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## COUNCIL CABINET 20130716

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**Present** – Councillor Dyfed Edwards (Chairman)  
Councillors – Siân Gwenllian, W. Gareth Roberts, Ioan Thomas, RH Wyn Williams, Peredur Jenkins, John Wyn Williams, John Wynn Jones and Brian Jones.

**Also present** – Harry Thomas (Chief Executive), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Dilys Phillips (Monitoring Officer), Dilwyn Williams (Corporate Director), Sioned Williams (Head of Economy and Community Department), William Jones (Senior Finance Manager), Dafydd Gibbard (Senior Corporate Property Manager), Iwan G D Evans (Legal Service Manager), Iwan Trefor Jones (Corporate Director), Dafydd Lewis (Corporate Director), Morwena Edwards (Statutory Director / Head of Social Services, Housing and Leisure), Dewi Lake (Lead Manager Secondary School Re-organisation), Guto Rhys Huws (Schools Re-organisation Programmes Co-ordinator), Roland Evans (Senior Manager Economy and Community), Rhian Tomos (Cabinet Support Team Leader).

**Local Member:**

Councillor Selwyn Griffiths (Item 6)

**Older People Champion:**

Councillor Gareth Thomas (Item 6)

### 1. WELCOME / APOLOGIES/ CONDOLENCE

The Cabinet members, members of the public, elected members, the Press and the officers were welcomed to the meeting. An apology had been received from Councillor Paul Thomas.

The Leader extended condolences to Councillor Gwen Griffiths, who was present at the meeting, on the recent loss of her mother.

### 2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor Peredur Jenkins declared a personal interest in Item 12 as he was a member of Ysgol y Gader Governing Board. 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.

Councillor Gareth Roberts declared a personal interest in Item 13 as he was a member of Ysgol Llidiardau Governing Board. 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 BUSINESS**

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 Council Cabinet meeting held on 2 July 2013 as a true record.

**6. OLDER PEOPLE ACCOMMODATION AND CARE NEEDS IN THE PORTHMADOG CATCHMENT AREA**

Submitted - a report by Councillor Wyn Williams, Cabinet Member for Care.

**DECISION**

- to hold a statutory consultation regarding the future of Hafod y Gest Residential Home, specifically regarding the preferred option, namely to bring its use as a residential home to an end.
- to accept the recommendations of the Local Members Group and that consideration is given to the after-use of the Hafod y Gest site to develop extra care housing which would include a number of units, earmarked to provide specialist care rather than a residential unit with a report back to the Cabinet in the autumn.
- as a consequence of the above, there is a need to review the needs of users of Noddfa Madog day centre and to secure services which respond to their needs should the use of the centre end.

**7. PV PANELS ELECTRICITY GENERATING SCHEME – PHASE 2**

The report was submitted by Councillor Gareth Roberts, Cabinet Member for the Environment.

**DECISION:**

That the Council continues with its investment in the second phase of the PV panels electricity generating scheme following the pilot scheme's success.

## **8. 2013/14 REVENUE BUDGET – FIRST QUARTER REVIEW**

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

### **DECISION:**

- To note the latest projections regarding the position of the 2013/14 budget and to ask Cabinet Members and relevant heads of department to take appropriate steps on matters under their control.
- To approve the return of a bid (£110k) from the Education budget to general balances.

## **9. 2013/14 CAPITAL PROGRAMME - FIRST QUARTER REVIEW (30 JUNE 2013)**

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

### **DECISION:**

To approve the revised funding.

## **10. ENSURING SUSTAINABLE SERVICES IN DIFFICULT TIMES**

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

### **DECISION**

To note the latest financial position and in light of the fundamental changes outlined, that the Asset Management Plan should be revisited to see whether there are opportunities to reduce the financial demands on the Council, and that we also revisit the Strategic Plan in order to identify which schemes are absolutely necessary and which ones could be reconsidered.

## **11. GWYNEDD MUSEUM AND GALLERY: DEVELOPMENT PLANS AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS ON THE USE OF THE BISHOP'S PALACE (TOWN HALL) BANGOR**

The report was submitted by Councillor John Wynn Jones, Cabinet Member for the Economy.

## **DECISION**

### Part A

- To approve the new partnership with Bangor University to develop a new transformational and sustainable operational model for the Gwynedd Museum and Art Gallery on the basis of a hub and spoke model.
- To approve the use of Bishop's Palace, Bangor (Town Hall) as a new location for the Gwynedd Museum and Art Gallery that will also act as an access point to Gwynedd Council services and a tourist information point.
- To approve a contribution of £150,000 from the Council's Match Funding Fund towards the project.
- To support the bid for £2.6m that has been submitted to the Lottery Heritage Fund for implementing the new Business Case.

### Part B

- To approve the relocation of Gwynedd Council staff currently located in Bishop's Palace, Bangor to alternative offices in Bangor or in the vicinity of Bangor / Caernarfon, with options to be fully developed and agreed by the Cabinet Members and relevant Services.
- That the Economy and Community Department strives to reduce the costs of relocation and the one off costs as much as possible and that the Cabinet, conditional on satisfying the Head of Finance Department (in consultation with the Corporate Management Team) regarding the requirements and the business case, approve:
  - Allocating a total of £174,000 to be funded from current funds to 'bridge' the cost of alternative office accommodation which will be up to £43,500 per year over a maximum of four years.
  - Allocating up to £25,000, again from current funds, to meet the one off costs of relocating staff and identifying offices; in addition to the additional costs of providing space for Siop Gwynedd.

## **12. SCHOOLS ORGANISATION – DOLGELLAU LIFE-LONG LEARNING COMMUNITY – CONSULTATION**

The report was submitted by Councillor Sian Gwenllian, Cabinet Member for Education.

## **DECISION**

- To approve the vision.
- To delegate powers to the Cabinet Member for Education to decide on conducting a statutory consultation process on establishing an All Through

- School in the town of Dolgellau on the basis of this report and including consulting on the possible legal category of the All Through School as: 'Community' or 'Voluntary Controlled' - with a religious (Church in Wales) character designation, and subject to the requirements of the proposed School Organisation Code, including conducting a pre-consultation with the Church of Wales and responding to the pre-consultation.
- To develop options and a strong business case for developing the site of Ysgol Gynradd Dolgellau as part of the Council's bids for funding from the Welsh Government's Twenty First Century Schools Programme.

### **13. SCHOOLS ORGANISATION – YSGOL LLIDIARDAU – STATUTORY NOTICE**

The report was submitted by Councillor Sian Gwenllian, Cabinet Member for Education.

#### **DECISION**

- i. To confirm the proposal given by statutory notice to close Ysgol Llidiardau, Rhosirwaun on 31 August 2013 and to offer a place for pupils in Ysgol Crud y Werin, Aberdaron from 1 September 2013;
- ii. To confirm the transport arrangements for the transition stage only, when free transport will be available for those pupils who are currently registered in Ysgol Llidiardau specifically to Ysgol Crud y Werin, Aberdaron or Ysgol Pont y Gof, Botwnnog, if those pupils live over two miles from the chosen school, or who receive free transport because of the nature of the roads in accordance with the current transport policy. This will be a temporary arrangement for pupils on the school register on 31 August 2013 only and for their period at the school.

The meeting commenced at 1pm and concluded at 3.45pm.

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**CHAIRMAN**