

MEETING	COUNCIL
DATE	21 October, 2010
TITLE	Strategy Programme "Towards 2025" – Future of Education and Training for Children and Young People in Gwynedd
PURPOSE	To present a Strategy Programme for Education and Training in Gwynedd up to 2025
RECOMMENDATION	To approve the recommendations
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PORTFOLIO LEADER	Cllr. Dewi Lewis and Cllr. Liz Saville Roberts

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. The purpose of the enclosed paper [**Appendix A**] is to present a Strategy Programme for Education and Training in Gwynedd up to 2025.
- 1.2. The Strategy Programme will be a clear focus for future development of the County's education and training system, provide a basis for system reviews, and drive the Council's capital investment programme.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. During Summer 2010, the Assembly Government announced that they wished to receive an outline of the LEA's strategy when developing a sustainable education and training system for the future. The outline is expected to mention the LEA's aims for 3-19 education provision.
- 2.2. Originally, Authorities were requested to submit Strategies to the Assembly Government by 28 October, 2010. The time-table has now been extended to the beginning of December 2010.
- 2.3. This wish by the Assembly to have Local Strategies of this kind in place, forms part of the new Capital Programme for "Schools in the 21stC". They place a considerable emphasis on ensuring that LEA's have strategies in place that identify their vision and aims for education and training of children and young people.

3. IMPROVEMENT WORKING-GROUP

- 3.1. The Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee convened the Improvement Working Group in order to lead on the Strategy's development.
- 3.2. Cross-party membership was agreed upon consisting of the following members:

Cllrs. Dewi Owen (Chair), Gwen Griffith, Sian Gwenllian, June Marshall, John Pughe Roberts, Gethin Williams and Dyfrig Siencyn. The Education Portfolio Holder was invited to attend the meetings as an observer.

4. STRATEGY OUTLINE OF THE CAPITAL REQUIREMENTS

- 4.1. The Assembly Government have asked all LEA's to prepare an outline strategy of their capital requirements over the next 10 years – and that in face of their Strategies aims and priorities.
- 4.2. In addition, the short-term capital requirements (between 2012-14) need to be identified and this will form the basis of the Council's application for resources from the "Schools in the 21stC". The aim is to submit applications for the following schemes:
 - Re-locate and build a new Ysgol Hafod Lon with a Residential Unit;
 - A Lifelong Campus at Bala and renovate O. M. Edwards; Ffridd y Llyn and Bro Tryweryn schools;
 - An Information Technology Project to improve infrastructure across the County so as to provide on-line courses.
- 4.3. A report will be presented to the Board on 23 November, 2010 in which the details of these applications will be included.

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1. The draft strategy was presented for the attention of a joint meeting of secondary school headteachers (GCSU) and primary school headteacher representatives (GYDCA) on 8 September, 2010.
- 5.2. There was unanimous agreement to the Strategy by the above.
- 5.3. In addition, the Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee gave their approval at their meeting held on 23 September, 2010.
- 5.4. The Education Service will be completing the column on indicators so that the priority and outcomes can be measured.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 To approve the contents of the "Towards 2025" Strategy Programme.