

MEETING	THE COUNCIL
DATE	20 October 2011
TITLE	Report on the Council's achievements in 2010/11
PURPOSE	Approve the document as a true, fair and balanced reflection of the Council's performance against its improvement objectives, main improvements and indicators in 2010/11
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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 responsibility for the Council to publish a plan that summarises its main schemes for the coming year, as well as reporting on the Council's performance against its improvement objectives i.e. the main improvements and indicators for the past year.

The Council's new Three Year Plan for the period 2011/14 was adopted by the full Council in May this year. It outlines our improvement objectives for the coming three years and therefore meets the first requirement of outlining the Council's main schemes.

The attached document is a final draft of the report that will meet the second part of the requirement, that is to report on 2010/11 performance. It therefore reports on our achievements and matters that have slipped during the past year.

- 1.2 In accordance with the requirements, the Council needs to ensure the report gives a balanced and fair view of the Council's performance on the schemes within the Three Year Plan.

2. CONTENTS

- 2.1 The report provides details of the Council's performance against its improvement objectives, and all improvements and indicators of the Three Year Plan to the end of 2010/11.
- 2.2 The report also summarizes the Council's performance in narrative form by giving a short description of achievement during 2010/11. The narrative is per Improvement Objectives currently in the Plan. 2010/11 has been a transformational year for the Council in developing

arrangements for moving the Council towards a focus on outcomes by including them within an integrated programme.

In addition, a detailed assessment is included per scheme, including an explanation of next steps where there were slippages to the end of 2010/11. To ensure the Council is accountable for its performance, and publishes a balanced assessment of its achievements, progress was assessed against the following criteria:

Green – improvements which have achieved the outcome for the year / indicators that have met the accumulative target for the year.

Amber – improvements that have made an acceptable progress towards achieving the outcome for the year / indicators performance within tolerance .

Red – improvements that have not met the outcome for the year / indicators that have not met the accumulative target for the year.

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 The report was discussed at the Principal Scrutiny Committee on 6th October.

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 2010/11, and to adopt it.
- (b) Authorise the Head of Strategic and Improvement to make any necessary corrections, additions or editorial changes to ensure its accuracy before publishing the report.