

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	20 April 2021
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	5 May 2021

SUBJECT

Item 6: ENSURING THAT THE HOUSING SUPPORT GRANT LEADS TO THE BEST POSSIBLE SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS IN GWYNEDD

DECISION

- a) Support the prioritisation of using the Housing Support Grant as outlined in paragraph 36 of the report.
 - b) Support the principle of continuing to work with external providers to be able to offer additional specialist support services to what can be offered in-house.
 - c) To note the risk associated with the revenue grant in the future (as with all other revenue grants) and the mitigation measure noted in paragraph 39 of this report.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was noted that the Housing Support Grant was a Welsh Government funded programme, which assisted over 2,000 people each year in Gwynedd to live independently. It was noted that the programme provided essential support to people who faced very difficult housing situations and assisted some of the most vulnerable people in society to live independently.

In 2019, the Government forewarned that it would review this grant. However, as a result of increased homelessness during the covid-19 period, the future of the grant changed entirely. It was noted that there was an additional allocation of £1.6m and therefore it needed to be ensured that the department made the best use of the new funds in order to provide support for the homeless in Gwynedd.

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.
