

## **GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

### **Date of Cabinet Meeting:**

**The Decision will come into force** and implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25.1 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution.

**30/12/16**

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### **SUBJECT**

Item : THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION PROVISION IN YSGOL Y BERWYN CATCHMENT AREA

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### **DECISION**

To defer the consideration of recommendations in the report to consider the latest correspondence received from the Church in Wales as well as the legal opinion received.

Allow time for officers to hold further local discussions.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The situation surrounding the latest developments regarding the governance of Bala's new Learning Campus continues to be uncertain following the receipt of correspondence from the Church in Wales.

It was resolved to defer the decision in order to allow more time to consider the legal opinion received, and to have an opportunity to engage with local residents.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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### **ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION**

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report submitted to the meeting.

No observations had been received from the Local Member.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item : MATTER ARISING FROM THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - FURTHER EFFICIENCY SAVINGS

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### **DECISION**

To accept the implementation programme for the savings discussed at the Council Cabinet on 12 July 2016, and to meet the amount of £278,000 within alternative schemes noted in part 3.7 - 3.18 of the report.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

This decision gives seal of approval and completes a process that was approved at the Cabinet's meeting on 12 July 2016.

The decision means implementing an alternative solution to meet the efficiency savings target within the Public Protection Service in the Council's Regulatory Department.

The solution focuses on internal reorganisation and increasing income in order to achieve the necessary savings. It will achieve savings of £387,000 during 2017-18.

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The Corporate and Communities Scrutiny Committees were consulted, as well as the Statutory Officers, to seek their views, which have been included in the report submitted to the meeting.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item : CO-LOCATING SERVICES

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### **DECISION**

To commission the Corporate Property Service to assess the Property portfolio in specific locations across the County, with the aim of trying to identify opportunities for co-locating services in order to make the most efficient use of our buildings.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

This decision allows the Corporate Property Service to proceed to assess the Council's service locations.

It is a continuation of ongoing work by the Service since 2008 to identify buildings which are part of the Council's property portfolio, that are possible to dispose of. By now, work is becoming difficult as the remaining buildings are operational buildings. This means that there is a need to identify opportunities to co-locate services in order to make the most efficient use of Council buildings.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item : TO LEASE THE FORMER BRON Y FOEL SCHOOL, Y FRON

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### **DECISION**

To use powers under General Disposal Consent (Wales) 2003 to lease the former Bron y Foel School site, Y Fron, directly to Canolfan y Fron for less than market rent, to ensure the provision of social, economic and environmental benefits.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

This decision grants the leasing of the former Bron y Foel School to the Canolfan y Fron community group. Social, environmental and economic benefits were emphasised against the potential financial loss, and it would be ensured that the former school remains a part of the local community.

The group has been successful with an application in obtaining £945,000 funding from the National Lottery CAT 2 fund. One of the grant's core conditions is that it cannot be used to fund the acquisition/lease of the building, and the application succeeded on the basis that the Council would support the project by providing the building.  
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### **SUBJECT**

Item : BUDGETARY PRIORITIES AND SECONDARY SCHOOL BUDGETS

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### **DECISION**

- i. That the Cabinet commissions a plan for inclusion in our 2017/18 Strategic Plan to assess where the protection line should be for the Secondary Sector so as to use this information when setting the budget for 2018/19;
- ii. Accepting that discussions have started with stakeholders on assessing the problem, it should be underlined that the new Council needs to consider the results of these discussions early on in the Council's lifetime so as to establish a long term sustainable solution for the Secondary sector;
- iii. So as to buy time for this to happen, that the Cabinet Member for Resources be asked to try and bridge for two years the £298,990 that the Secondary sector is expected to find to be financed from balances;
- iv. In order to avoid wasting resources through redundancy and re-employment, that the Cabinet Member for Resources also be asked to consider including bridging finance in his budget for 2017/18 for those schools that would lose money because of the reduction in pupil numbers and to also consider the use of individual school balances in any proposed scheme.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

It has been apparent for some time that there is a need to reach a long term sustainable solution for the funding position of Secondary education in Gwynedd and work is in the pipeline to do so. Meanwhile, more schools are aiming towards the protection line we have and there are also questions whether or not that protection line is in the right place. Therefore, it is timely that a plan is commissioned to establish a protection line for the Secondary Sector.

As there is a need to consider the outcomes of discussions on the Secondary sector's future, additional time will be needed to achieve the savings target of the Secondary Sector if we wish to do so without exacerbating the situation of Secondary education within the county.

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It has also become apparent that the total number of the county's secondary school pupils falls in 2017/18 but increases thereafter during the subsequent two years. As funding for individual schools is allocated according to number of pupils, it is therefore prudent to bridge the deficit that will be caused by the reduction in pupil numbers. This means that it will be possible for individual schools to avoid staff redundancies and reappointments in a fairly short period, avoiding redundancy costs and impact on pupils' education.

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### SUBJECT

Item : PERFORMANCE REPORT: CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEISURE

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### DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

To approve the re-profiling of a section of the efficiency savings scheme 'HAM4 - More effective running of facilities' (a total of £256,500), from the 2017/18 to 2018/19 financial year.

2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	Total
40,000	267,500	75,758	256,500	639,758

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### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to ensure effective and transparent performance management, Cabinet Members are required to report periodically on the performance of the field for which they are responsible to the Cabinet.

Considering the challenging nature of achieving the solution of the savings scheme 'More effective running of [leisure] facilities', it will not be possible to avoid overspend by the Economy and Community Department in 2017-18 without re-profiling the savings.

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### DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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### **SUBJECT**

Item : PERFORMANCE REPORT: CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

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### **DECISION**

To accept and note the information in the report.

To approve the alternative profile figures below for Scheme P7 Transformation of Additional Learning Needs:

<b>2016/17</b>	<b>2017/18</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	<b>2019/20</b>	<b>Total</b>
26,238	98,356	436,004	247,863	808,461

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In order to ensure effective and transparent performance management, Cabinet Members are required to report periodically on the performance of the field for which they are responsible to the Cabinet.

The Council has decided to collaborate with the Isle of Anglesey Council to achieve the savings associated with scheme P7 - Additional Learning Needs. Formal discussions associated with the scheme took more time than originally anticipated, which has resulted in a slippage.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item : PERFORMANCE REPORT: CABINET MEMBER FOR RESOURCES

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### **DECISION**

To accept and note the information in the report.

To send a letter to Welsh Government requesting that they ensure that any Apprenticeship Levy payments made be returned to the Council in order to employ apprentices.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In order to ensure effective and transparent performance management, Cabinet Members are required to report periodically on the performance of the field for which they are responsible to the Cabinet.

The Apprenticeship Levy is an additional financial requirement on the Council which will be paid directly to the Westminster Government. No instruction has been received from the Assembly Government regarding what it intends to do with this additional funding, which will be allocated via the Barnett formula. As a result of this void, the Cabinet has decided to press upon the Assembly Government to ensure that money paid by the Council through the Apprenticeship Levy is returned in order to employ apprentices.

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