

MEETING: AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

DATE: 14 FEBRUARY 2019

**TITLE: REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19 –
END OF NOVEMBER 2018 REVIEW**

PURPOSE: Monitoring Report on the Latest Financial Position

ACTION: Receive the information, consider the risks arising from the forecast expenditure against the budget, and scrutinise the Cabinet’s decisions regarding budget management by the Council and its departments.

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CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR PEREDUR JENKINS

1. In accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2011, the Audit and Governance Committee is expected to scrutinise some financial matters, including budget monitoring reports, as appropriate.
2. The attached report (Revenue Budget 2018/19 – End of November 2018 Review) was submitted to the Cabinet on 22 January 2019.
3. The Cabinet Member for Finance and the Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee have asked us to present this report to the Audit and Governance Committee to be scrutinised, together with the relevant decision notice which is on the next page.
4. The Audit and Governance Committee is requested to note the situation and the relevant risks regarding the budgets of the Council and its departments, consider the Cabinet’s decisions and comment as necessary.

Appendices:

Cabinet Decision Notice 22/01/2019

Revenue Budget 2018/19 – End of November 2018 Review (Cabinet report 22/01/2019)

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	22 January 2019
The Decision will come into force and implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25.1 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution.	6 February 2019

SUBJECT

Item 8: REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19 - END OF NOVEMBER REVIEW

DECISION

- To accept the report on the end of November 2018 review of the Revenue Budget and consider the latest financial position in respect of the budgets of every department/service.
- To ask the Cabinet Member for Adults, Health and Well-being, together with the Head of Department, to get to the root of the Provider service overspend and take steps to reduce the overspend, and to report to the Cabinet on the response plan.
- Due to an increase in the overspend on a number of budget headings by the Children and Supporting Families Department since the last review, to consider the situation when receiving the Cabinet Member's performance report (29/01/19 Cabinet) with a view to attempt to reduce the overspend by the end of the financial year.
- Due to the level of overspend on pupils' transport by the Education Department, to consider the situation when receiving the Cabinet Member's report (29/01/19 Cabinet).
- To allow the Environment Department to allocate (£60k) of the department's underspend to conduct a review by commissioning research by the University and employing extra officers to collect evidence in the Public Transport field following a number of issues over recent years.
- Harvest (£2,984k) of the net underspend on Corporate budgets,
 - with (£700k) associated with the Council Tax premium to be allocated to a specific fund to be considered for the Housing Strategy.
 - (£435k) relating to capital costs to be transferred to the capital programme's financing fund.
 - with the remainder of (£1,849k) to be transferred to the Supporting the Financial Strategy Fund to assist with inevitable one-off pressures on the Council's budgets.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is the Cabinet's responsibility to take action, as necessary, in order to secure appropriate control over the Council's budgets (e.g. approval of significant virements or supplementary budgets).

**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.
