

MEETING	THE COUNCIL
DATE	21 October 2010
TITLE	Report on the Council's achievements in 2009/10
PURPOSE	To adopt the document as a fair reflection of the Council's performance against it's key improvements and indicators in 2009/10
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PORTFOLIO LEADER	Councillor Dyfed Edwards, Leader of the Council
RECOMMENDATION	To adopt the document

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 There is a statutory requirement on the Council to publish a plan that summarises its main plans for the year and also to report on the Council's performance on its main improvements and indicators. The 3 Year Plan itself and the review which has been adopted by the Council achieves the first requirement as regards outlining the Council's main plans. The document attached to this report is a draft of the document that will achieve the second requirement as regards reporting on the 2009/10 performance. Therefore it reports on what has been achieved and what has slipped during that year.
- 1.2 In line with the requirement, the Council needs to ensure that the contents of the report gives a true and fair picture of the Council's performance on matters of the 3 Year Plan.

2. THE CONTENTS

- 2.1 The report provides details on the Council's performance and all improvements and indicators of the 3 Year Plan to the end of 2009/10. Of course, all these details are in the individual scrutiny committee's areas of work and those committees have had the opportunity to challenge the progress in the individual areas at their regular meetings.
- 2.2 The report also tries to summaries the Council's performance against the Plan's commitments in a narrative form by giving a short description of the achievements during 2009/10. This is done for the Strategic Priorities that

are in the Plan at the moment. Additionally, there are further details for all the plans including an explanation of the implementation steps where there have been slippages at the end of 2009/10.

- 2.3 In the past, the Council has received some criticism by the Wales Audit Office on two elements of the achievement report:-
- How legible the report is, remembering that a public summary of the document will be prepared and will be distributed as part of Newyddion Gwynedd.
 - A need for a more balanced report on performance, by providing additional comments to explain the significance and effect of any failure to achieve on targets.
- 2.4 This matter was discussed at the Principal Scrutiny Committee on 30 September, when it was requested that further consideration be given to ensuring that the narrative in the document better reflects the real situation in relation to the performance of the Council. The copy of the document which is attached has been amended to respond to this request.
- 2.5 Due to the timetable for preparing the Council agenda, any comments from the Board will be reported at the meeting.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Council is asked to:
- (a) recommend the document as a true and fair reflection of the Council's performance against its main improvements and indicators during 2009/10, and to adopt it.
 - (b) Authorise the Head of Strategic and Improvement to make any necessary corrections, additions or editorial changes before publishing the report.