GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	27 November 2020
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SUBJECT

Item 6: SCHOOL MEAL PRICE

DECISION

Not to raise primary, special and all-through school meal price in January 2021, and to commission the Head of Education Department to look at a long-term policy for school meal price and to report back to the Cabinet.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The primary, special and follow-on school catering budget relies on generating income by selling primary school meals. There is a need for income generated from meals to keep up with the inflation of the service costs. The costs have increased by 2.56% in 2020/21 and, in order to meet these costs, the price of school meals must be raised from £2.50 to £2.56, but by rounding it up this would be £2.60, equivalent to 4%.

Given the comparative situation of the Council and the priority to reduce inequality, it was requested for the Cabinet not to increase the school meal price for this year. The need to look at a long-term policy for the price of School Meals was emphasised, and further work on the matter was requested and to report back to the Cabinet.

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

Declarations of personal interest were received from the following Councillors: Dyfrig Siencyn, Nia Jeffreys, Catrin Wager, Gareth Thomas, Dilwyn Morgan, Ioan Thomas and Cemlyn Williams as their children or grandchildren received school meals. It was not a prejudicial interest, so they were able to be present for the item.

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: HUNANIAITH

DECISION

The need to undertake further work to consider possible options in the future for Hunaniaith, the Gwynedd Language Initiative, was agreed.

Establish a task force of Council officers to identify the necessary steps that need to be followed to create a robust business case for the possible options.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is extremely important that Hunaniaith delivers for the residents of Gwynedd in the most effective way possible. The report from IAITH: The Language Planning Centre triggered discussions regarding securing firm foundations for Hunaniaith.

This discussion has led to a recommendation from the Hunaniaith Strategic Group to establish Hunaniaith as an independent entity in the future in order to realise the potential of Hunaniaith. Further work will be required to develop the possible options and detailed consideration should be given to the benefits, the risks and the costs in order to come to a conclusion.

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

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Item 8: NORTH WALES GROWTH DEAL

DECISION

- The Overarching Business Plan was formally confirmed and it was recommended for the Council to approve it as the document that sets out the arrangements for delivering the North Wales Growth Deal as the basis for completing the Final Deal Agreement and acceptance of the Grant Funding Letter with the UK and Welsh Governments.
- The provisions in Governance Agreement 2 weres confirmed, which formally involves the executive functions and recommends that the Council approves the provisions involving non-executive functions and that it (the Cabinet) specifically adopts the delegations and the Terms of Reference in "Governance Agreement 2: Appendix 1" as the basis for completing the Final Deal Agreement and acceptance of the Grant Funding Letter with the UK and Welsh Governments.
- Subject to completing Governance Agreement 2, that Gwynedd Council agrees to act as the Host Authority and the Accountable Body and signs the letter of the Grant Funding Proposal on behalf of the Partners through the Chief Finance Officer.
- It was formally confirmed and recommended that the Council approves the method used to calculate the cost of borrowing which is required in principle to facilitate the negative cash flow for the Growth Deal, and to include a provision within the Council Budget to pay this contribution and the established core and supplementary contributions as set out in GA2.
- That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, the Monitoring Officer and the Section 151 Officer, be granted delegated authority to agree minor changes to the documents with the Partners as necessary to complete the agreement.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In 2016, partners of the NWEAB adopted the Growth Vision for the Economy of North Wales. Based on the Growth Vision Strategy, a Growth Deal was prepared and agreed by all the partners working with both the UK and Welsh Government and the private sector in October 2018.

In November 2019 the NWEAB and both Governments agreed the Heads of Terms, for Final Deal Agreement to be completed in 2020. The NWEAB are committed to achieving

the Final Deal Agreement with both Governments before the end of December 2020.

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.