

GWYNEDD COUNCIL

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| MEETING | Council |
| DATE | 19 September 2012 |
| TITLE | Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2012/13 |
| PURPOSE | To approve the document as a balanced, fair and accurate reflection of the Council's performance during 2012/13, and to adopt it. |
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| CABINET MEMBER | Councillor Dyfed Edwards, Council Leader |
| RECOMMENDATION | To adopt the report |

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Local Government (Wales) Measure places a duty on local authorities to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement and to account for it. We have addressed this by publishing the Council's Strategic Plan for 2012/13. The Gwynedd Council Performance report is now submitted.
- 1.2 The process of accountability for performance takes place in two stages:
 - Stage1 - The requirement for authorities to publish their plans for improvement, and to include a set of improvement objectives (our Strategic Plan).
 - Stage 2 - The requirement for authorities to publish an assessment of performance relating to their plans and improvement objectives (Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2012/13).
- 1.3 Authorities are required to publish an assessment of their performance during a financial year by 31 October of the following year.
- 1.4 In accordance with the requirements, the Council needs to ensure that the content of the report provides a balanced, fair and accurate reflection of the Council's performance.

2.0 THE CONTENT

- 2.1 The report provides details on Council performance against that which it intended to achieve for the year, namely the improvement objectives. It also includes details regarding the way in which the Council measured its progress against what it said it was going to do, namely the performance measures. The report encompasses 2012/13 performance.
- 2.2 The report demonstrates in each field:
- Why we need to act
 - What the relevant factors were
 - How do we compare with others
 - What has worked
 - Who our partners were
 - Who has benefitted
- 2.4 In addition to this, there is a detailed assessment for each project of that which has been achieved and what difference we have made.
- 2.5 The appendices include details of progress against the Councils key performance measures and the National Strategic Indicators (NSIs).
- 2.6 The report was considered by the Scrutiny Forum at its meeting on 31 July, and by the Cabinet at its meeting on 17 September 2013. Any matters which will arise from the Cabinet meeting will be reported verbally to the meeting.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Council is asked to approve the report as a balanced, fair and accurate reflection of the Council's performance during 2012/13 and to adopt it.