

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting: 13 March 2018

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28 March 2018

SUBJECT

Item 6: FUTURE OF PRIMARY EDUCATION PROVISION IN THE BANGOR CATCHMENT AREA

DECISION

Resolved:

- i. Hold a statutory consultation, in accordance with Section 48 Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, in the Bangor catchment area on the proposal to close Ysgol Glanadda and Ysgol Coedmawr on 31 August 2020, and offer a place to the pupils at Ysgol y Garnedd (subject to parental choice); and increase the capacity of Ysgol y Garnedd to 420.
 - ii. Hold a pre-consultation with the Church in Wales regarding increasing the capacity of Ysgol y Faenol to 315 in accordance with the School Organisation Code 2013 requirements and report on the results to the Cabinet.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council has implemented the 'Primary Education of the Best Quality for the Children of Gwynedd' Strategy since its adoption in April 2009. At the end of 2016, Welsh Government announced that there was an opportunity for Local Authorities with the capacity to fulfil additional projects within Band A 21st Century Schools Programme. An additional request was submitted to the Government and confirmation was given that funding had been agreed in principle. This confirmation enabled the Council to review current provision in Bangor.

Statutory processes need to be undertaken in order to proceed with subsequent proposals and as an initial step a decision needs to be taken on commencing consultative processes in accordance with the Act and statutory guidance.

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

A declaration of personal interest was received by Cllr Dafydd Meurig as his sister ran the nursery on the Ysgol y Faenol site. It was a prejudicial interest and he left the meeting.

A declaration of personal interest was received by Cllr Richard Medwyn Hughes - Local Member - as he was a Member of the Governors of both schools discussed in the report -

Ysgol Coedmawr and Ysgol Glanadda. It was not a prejudicial interest.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which had been included in the report. Local members were a part of the discussion at the Cabinet, therefore Members received their views.

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Item 7: RE-MODELLING THE YOUTH SERVICE

DECISION

Resolved:

- i. Approve the adoption of the County Youth Club model, Option 3 with the amendments outlined in paragraph 10.1 of the report for the re-modelling of the Youth Service
 - ii. Approve the re-profiling of £24,800 of the savings from 2018/19 to 2019/20 to allow some funding for the voluntary organisations in 2018/19 as set out in part 10.4.3 of the report.
 - iii. Commit the Cabinet Member for Housing, Leisure and Culture to report back to the Cabinet every four months on the progress of the service
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following the completion of the Review of the Youth Service that highlighted the need for change, options were drafted for future remodelling. After a consultation process, a decision is required on adopting a new model for providing a youth service and to respond to Gwynedd Challenge decisions

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

A declaration of personal interest was received by Cllr W. Gareth Roberts as a member of the family worked in the Youth Service. It was a prejudicial interest and he left the meeting.

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Item 8: PARLIAMENTARY REVIEW OF HEALTH AND CARE IN WALES

DECISION

Resolved:

- i. To accept the report and appendix and acknowledge the alignment of the plans which are already in the Council's Corporate Plan with the reference noted in the review.
 - ii. To request that the Leader and Chief Executive contact Welsh Government directly, in addition to Assembly Members and the WLGA to highlight the question of how it will be possible to proceed following the review.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is appropriate to consider our position in relation to the final report of the Parliamentary Review, to enable us to be confident of our future direction for health and care services in Gwynedd for children and people of all ages.

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

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Item 9: NORTH WALES POPULATION ASSESSMENT REGIONAL PLAN 2018 TO 2023

DECISION

To approve the North Wales Population Assessment Regional Plan 2018 to 2023

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure compliance with the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and Care and Support (Area Planning) (Wales) Regulations 2017.

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Item 10: AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNCIL'S LOCAL CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

DECISION

Approve the proposed amendments to the Council's Local Conditions of Service.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to modernise and amend the local conditions of service whilst also realising a saving that will assist the Council to deal with the current financial challenge being faced.

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Item 11: GWYNEDD COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO THE STATUTORY CONSULTATION ON THE GWYNEDD AND ANGLESEY DRAFT WELL-BEING PLAN

DECISION

Approve the draft response which has been prepared on behalf of the Council to the Statutory Consultation on the Gwynedd and Anglesey Draft Well-being Plan.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on Public Services Boards to publish a Well-being Plan which outlines how it is intended to improve the well-being of the area.

Following a public consultation in the well-being areas, nine main messages were highlighted in the assessments for the entire area. The Public Services Board considered this information when creating the Well-being Plan. The Plan is currently in a three-month period of statutory consultation which will end on 30 March. This was an opportunity for the Cabinet to provide input and ensure agreement to the Council's response to the consultation document.

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Item 12: DISCRETIONARY RELIEF FROM NON DOMESTIC RATES

DECISION

To adopt the Framework for Awarding Discretionary Relief from Non Domestic Rates that appears in Appendix 1 to the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council's current framework for the granting of Discretionary Relief for payers of Non Domestic Rates had been established for some years. It was timely for the Council to conduct a comprehensive review of its policy on Discretionary Relief, not only to ensure it remained relevant in light of legislative changes, but also to consider whether the relief the Council allowed was being targeted to the right places and whether it was affordable.

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

A declaration of personal interest was received by Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn, Cllr Mair Rowlands, Cllr Peredur Jenkins and the Head of Finance, Dafydd Edwards, as they were trustees or directors of various clubs and initiatives which received rates relief. It was not a prejudicial interest.

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Item 13: GWYNEDD LANGUAGE STRATEGY 2018

DECISION

To approve the consultation version of the Welsh Language Strategy 2018.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In accordance with Standard 145 (Welsh Language Standards, Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011), there is a statutory obligation on the Council to create a five-year strategy which explains how the Council intends to promote and encourage the wider use of the Welsh language in Gwynedd.

There is a need to ensure that the Cabinet is satisfied with the content of the strategy and the priorities outlined within it and that it agrees with the priorities identified in other plans such as the Council's Plan and the Well-being Plan for public consultation.

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Item 14: ADULTS, HEALTH AND WELLBEING DEPARTMENT'S PROGRAMME OF SAVINGS

DECISION

Resolved:

- a) To combine some schemes (that have already been approved) to work streams that are achieving savings from the same budgets and re-profiling equivalent to £270,000 of the 2018/19 to 2019/20 savings as outlined in part 7 of the report.
 - b) To increase the savings target in some areas that are achieving more than the original target, £195,000 in 2018/19 and £200,000 in 2019/20, as outlined in part 8 of the report.
 - c) To increase the savings target from new schemes, £390,000 in 2018/19 and £570,000 in 2019/20, as outlined in part 9 of the report.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

A great deal has changed nationally in the care field since the programme of savings was submitted and these include legislative changes and changes in the priorities of the Welsh Government. As a result of this, together with a number of adaptations in the way the Department has been working, the original programme of savings now complicates, if not slightly hinders, the efforts to achieve savings alongside transforming the Department's services.

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Item 15: WELSH GOVERNMENT'S TAXATION POWERS

DECISION

To respond favourably to Welsh Government's intention to introduce new taxes, whilst noting observations made in the discussion and specifically the desire for local features to be emphasised in the regime.

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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Welsh Government conducted a poll on social media on a short list of four ideas in relation to additional taxes in Wales, during the period between 5 November and 5 December. It was unclear whether there was an opportunity for the Council to respond to the poll. The Cabinet had a discussion on the taxes in order to decide if it wished to express its opinion on the proposals and send its responses directly to the Government.

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