

## **REPORT TO THE CABINET**

16 September 2014

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Dyfed Edwards

**Subject:** The Performance of Gwynedd Council 2013/14

**Contact officer:** Hawis Jones, Performance and Efficiency Improvement Manager

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### **Decision sought**

To recommend the adoption of the 2013/14 Gwynedd Council Performance Report by the Full Council.

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### **Local member's views**

Not a local matter.

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### **Introduction**

In accordance with the Council's performance management framework, the performance report for 2013/14 is submitted to the Cabinet for approval.

### **Reasons for recommending the decision**

The Cabinet must approve the report before it is adopted by the Full Council at its meeting on 9 October 2014. The report was also submitted for the attention of the Scrutiny Forum to scrutinise the balance of the report.

### **Relevant considerations**

The report is based on the quarterly reports on performance submitted during the year and addresses the achievement against the outcomes of the Council's Strategic Plan 2013/14.

The Wales Audit Office is considering this report when preparing its assessment of the Council's performance. As usual, they will be searching for a balanced report, which addresses the aspects that failed to be achieved as well as the successful aspects.

It will be arranged for the public to be informed of the report via the Council's usual media, including social media.

A 'concise' version will be available that will address the main issues and will be prepared so that it will be easy to read by Gwynedd residents.

### **Next steps and timetable**

The report will be considered further by:  
The Full Council – 9 October 2014, for final approval.

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### **Views of the statutory officers**

#### **Chief Executive:**

Publication of this report not only meets statutory requirements, but is also an opportunity for the Council to refer to our performance in the last financial year giving a fair and balanced picture of that performance. We have much to be proud of, but obviously there are areas where we have not managed to achieve what we intended. As a Council we are always seeking the best for the people of the county and this report provides an opportunity for Gwynedd people and others to conclude to what extent we have been successful in doing so.

#### **Monitoring Officer:**

Nothing to add regarding propriety.

#### **Head of Finance Department:**

The 2013/14 performance report indicates the success of the Council's projects and services across many areas. That includes, on page 59 of the report, keeping within budget, paying invoices promptly and effective tax collection. It is also encouraging, on page 57 of the report, to see an increase in the percentage of residents who believe that Gwynedd Council provides value for money. I also note the Welsh Audit Office considers that the Council "has benefited from strong leadership in terms of financial planning in 2013/14". On the same page, the report notes the success to realise savings and develop efficiency plans in 2013/14. The Council will need to continue making this a priority this year and in

subsequent years, as the local government sector is already facing extremely challenging savings targets.

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## **Appendices**

### **Appendix – Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2013/14**