

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting: 17/01/2017

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.

1/02/2017

SUBJECT

Item : AGEING WELL ACTION PLAN

DECISION

To approve Gwynedd Council's Ageing Well scheme as a working document in order to promote working preventively and working in cross-departments in the field of Older People, and contribute to the well-being agenda.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

There is increasing pressure to ensure that all the Council's activities contribute towards the preventative agenda in the elderly people field.

This Scheme complies with the emphasis on well-being in the Social Services and Well-being Act (Wales) 2014 and highlights what is intended to be done in order to attempt to maximise the contribution of every department within the council towards that agenda.

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

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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.

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Item : THE EFFECT OF THE SOCIAL SERVICE AND WELLBEING ACT

DECISION

To amend the charging policy based on proposals upon which consultations have been made and which are presented in Appendix Ch of the report

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

On 15 March 2016 the Cabinet resolved to adopt a temporary Charging Policy. Furthermore, it was decided that the Adults, Health and Well-being Department should consult on further changes to the Policy, the intention being to establish a new Policy that would reflect the requirements and opportunities arising from the Social Services and Well-being Act (Wales) 2014.

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

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Residential and Non-residential Service Users were consulted, and their responses have been outlined in the report submitted to the meeting.

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Item : CHANGING PREFERRED ROUTE - IMPROVE LLANBEDR ROAD / ACCESS

DECISION

Not to protect the original route for the Llanbedr by-pass and support the plan in Appendix B of the report for the new access road in the area.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Although a route for a new by-pass road has already been established a long time ago, it is believed that, by now, there is a need to revise the plans with the specific aim of improving transport connections to the airport.

The work of considering different options has been carried out by using the WeITAG evaluation process, and the result was to recommend a new access road that would also function as a by-pass to the village.

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

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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

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Item : PROVISION OF PUBLIC CONVENIENCE IN GWYNEDD

DECISION

- I. Achieve the cut of £244,000 in the service by delivering the Partnership Scheme with Town and Community Councils in order to keep the majority of the County's existing public toilets open for the future.
 - II. Authorise the Head of Highways and Municipal Department to contract with the Town and Community Councils that have expressed an interest in partnership.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council had decided that as part of its list of cuts, 50 toilets out of 73 would have to be closed in order to achieve the necessary savings. Afterwards, however, it was noted that it would be possible to meet the saving in a different way if town and community councils were happy to partner with the Council in order to keep individual toilets open. The Partnership Scheme offers the possibility of keeping many more toilets open for the future.

It is anticipated that it would be possible to keep a minimum of 52 toilets open through the Town and Community Councils' support and co-operation.

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

The following Councillors declared an interest:

Dyfed Edwards - Member of Llanllyfni Community Council

Dyfrig Siencyn - Member of Dolgellau Town Council

Gareth Thomas - Chair of Penrhyndeudraeth Town Council

Mandy Williams-Davies - Member of Ffestiniog Town Council

Mair Rowlands - Member of Bangor City Town Council.

W. Gareth Roberts - Member of Aberdaron Community Council

Ioan Thomas - Member of Caernarfon Town Council

Peredur Jenkins - Member of Brithdir, Llanfachreth and Rhydymain Community Council

It was not a prejudicial interest, therefore, there was no need to leave the meeting.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Statutory Officers that have been included in the report submitted to the meeting were consulted.

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SUBJECT

Item : FOOTWAY, COETMOR ROAD, BETHESDA

DECISION

Capitalisation of £120,000 underspend in the Regulatory Department, as a contribution towards safety improvement by providing a footway between Plas Ffrancon and Ffordd Hen Barc along Ffordd Coetmor, Bethesda.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This scheme places a new footway provision on part of the roads network in Bethesda which is used a great deal by pedestrians, especially school pupils walking to Ysgol Dyffryn Ogwen and those walking to Plas Ffrancon Leisure Centre. There is currently no footway provision at all between Plas Ffrancon and Ffordd Hen Barc and such a provision would be a substantial safety improvement as well as being a valuable resource for the community.

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

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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

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SUBJECT

Item : REVIEW OF BANGOR CATCHMENT AREA PRIMARY EDUCATION PROVISION

DECISION

Commence discussions at a local level as outlined in the report on reviewing primary school education provision in Bangor.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The increase in the pupil population and attendance numbers at schools in the Bangor area as well as the increase in the number of houses there means that the provision in the city needs to be considered for the future. Due to an underspend in Welsh Government's Band A 21st Century Schools Programme, an opportunity has arisen for us to obtain resources to achieve any structural improvements, and in order to take advantage of it, there is a need to establish what we wish to see in Bangor.

In order to establish that, discussions need to be commenced on a local level.

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

The following Councillors declared an interest:

Mair Rowlands - Member of the Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Cae Top, Bangor
Dafydd Meurig - Member of the Governing Body of Ysgol Gynradd Cae Top, Bangor
Lesley Day - (Local Member) Member of the Governing Body of Ysgol Hiraef, Bangor

It was not a prejudicial interest therefore there was no need to leave the meeting.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Local Members were consulted.

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SUBJECT

Item : PERFORMANCE REPORT: DEPUTY LEADER

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

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.

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

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ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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Item : THE CABINETS FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

DECISION

To approve the Forward Work Programme included with the meeting papers, subject to the following adaptations:-

- Cllr Dyfed Edwards - Noted that a date has now been confirmed for the item of Land Purchase in the Llanrug area
 - Cllr Gareth Thomas - Change the name of the Cabinet Member in the Introduction item by Ffion Johnstone
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In accordance with Section 14.13 of the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet will share its Forward Work Programme for the subsequent period of six months with the public. The Forward Work Programme will be published on the Council website.

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ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, and it was confirmed that there was nothing to add.
