

THE CABINET TUESDAY, 3 MAY 2016

Present-

Councillors: Dyfed Wyn Edwards (Chair), Dyfrig L. Siencyn (Vice-Chair), Peredur Jenkins, John Wynn Jones, Dafydd Meurig, Gareth Thomas, Ioan Thomas, Mandy Williams-Davies and Dyfrig Jones

Also present: Dilwyn Williams (Chief Executive), Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director), Dafydd L. Edwards (Head of Finance), Iwan G. Evans (Head of Legal Service), Huw Ynyr (Senior Manager - Information Technology and Business Transformation) and Vera Jones (Members Manager - Democracy Service)

1. APOLOGIES

Cabinet Members and Officers were welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Cllr. William Gareth Roberts, Cllr. Mair Rowlands and Iwan Trefor Jones.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, Cllr. Dyfrig Jones, was welcomed to the meeting by Cllr. Dyfrig Siencyn.

All members who were present welcomed the opportunity to strengthen direct communication between the Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees. The report presented included recommendations from the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on three items.

Response to the report –

A. Item – Gwynedd Council Procurement Strategy – Category Management and Keeping the Benefits Local

Cllr. Mandy Williams-Davies noted the aspiration to increase the benefits that are kept local and explained the need to raise awareness, both within and outside of Gwynedd Council. She also noted her readiness to update the Scrutiny

Committee every 6 months and welcomed any further discussions.

It was confirmed that progress on the procurement strategy, with particular attention to category management will be revisited in 6 months.

B. Item – Draft Information Technology Strategy

Cllr. Peredur Jenkins welcomed the points presented by the Scrutiny Committee and thanked the Committee for its part in the discussions.

C. Item – The Benefits to Gwynedd from Retaining Business Rates

Cllr. Dyfrig Siencyn welcomed the points presented by the Scrutiny Committee and noted the recommendation that the Council should not, at this moment, proceed to write to the Welsh Government asking for the same provision in Wales as is present in England.

Cllr. Dyfrig Siencyn thanked Cllr. Dyfrig Jones and the Committee for the work and welcomed the very useful discussion.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH MARCH 2016

The Chairman signed the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on the 15th of March 2016.

6. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STRATEGY (2016-18)

The report was submitted by Cllr. Peredur Jenkins.

The report was seconded by Cllr. Dafydd Meurig.

DECISION

1. To adopt the Information Technology Strategy, and in order to realise the strategy, fund two Account Manager posts (with business analysis/project management skills) at £74,000 permanently, by using underspend from the previous year for 2016/17 and anticipating the success of a bid for resources by 2017/18.

2. In order to address the concerns of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, an additional workstream should be added to the Strategy under the “*Technology as an enabler to transform and deliver*” activity to consider whether the balance between security and ease of use of the technology is right.

7. RESPONDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 8 OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL-BEING (WALES) ACT 2014

The report was submitted by Cllr. Dyfrig Siencyn on behalf of Cllr. W Gareth Roberts & Cllr. Mair Rowlands.

The report was seconded by Cllr. Gareth Thomas.

DECISION

To adopt and implement the Protocol submitted as Appendix 1 to the report to ensure that we respond in full to the requirements of Part 8 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

8. RESPONDING TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 9 OF THE SOCIAL SERVICES AND WELL-BEING (WALES) ACT 2014

The report was submitted by Cllr. Dyfrig Siencyn on behalf of Cllr. W Gareth Roberts & Cllr. Mair Rowlands.

The report was seconded by Cllr. Dafydd Meurig.

DECISION

1. To accept establishing a Regional Partnership Board, in accordance with Part 9 of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014.

2. To support the establishment of the Regional Partnership Shadow Board for the period until formal arrangements have been confirmed.

3. To nominate Cllr William Gareth Roberts, Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Well-being, with responsibility within the social services field, to sit on the Regional Partnership Board. To nominate Cllr Mair Rowlands, Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Leisure as a deputy.

4. To commit to finance the costs of supporting the regional arrangements from 2017/18, in accordance with the existing level of arrangements.

5. Before agreeing to any proposed structure that further work should be requested in order to provide further details on the constitution of the Regional Partnership Board, the governance arrangements, and in particular the lines of accountability and its relationship with the Local Services Board and the Public Services Board.

9. OVERVIEW OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE 2015/16 - FIELDS OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE, THE WELSH LANGUAGE, EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT COUNCIL AND FINANCIAL PLANNING

The report was submitted by Cllr. Dyfed Edwards.

The report was seconded by Cllr. John Wynn Jones.

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report submitted to the meeting.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and concluded at 3.20 pm

CHAIRMAN