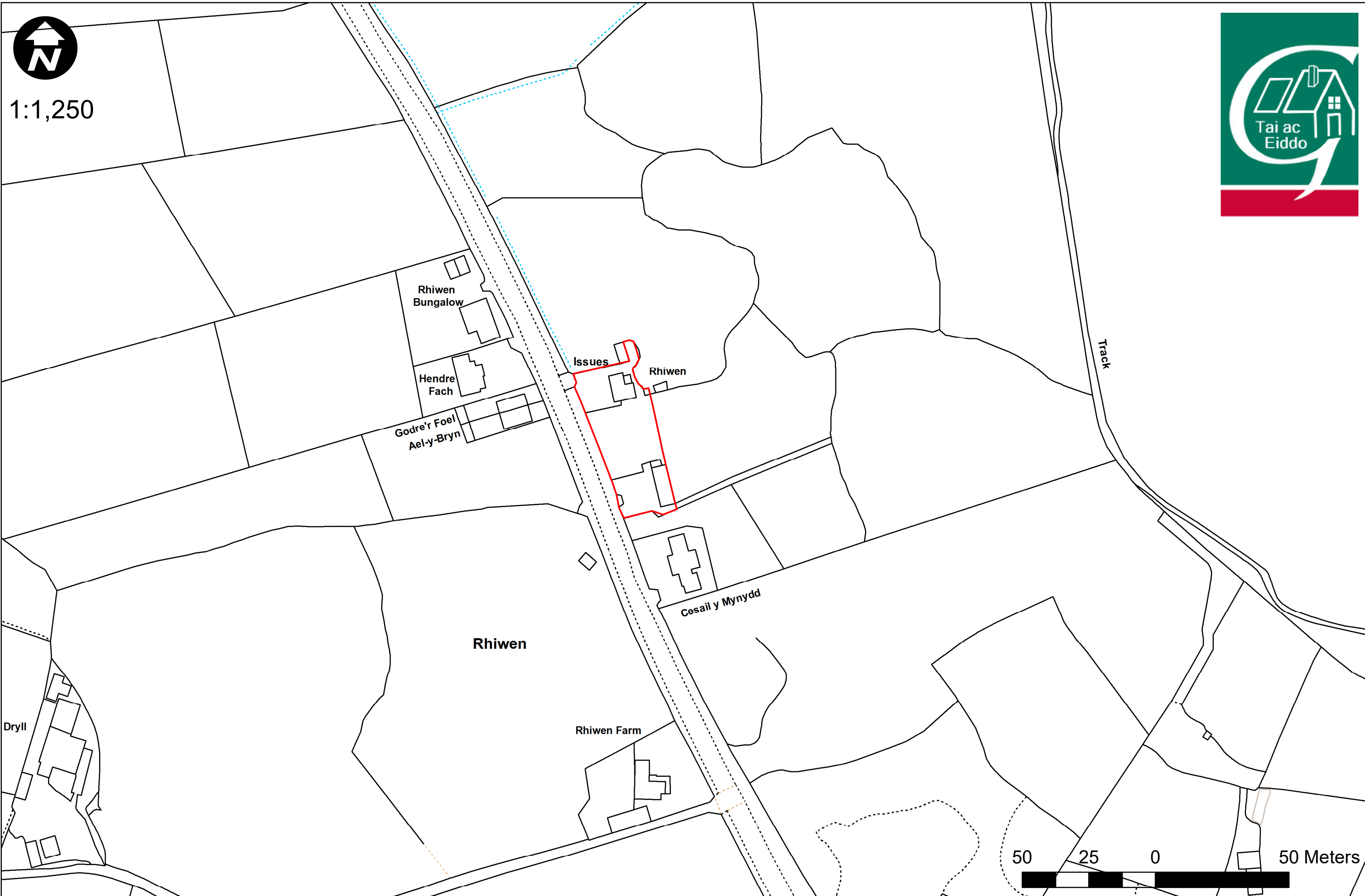
Chief Finance Officer – Dewi Morgan – “I am satisfied that the contents of the notice is an accurate reflection of the situation with regards to the financial arrangements. I have no objection to the decision sought”

Deputy Monitoring Officer – Siôn Huws – “The purchase is part of a project already approved by the Children and Family Support Department. I am satisfied with the propriety of the decision sought.”

Local Member/s – Councillor Elfed Williams – “I understand that the Council is keen to improve the experiences of children in Gwynedd and I agree that it is necessary to choose a smart and safe location to provide accommodation for individuals in unfortunate and vulnerable situations. While I agree that suitable care needs to be provided for children, I have a few concerns about the situation in the village of Deiniolen, and the number of projects and centers that are located in the village”



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Rhiwen, Deiniolen