
COUNCIL CABINET
26 NOVEMBER 2013

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

Also present – Harry Thomas (Chief Executive), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Dilys Phillips (Monitoring Officer), Dilwyn Williams (Corporate Director), Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director), Geraint George (Head of Strategic and Improvement Department), Arwel Ellis Jones (Senior Manager – Commissioning Services), William Jones (Senior Finance Manager), Rhian Tomos (Cabinet Support Team Leader), Diane Jones (Executive Officer to the Leader).

Observers from the Audit Committee: Councillor Trefor Edwards, Councillor Dafydd Meurig and Councillor John Pughe Roberts.

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

The Cabinet members, the observers from the Audit Committee and the officers were welcomed to the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

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 Council Cabinet meeting held on 5 November 2013 as a true record.

6. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2013/14 – 2015/16 – SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

Submitted – a report by Councillor Peredur Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Resources.

DECISION:

To accept the 2013/14 to 2015/16 revised capital programme as submitted in part 1 of the report and approve the relevant sources of finance as outlined in part 2 of the report.

7. REVENUE BUDGET 2013/14 – SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

Submitted – a report by Councillor Peredur Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Resources.

DECISION:

- a) To note the latest projections of the 2013/14 budgetary position and commit as individual Cabinet Members, with the relevant heads of departments, to take appropriate steps regarding matters under their control, as there is strong doubt as to whether we will bail out the total overspend of any departments, and where appropriate it is expected that evidence is seen of managerial measures which reduce the overspend during the remainder of 2013/14.
- b) To release (£568k) of additional funding from the Reserves Budget to the Social Services Department in order to meet the cost of demographic changes.
- c) To release an element of the 'Savings achieved in advance' budget in order to bridge some savings targets (the North Wales Procurement Unit and an element of e-Procurement) which are unlikely to be realised in full in 2013/14.

8. FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Submitted – a report by Councillor Peredur Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Resources.

DECISION:

To recommend to the Council a strategy to include:

- Compiling a new savings programme for the coming four year period which is based on trying to have the least possible effect on the outcomes for the people of Gwynedd to be implemented from the end of 2014/15 onwards; and
- In order to buy the necessary time to enable us to plan a new considered and sensible programme of savings, that we use the remainder of our present savings programme along with several other steps including using an element of balances (say around £1.5m) to formulate a balanced budget in 2014/15.

9. REVISED STRATEGIC PLAN

Submitted - a report by the Leader.

DECISION:

To agree to the suggestions presented in the report with regards to revising the contents of the Strategic Plan for 2013-14 and recommend that it be adopted by the full Council.

The meeting commenced at 1pm and concluded at 2.50pm.

CHAIRMAN