

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

**DATE OF DECISION 5 October 2023**

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*This Decision Notice is presented as an urgent decision in accordance with section 14.15.2 of the Constitution so as to be exempt from the call-in procedure in order to ensure that the Council is able to complete the agreement within a designated timescale. Agreement from the Chair of the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee has been received in that the decision is an urgent matter and that the proposed decision is reasonable under the circumstances.*

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Cabinet Member: Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn, Leader of the Council

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### **SUBJECT**

**Allocation of funds from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

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### **DECISION**

1. To agree to commit £63,002 of Gwynedd's allocation from the UK's Shared Prosperity Fund to the North Wales Net Zero Network project by NWMD Business Council.
  2. To agree to commit an additional £600,000 in total of Gwynedd's allocation from the UK's Shared Prosperity Fund to the Community Regeneration Support Fund and Business Support Fund schemes managed by Cyngor Gwynedd.
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### **REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

Please see attached Officer 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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**DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF CYNGOR GWYNEDD CABINET  
OFFICER REPORT**

Name and title of the Cabinet Member:	Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn Leader of the Council
Name and title of the report author:	Siwan Lisa Evans Shared Prosperity Fund Manager: Gwynedd
Date decision taken:	05 October 2023
Signature of the Cabinet Member:	

**SUBJECT: Allocation of funds from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund**

**Recommendations for the Decision:**

1. To agree to commit £63,002 of Gwynedd's allocation from the UK's Shared Prosperity Fund to the North Wales Net Zero Network project by NWMD Business Council.
2. To agree to commit an additional £600,000 in total of Gwynedd's allocation from the UK's Shared Prosperity Fund to the Community Regeneration Support Fund and Business Support Fund schemes managed by Cyngor Gwynedd.

**Reasons why the Decision is needed:**

At the Cabinet meeting on 24 January 2023 (item 6), a procedure was agreed for committing money from Gwynedd's allocation of the UK's Shared Prosperity Fund.

The Shared Prosperity Fund Panel: Gwynedd was established to allocate the money, with their recommendations to be confirmed through a Cabinet Member Decision Notice by the Leader (or the Cabinet, if so desired by the Panel).

## **Reason and justification behind the Decision:**

At the Cabinet [meeting on 20 July 2023 \(item 5\)](#), it was agreed to commit a total of £21,352,966 from Gwynedd's allocation of the UK's Shared Prosperity Fund to 38 schemes. The successful schemes included the establishment of a Community Regeneration Support Fund and a Business Support Fund.

It was noted in the report that there were still two applications to be submitted (see 3.18). One of those schemes, the North Wales Net Zero Network by NWMD Business Council, has now been received and assessed in accordance with the established procedure. The Shared Prosperity Fund Panel: Gwynedd has decided to support the application.

The Community Regeneration Support Fund and the Business Support Fund were opened by Cyngor Gwynedd over the summer period. The response to both Funds has been exceptional, with the demand for support far exceeding the money available.

To reduce the gap between the demand and the money available, the Shared Prosperity Fund Panel: it has been recommended that an additional £600,000 of the remaining money in Gwynedd's allocation of the Shared Prosperity Fund be committed to the Support Funds.

This Decision Report reflects the Panel's recommendations.

## **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:**

Head of Finance: *I support the recommendations to commit the UK Shared prosperity Fund to the schemes set out and have no further comments from a financial perspective.*

Monitoring Officer: *The Decision Report provides an accurate summary of the procedure adopted for dealing with the Shared Prosperity Fund by the panel. I am satisfied with the appropriateness of the decision sought. I am also satisfied that urgent action is justified due to the need to release offers from the Funds in good time to allow the projects to move forward.*

*I can confirm that the Chair of the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee has agreed under Rule 14.15.2 of the Constitution that the matter may be treated as urgent decision which may be acted upon immediately.*

Local Member(s):

Not a local matter.