GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting: 25/04/2017

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.

10/05/2017

SUBJECT

Item 6: CHILDCARE SUFFICIENCY ASSESMENT 2017-2022

DECISION

- To approve the Childcare Sufficiency Assessment 2017-2022 for submission to Welsh Government.
- To use existing resources and funding to address the gaps highlighted in the Assessment, and develop additional childcare where necessary, in accordance with the action plan.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Childcare Act 2006 (Local Authority Assessment) (Wales) Regulations 2016 required Local Authorities to prepare assessments of the sufficiency of the childcare provision in their area.

Local Authorities had to submit Childcare Sufficiency Assessments and an Action Plan to Welsh Ministers by 30 April 2017, and subsequently, a Progress Report was to be submitted annually. The document would be published on the Council's website.

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

The Chief Executive declared a personal interest as his wife worked for a provider that could be affected by the implementation of the action plan. The officer was of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest and he left the Chamber during the discussion on the item

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views and a consultation had been held with stake-holders, establishments and agencies during the work of drawing-up the assessment and their views had been incorporated within the report submitted to the meeting.