

## **GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

<b>Date of Cabinet Meeting:</b>	4 August 2020
<b>Date decision will come into force</b> and be implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution	19 August 2020

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 6: DIGITAL EDUCATION STRATEGY

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### **DECISION**

- a) To approve the strategy in principle
  - b) That we ask the Governors of each school individually to note whether they would be willing to underwrite the cost of renewing the devices from their budgets / school funds and if not, why not;
  - c) That the service opens discussions urgently with relevant stakeholders in order to elaborate more on how it is intended to sustain the system and how it is intended to be paid for, with a view of including this in the strategy;
  - d) Assuming that we will not receive all monies for delivering the strategy in September, that the service considers and sets out the scheme for the gradual introduction of the strategy;
  - e) That a further report is submitted to the Cabinet at its meeting on 8 September, noting where we have reached with all of this, with a view to either approve the Strategy in its final form or to approve the first order being placed.
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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The digital education strategy needs to be updated in order to ensure consistency of digital learning experiences within schools. It was added that a number of devices had aged and were unsuitable and that they posed a weakness in terms of cyber-attacks. It was suggested that many schools did not have the ability to contribute towards the sustainability costs of the strategy.

Whilst accepting the general direction, questions were still outstanding and the department was asked to bring a further report to the next Cabinet following discussions in order to consider whether the strategy could be approved in its final form.

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No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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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.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 7: TEST TRACE PROTECT PROJECT

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### **DECISION**

- To commit to the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) with other North Wales local authorities to manage the work of recruiting and managing additional staff to implement the Track, Trace, Protect project;
  - To give delegated authority to the Head of Environment Department in consultation with the Head of Finance and Head of Legal to reach agreement on a final document and complete the agreement.
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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Council's support needed to be sought to the nationally and regionally coordinated strategy to prevent the spread of COVID-19. As part of the national strategy, the North Wales authorities have established local contact tracing teams to assist with the regional and national campaign with Flintshire Council acting as the lead authority for employing the staff.

Therefore, approval is needed for the completion of the IAA in order to formalise these arrangements and ensure appropriate governance. The proposed IAA, when completed, will provide for this and allow for the work to proceed.

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