

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	18 February 2020
Date decision will come into force and be implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution	4 March 2020

SUBJECT

Item 6: YSGOL LLANAELHAEARN

DECISION

It was resolved to accept the observations received during the statutory consultation period as well as agreeing to:

- i. Approve the proposal to close Ysgol Llanaelhaearn on 31 August 2020, and provide a place for the pupils at Ysgol Bro Plenydd, Y Ffôr from 1 September 2020.
 - ii. Approve the publication of statutory notices on the proposal in (i) above in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.
 - iii. Approve the transport arrangements for the transition period only, when free transport will be available for those pupils enrolled at Ysgol Llanaelhaearn currently, to Ysgol Bro Plenydd, Y Ffôr or Ysgol Chwilog specifically, if they live over two miles from the chosen school, or that they receive free transport because of the nature of the roads in accordance with Gwynedd Council's current transport policy.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

A report was submitted to the Cabinet on 4 June, where it was resolved to give the department permission to hold formal meetings with governors and stakeholders to discuss possible options for the future of Ysgol Llanaelhaearn.

Following these meetings, it was resolved to give permission for statutory consultation, in accordance with Section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, on the proposal to close Ysgol Llanaelhaearn following a substantial decline in the number of pupils attending the school. There has been a significant fall in numbers recently which has led to a critical situation with eight pupils on the roll, with projections indicating that there will be a further fall to five pupils on the roll by 2021.

The Cabinet is required to make the decisions following consideration of the observations raised during the period of statutory consultation

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 and the Local Member were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report.

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Item 7: COUNCIL PLAN

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It was resolved to approve the Gwynedd Council Plan 2018/23 - 2020/21 Review to be submitted to the Council on 5 March 2020, subject to the following:

- Adding clauses to the Housing Department section to note the Council's actions and priorities for the forthcoming year in relation to the provision problem which is being created as a result of the number of holiday homes in the county.
 - Revisions to the order of the Education Department's information in the plan.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The full Council adopted the Council Plan on 8 March 2018. Since that time, the content has been reviewed annually to ensure that the Council continues to prioritise its work according to the needs of the people of Gwynedd.

The Cabinet is required to approve the plan in order to recommend it for adoption by the full Council on 5 March 2020.

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Item 8: 2020/21 BUDGET

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Resolved to:

- a) Recommend to the Council (at its meeting on 5 March 2020) that:
 - 1. A budget of £261,837,750 should be set for 2020/21, to be funded by £187,579,040 of Government Grant and £74,258,710 Council Tax income, with an increase of 3.9%.
 - 2. A capital programme of £44,247,260 should be established in 2020/21, to be funded from the sources noted in Appendix 4 of the report.
 - b) Approve moving forward with implementing the list of savings schemes in Appendix 3, in order to establish the budget recommended to the full Council.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council has to set a balanced budget for 2020/21. The Welsh Government grant settlement is fairer than it has been in recent years, and addresses inflation levels, but does not contribute towards the significant increase in the demand for social care services. Therefore, some decisions have to be taken on a combination of achieving a selection of savings and raising the Council Tax level by 3.9% in order to protect services for the people of Gwynedd.

It is for the Full Council to consider the budget and set the Council Tax by 2020/21, but the Cabinet is required to recommend the budget to the full Council.

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Item 9: DEMENTIA GO

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Resolved to contribute £200,000 from the Transformation Fund to finance two full-time positions (in Pwllheli and Porthmadog) and two 7-hour a week posts (in Tywyn and Caernarfon) to continue the provision of the Community Dementia Go Support Service Scheme until March 2022.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Dementia Support Services in the Community Scheme has been established since 2016 to support individuals living with dementia, along with their families. It was added that the work was done through offering activities in 12 community centres across Gwynedd. Thorough engagement work was undertaken with attendees to measure the value of the scheme.

The final report expresses that a longer period of time is required to evidence the link between attending the DementiaGo programme and social care provision. As a result of this, an extended period of two years was requested in order to undertake the research

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Item 11: POLISH HOUSING SOCIETY

DECISION

Resolved to:

1. Support the proposal to develop a detailed business plan which would suggest options for maintaining the existing care services on the site and consider whether the facilities on the site are viable in the short term and longer term.
 2. Subject to receiving a viable business case, to offer financial support in order to safeguard the care and nursing provision on the site, while developing a new building / facilities subject to ensuring a fair contribution from the Health Board.
 3. Approve Clwyd Alyn's application to operate in Gwynedd as a social housing provider, so that the Penrhos site or elements of the site can be transferred to Clwyd Alyn Housing Association.
 4. Support the principle of prudential borrowing, subject to the receipt of a satisfactory, detailed business case.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council has a clear role in ensuring sufficient care provision within the county, and consequently, to consider responses to specific situations which may arise

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