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**PWYLLGOR YMGYNGHOROL DATBLYGIAD A DYSG**

I'w cynnal yn Siambr y Cyngor a thrwy bresenoldeb o bell ar,  
Ddydd Iau, 29 Hydref, 2026 4.45 y.h.

*Matthew Thomas*

**CLERC Y CYNGOR**

23 Hydref, 2026

**AGENDA**

1. Derbyn ymddiheuriadau am absenoldeb.
2. Derbyn Datganiad o Fuddiannau gan Aelodau mewn perthynas â'r busnes i'w drafod.
3. Digwyddiad Mega Drive – i dderbyn diweddariad gan Rheolwr Ymarferyddion am y digwyddiad hwn.
4. Rhaglen Cymorth Cyflogadwyedd (ESP) a Rhaglen Twf Swyddi Cymru + (JGW+) - i dderbyn a nodi diweddariad gan y Dirprwy Glerc ar gaffael ESP a estyniad JGW+.
5. Twf Swyddi Cymru + Rhaglen - i dderbyn a nodi adroddiad gwybodaeth am ddarpariaeth y rhaglen gan Reolwr Cyflogaeth Ieuenctid.
6. Deddf Cyrff Cyhoeddus (Mynediad i Gyfarfodydd), 1960 – i ystyried eithrio aelodau'r cyhoedd pan ystyrir y materion canlynol oherwydd natur gyfrinachol y busnes a drafodir.
7. Academi Sgiliau Cymru – nodwch y dogfennau canlynol:
  1. Cytundeb Lefel Gwasanaeth 2026/27.
  2. Cytundeb Fframwaith Prentisiaeth 2026/27 – Contract rhif 5.
8. Procurement Prentisiaeth – i dderbyn a nodi diweddariad llafar gan Reolwr Prentisiaethau.

**Aelodau'r Pwyllgor:**

**Cyng:** S. R. Bowen (Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor), S. N. Lewis (Is-Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor), T. M. Donoghue (Cadeirydd y Cyngor), R. E. Evans (Arweinydd y Cyngor), D. M. Cundy, N. Evans, J. S. Phillips, A. G. Stephens and O. Williams.

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**LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATIVE  
COMMITTEE**

To be hosted at the Council Chamber and via remote attendance  
on Thursday, 29 October, 2026, at 4.45 p.m.

*Matthew Thomas*

**CLERK to the COUNCIL**

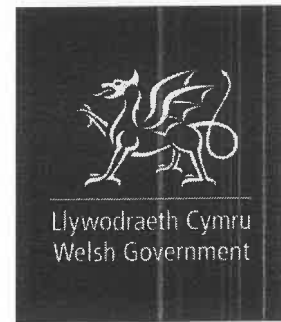
23 October, 2026

**AGENDA**

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive Members' Declarations of Interest in respect of the business to be transacted.
3. Mega Drive event – to receive an update from the Apprenticeship Manager on this event.
4. Employability Support Programme (ESP) and Jobs Growth Wales + Programme (JGW+)  
- to receive and note an update from the Deputy Clerk on the ESP procurement and JGW+ extension.
5. Jobs Growth Wales + Programme - to receive and note an information report on programme delivery from the Youth Employment Manager.
6. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960 – to consider excluding members of the public during consideration of the following matters owing to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
7. Skills Academy Wales – to note the following documents:
  1. Service Level Agreement 2026/27.
  2. Apprenticeship Framework Agreement 2026/27 – Contract no. 5.
8. Apprenticeship Procurement – to receive and note a verbal update from the Apprenticeship Manager.

**Members of the Committee:**

**Cllrs.** S. R. Bowen, (Chairman of Committee), S. N. Lewis (Vice-Chairman of Committee),  
T. M. Donoghue (Chairman of Council), R. E. Evans (Leader of Council), D. M.  
Cundy, N. Evans, J. S. Phillips, A. G. Stephens and O. Williams.



## CABINET STATEMENT

# Written Statement: Employability Support

**Adam Price MS, Cabinet Minister for  
Enterprise, Connectivity and Energy**

First published:  
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Today, I am providing an update on the future direction of employability support in Wales.

The Welsh Government remains committed to helping people move closer to employment, enter work and progress in fair and sustainable jobs. I am clear that effective employability support will continue to play an important role in the Welsh economy and in supporting productivity growth across Wales.

Over recent months, I have considered future arrangements for support, including the proposed Employability Support Programme (ESP), which was intended to replace existing employability provision. This consideration has taken place in a context where the environment in which employability support operates is becoming increasingly complex.

These complexities include future changes to Department for Work and Pensions provision,

opportunities arising from potential further devolution, and wider shifts in the economy, including the implications of artificial intelligence for labour market participation, workforce demand, and pathways into employment. All of this raises important questions about how employability support should be designed, who it should prioritise, and the interventions most likely to deliver positive outcomes.

This is a time of both uncertainty and opportunity which may require us to adapt our approach during this Senedd term. In this context, it is important that future provision is informed by the strongest available evidence and that we retain the flexibility to respond to changing circumstances.

Maximum flexibility is required to consider how best to respond to a rapidly evolving policy and labour market landscape. While procurement may remain an appropriate delivery mechanism in the future, I do not believe it would be right at this stage to make a substantial long-term policy and financial commitment through the ESP model.

People can only move into work if jobs exist in the first place. Helping people become job-ready is only half the challenge. The other half is ensuring there are employers ready to recruit and businesses ready to grow. Too often, governments have focused on the supply side of the labour market without paying enough attention to demand. We are determined to address this.

That is why I have concluded that the previous Government's ESP procurement will not proceed. I have also decided not to take forward the associated new grant funded element of the ESP. I recognise the significance of this decision, particularly for

organisations that have engaged extensively in the procurement process.

Instead of progressing the ESP programme, I am today announcing that the Welsh Government will extend the Jobs Growth Wales Plus (JGW+), contract for a further year to 31 March 2028. This will provide stability for participants and delivery partners while ensuring that support remains available to those who need it. Decisions on the future of the grant funded programmes of Communities for Work+ and ReAct+ will be taken as part of the Welsh Government's draft budget process this autumn.

Our ambition remains to help more young people progress into education, employment and training, working across departmental boundaries to ensure support is better aligned with wider services and responds to the full range of barriers that individuals may face. Over the coming year, we will consider demand side incentives to employers as well as supply side support to individuals. We will reflect on emerging evidence and explore how employability support can best contribute to our productivity mission, wider economic objectives and dovetail with our skills interventions and approach to apprenticeships.

I am committed to helping people fulfil their potential through work and to ensuring that we respond to a rapidly evolving landscape. We cannot afford to be complacent. We must continue to evaluate what works, call out what does not, and be prepared to change course where the evidence demands it. I will provide further updates as this work progresses.

**To the Chairman and Members of the  
Learning and Development Consultative Committee:**

Date of meeting: 29<sup>th</sup> of October 2026

Dear Councillor,

**JOBS GROWTH WALES + PROGRAMME**

**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide members with an information report on programme delivery.

**2. PROGRAMME DELIVERY**

**2.1 Staff Appointment**

The Jobs Growth Wales+ Youth Programme is committed to providing integrated, personalised training, personal development, and employability support for young people aged 16–19.

We are delighted to welcome a new Lead Worker to our Llanelli centre. Bringing extensive experience in supporting and empowering young people, they will play a key role in mentoring learners and guiding them towards their next steps in education, training, or employment.

Their knowledge and expertise will further strengthen the high-quality learning experience and support services already delivered by LRC Training.

**2.2 Learner Progression and Recruitment.**

Since our last update in July, we have continued to support a significant number of young people in achieving positive progression outcomes, primarily through enrolment in further education and securing employment opportunities. We are pleased to report that our average destination rate across all three programme strands currently stands at **88.5%**.

We remain incredibly proud of the progress, resilience, and achievements demonstrated by every young person attending LRC Training, and we look forward to continuing to support their success.

Currently, 62 young people are actively engaged in the Jobs Growth Wales+ Programme across our Llanelli and Carmarthen centres. Our experienced team continues to provide tailored support to help learners overcome barriers, build confidence, improve wellbeing, and access progression opportunities.

We have also seen a significant increase in referrals and enquiries following the end of the academic year, which has been further influenced by the closure of Inspire centres

in Llanelli and Ammanford. This has resulted in an increase in centre visits and referrals.

At present, four young people are awaiting programme start dates, with a number of additional centre visits already arranged. Over the coming months, we will carefully manage capacity across our centres to ensure we continue to provide high-quality support to as many young people as possible.

### 2.3 King's Trust Qualifications

The team has successfully completed another cohort of qualifications for learners currently in training. These qualifications will now undergo Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) and are scheduled for submission in February 2027.

We are also awaiting the results of our **King's Trust** qualification cohort. Based on learners' performance and engagement throughout the programme, we are confident that all participants are on track to achieve the qualification in full.

## 3. LONG TERM IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 It is important to deliver quality programmes to learners to equip them with employability skills and qualifications, identify progression opportunities for employment, apprenticeship and further education.
- 3.2 Job Growth Wales + aims to meet the youth guarantee to offer access to youth training and employment.
- 3.3 The activities in this report meet contractual requirements to sustain the services provided by the training department over the long term.
- 3.4 Having the appropriate resources in place enables services to be delivered.

## 4. SUSTAINABILITY AND WELL-BEING CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The above will meet the following aims, core values and well-being goals:

| Strategic Aim               | Core Value                                                           | National Well-Being Goal |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
|                             |                                                                      | 1                        | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Community Development       | CD1 CD2 CD3 CD4 CD5<br>CD6 CD7 CD8 CD9 CD10                          | ✓                        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Serving the Public          | STP1 STP2 STP3 STP4 STP5<br>STP6 STP7 STP8 STP9<br>STP10 STP12 STP13 | ✓                        |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Acting as a Local Voice     | LV1 LV2 LV3 LV4 LV5                                                  | ✓                        | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Quality of Life             |                                                                      |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| (1) Environment             | QL1                                                                  |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| (2) Social Inclusion        | QL2 QL3 QL4                                                          | ✓                        |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ |
| (3) Safe and Healthy Places | QL5                                                                  |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |

|                                         |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Sports, Leisure and Cultural Activities | SLC3 SLC4                | ✓ |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| The Local Economy                       | LE1 LE2 LE3 LE4          | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ |   |   |   |
| Local Democracy                         |                          |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
| Partnership Working                     | PW1 PW2 PW5 PW6          | ✓ |   |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Communication                           | C1 C3 C4 C5 C6 C8 C9 C11 | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |
| Health and Safety                       | HS1 HS2 HS3 HS4 HS5      | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ | ✓ |   | ✓ |
| Resources                               | R1 R2 R3                 | ✓ | ✓ |   |   |   |   | ✓ |
| Management and Control                  | MC1 MC2 MC3 MC5          | ✓ |   |   | ✓ |   | ✓ | ✓ |

## 5. PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- 5.1 The training department delivers a range of training opportunities for the direct benefit of the public, in turn helping to improve the general quality of life.

## 6. COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES

- 6.1 The provision of work-based learning supports the on-going collaboration between the council, Welsh Government, other sector partners, agencies and services. The local business enterprise is supported by upskilling local people through the provision of training opportunities.

## 7. PREVENTATIVE MEASURES/CONSIDERATIONS

- 7.1 The activities identified in the report are essential to support the sustainability of the training department and the services it provides.

## 8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1 That members note this information report.

Yours sincerely,

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT MANAGER**

20<sup>th</sup> of October 2026