

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting: 18 December 2018

Date decision will come into force and implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution.

7 January 2018

SUBJECT

Item 6: STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING PANEL'S ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

DECISION

To accept the report on the work of the Strategic Safeguarding Children and Adults Panel, and accept the amendments to the Panel's Terms of Reference.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is essential that Cabinet members are aware of the Panel's work on Safeguarding and are satisfied that the Panel has undertaken the required work in a thorough and conscientious manner.

As the Panel has broadened its focus to include broader Safety matters such as Domestic Violence and counter terrorism, the Panel's Terms of Reference have been amended accordingly. The Terms of Reference also highlight the Panel's responsibility to monitor and challenge performance that relates to Safeguarding.

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.

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Item 7: PRINCIPLES OF AN EDUCATION SYSTEM WHICH ARE FIT FOR PURPOSE

DECISION

To approve the following education principles that would form the basis for fulfilling the Education Department's vision and develop the system to ensure a high quality of education for the children and young people of Gwynedd for the twenty first century, namely:

- A system of viable secondary schools
 - No more than two age ranges within the same class in the primary sector
 - Approximately 80% of non-contact time for the Headteacher to concentrate on leadership issues in the primary sector.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

On 12 July 2016, the Cabinet agreed that the Education Department should consult with Governors, schools and stakeholders on the suitability of the agreed principles which will underpin an education system which is fit for purpose.

A series of 18 drop-in sessions were held across Gwynedd in order to engage with parents, staff, governors and the wider community on the process of developing new principles for Gwynedd schools that would respond to concerns.

Following the discussion, new principles were developed to support a fit for purpose education system and that has happened in the context of the 21st Century Schools Programme and the School Effectiveness Framework.

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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 had been included in the report.

Sessions have been held on Fit for Purpose Education System Principles across Gwynedd and the item has been discussed at the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee. The observations were included in the report.

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Item 8: DEALING WITH THE FUNDING GAP

DECISION

To adopt the Schemes in appendices 1 to 6, subject to the results of the consultation, as the ones which the Council will have to deliver to ensure a balanced budget in 2019/20, with a consultation on the schemes in appendices 3 to 6 to be held in January.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council will receive another disappointing settlement from Welsh Government in 2019/20, with the grant given to Local Government staying cash flat; and that at a time when we are experiencing a significant increase in costs due to wage inflation and inflation on areas such as energy costs; an substantial pressures in Education and Care.

This means that the Council will be facing a funding gap which is likely to be around £12.9m. Work has been carried out to find schemes to address this gap. The decision is part of the process of developing a Budget for 2019/20.

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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.

A public consultation was held over a period of 8 weeks, which was an opportunity for residents and organisations to take part by completing an on-line or paper questionnaire or attend one of 10 public meetings. Also, a series of focus groups and drop-in sessions was held and the consultation results can be seen in the report "Which services are important to you" attached to the report to the meeting.