
**COUNCIL CABINET
MINUTES
10 June 2014**

Present – Councillor Dyfed Edwards (Chairman)
Councillors - Gareth Thomas, Ioan Thomas, Peredur Jenkins, John Wynn Jones, R H Wyn Williams, W Gareth Roberts, John Wyn Williams.

Also present – Dilwyn Williams (Chief Executive Designate), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Iwan Trefor Jones (Corporate Director), Dilys Phillips (Monitoring Officer), Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director), Gwenan Parry (Head of Adults, Health and Wellbeing Department), Rhoslyn Prys (Children and Young People Delivery Manager), William Jones (Senior Finance Manager), Gareth Jones (Project Manager), Garem Jackson (Education Improvement Officer), Bob Thomas (Team Leader (Joint Planning Policy Unit - Gwynedd and Anglesey), Aled Davies (Head of Regulatory Department), Rhian Tomos (Cabinet Support Team Leader).

As a Local Member: Cllr Peter Read for Item 6

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Cabinet members, the local member, members of the Press and the officers were welcomed to the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor Peredur Jenkins declared a personal interest in Item 6 as he was a member of the Governing Body of Ysgol y Gader, Dolgellau. The Member was of the opinion that it was not a prejudicial interest, and he did not withdraw from the meeting during the discussion on the Item.

3. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no matters arising from scrutiny committees.

5. MINUTES

The Chairman signed the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 20 May 2014.

6. THE FUTURE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION NEEDS PROVISION IN MEIRIONNYDD AND DWYFOR

The report was submitted by Cllr Gareth Thomas, Cabinet Member for Education.

DECISION:

- To commence a process of statutory consultation in accordance with the requirements of the Schools Standards and Framework Act (Wales) 2013, to relocate Ysgol Hafod Lon and Uned Tŷ Aran to a new site in Penrhyndeudraeth on 1 September 2016.
- To increase the school's capacity
- To add a residential element to the provision.

7. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2013/14 – REVENUE OUTTURN

The report was submitted by Cllr Peredur Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Resources.

DECISION:

- 1.1 To note the final financial position of the Council's departments for 2013/14.
- 1.2 To approve the amounts to be carried forward, where appropriate, including approval for the Consultancy Department to be allowed to carry forward the full £120k underspend into the new financial year, as an exception to the usual £100k limit, due to the commercial nature of the service and their unpredictable level of income.
- 1.3 To approve the following financial transfers -
 - £32k from the Social Services Department's accrued underspend, along with
 - £262k from the corporate reserve earmarked for potential overspend in this field, and
 - £130k from the one-off savings following a restructuring of relevant senior management – to clear Social Services' £424k overspend in 2013/14, and give the two new heads of department a debt-free start at the commencement of 2014/15.
 - £15k of the Customer Care Department's underspend to be set-aside in order to create a specific redundancy costs reserve, to prepare for possible changes to cleaning.
 - £191k from the underspend on Cross-Departmental Savings Plans on a one-off to the corporate Redundancy Reserve.
 - £243k from the Contingency Budget to fund the additional cost of providing for bad debt.
 - £235k from the Contingency Budget to compensate for the decrease in interest received, due to general investment market trends.
 - £221k from additional repayments received on the Heritable Bank investment ("Icelandic" debt) to the Invest to Save Reserve.

- £851k from the one-off "surplus" of collectable Council Tax to the corporate Redundancy Reserve.
- £579k from the Savings Realised in Advance Budget to a specific reserve for assisting the 2014/15 Financial Strategy, and
- £752k from the Savings Realised in Advance Budget to the Invest to Save Reserve.
- £90k from the Contingency Budget to a specific reserve for the cost of establishing the new Complaints Procedure, and
- £164k from the Contingency Budget to General Balances.
- £295k from the un-committed budget provision to the Staff Training Reserve on a one-off basis.
- £87k from the one-off "surplus" on various other corporate budgets to General Balances.
- £1.727m from the Housing Revenue Account to be set aside, for now, in a specific reserve, with a view to applying this to reduce the pension liability unavoidably inherited on transferring the housing stock.

1.4 To note the reduction in the level of total specific reserves and the marginal increase in the Council's general balances during 2013/14.

8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 – END OF YEAR REVIEW

The report was submitted by Cllr Peredur Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Resources.

DECISION:

To accept the report on the year-end review (31 March 2014) of the capital programme, and approve the revised funding, namely:

- An increase of £736,000 in unsupported borrowing;
- An increase of £578,000 in the use of grants and contributions;
- An increase of £138,000 in the use of capital receipts;
- An increase of £341,000 in the use of revenue contributions;
- A reduction of £377,000 in the use of funds.

9. THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHILDREN AND ADULTS STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING PANEL

The report was submitted by Cllr R H Wyn Williams, Cabinet Member for Care.

DECISION:

To approve the steps taken to implement the Children and Adults Strategic Safeguarding Panel's Strategic Policy which was adopted by the Cabinet in March 2013 emphasising the need to prove that implementing these steps is having the appropriate effect.

10. ONSHORE WIND ENERGY SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE

The report was submitted by Cllr John Wyn Williams, Cabinet Member for Planning

DECISION:

To recommend that the changes are incorporated in the Supplementary Planning Guidance and that it is adopted by the Council to be used as a relevant consideration when dealing with planning applications for Onshore Wind Turbines within the Gwynedd Planning Authority Area.

To delegate the rights to correct any linguistic errors and re-number paragraphs in the final document before it is printed and placed on the Council's website, in the relevant officers and in public libraries.

11. THE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The report was submitted by Cllr Ioan Thomas, Cabinet Member for Customer Care.

DECISION:

To adopt a new Complaints Procedure for the Council.

The meeting commenced at 1pm and concluded at 3pm.

CHAIRMAN