

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 20 September 2024

DATE DECISION PUBLISHED 23 September 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 30 September 2024

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

SUBJECT

Purchase of Bryn, Lon Groesffordd, Edern

DECISION

To purchase the property known as Bryn, Lon Groesffordd 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.
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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):	Councillor Craig ab Iago
Name and designation of the Report's Author:	Efan Thomas MRICS Senior Estates Surveyor
Date of Decision:	20/09/2024
Cabinet Member(s)'s Signature:	

Subject:

Purchase of Bryn, Lon Groesffordd, Ederon

Recommendation for the Decision:

To purchase the property known as Bryn, Lon Groesffordd 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.

Bryn 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.”

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

Local Member/s – Councillor Gareth Tudor Jones -

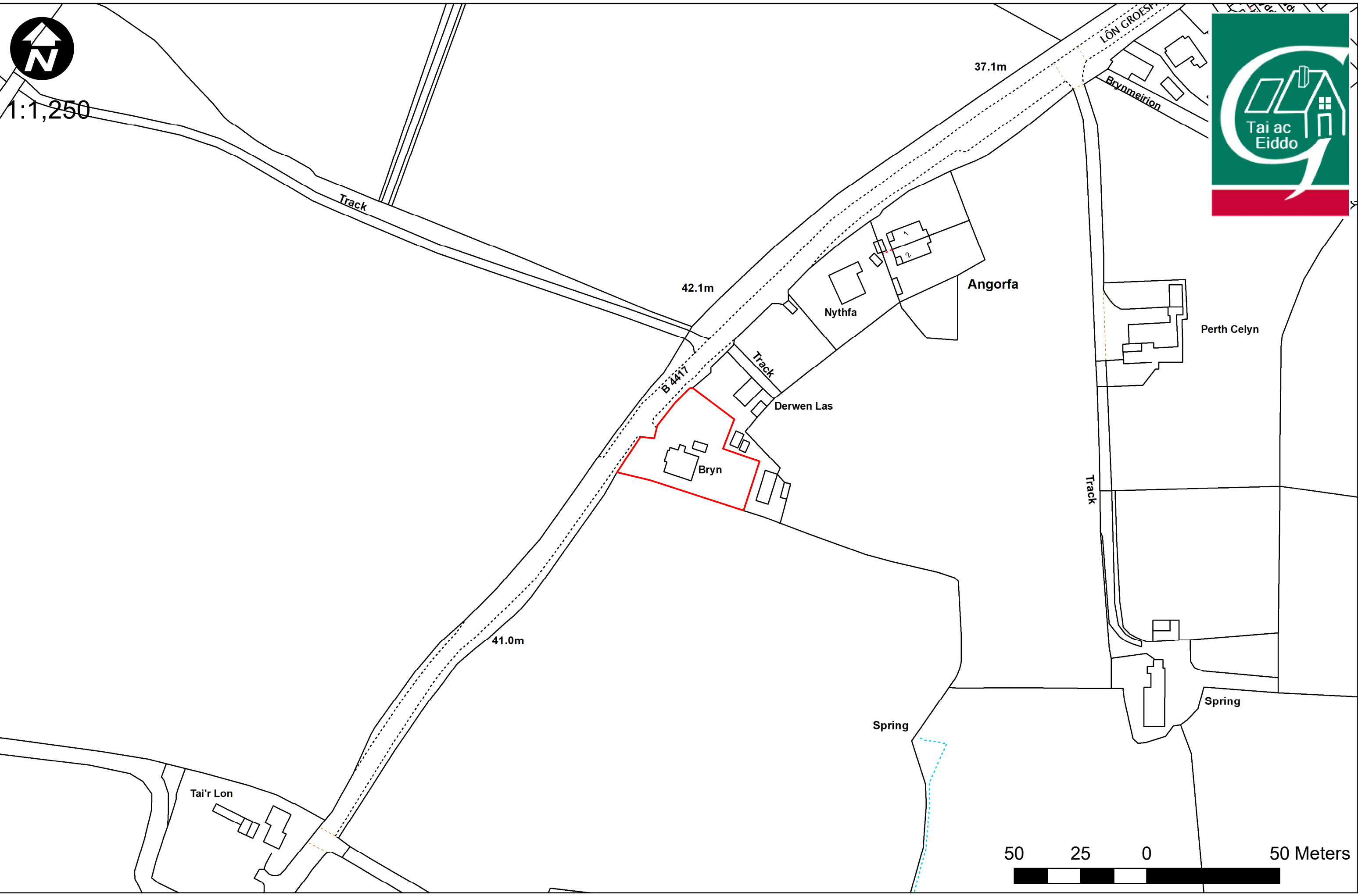
"I am supportive as a local member of the developments / plans regarding the future use of Bryn.

The only comment I have regarding the suitability of the house as a children's care home is that there is no pavement in front of the house for the village or streetlighting and the road is extremely dangerous for pedestrians due to the heavy traffic. The front of the property's gate can be a dangerous place to stand, and the traffic is not easily seen from the direction of Tudweiliog or from the direction of Morfa Nefyn either.

Also, despite the improvements made recently to the house dampness may be an ongoing problem."



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Bryn, Lon Groesffordd, Edern