

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Full Council</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>8<sup>th</sup> October 2015</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER</b>	<b>Councillor Mandy Williams-Davies (Economy)</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Cabinet Member Urgent Decision Notice</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>For information</b>
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<b>RELEVANT OFFICER</b>	<b>Llyr Jones, Economy and Community Senior Manager</b>

## **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 A report on Bangor and Caernarfon Business Improvement Districts (BID) was considered by the Cabinet during its meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2015. During this meeting, the Cabinet resolved to :
- i. To approve the intention to hold a vote amongst the businesses in the city centre of Bangor and town centre of Caernarfon on the intention to establish Business Improvement Districts within both areas*
  - ii. It was agreed that when the vote is opened to delegate the nature of the vote to the Cabinet Member for the Economy in connection with relevant officers*
- 1.2 Following the Cabinet's decision, a notice to announce the proposed ballot was published, and arrangements were made to distribute voting papers to non-domestic properties located within the boundaries of the proposed BIDs.

## **2. URGENT DECISION NOTICE**

- 2.1 Gwynedd Council (in conjunction with the local business sectors in both centres) has been working in collaboration on the BID proposals. The vision of the business sector to lead on future regeneration proposals within their respective town centres is to be welcomed, and the BID would be a vehicle to do this. However, before making a decision, I was eager to consider the support of the schemes, and indeed the commitment within the business community for its implementation. In light of activities undertaken during the period leading to the vote, the enthusiasm within the business sector for the establishment of the BIDs became apparent.
- 2.2 Some delay in the timetable occurred as a result, and also in arranging internal consultation. Indeed, this delay meant that it was not possible to publish the notice in the usual manner, since the call-in timetable could have affected the actions to be taken.
- 2.3 Consequently, it was necessary to make an urgent decision in accordance with section 7.25.2 of the Constitution so that the call-in procedure would not apply to enable the decision to be implemented in time for the votes to be submitted before the closing date (September 24). This procedure allows or decisions to be made with the agreement of the Chair of the Council, and reported to the next available meeting of the Council.
- 2.4 Agreement for the Chair of the Council was received in that the decision was an urgent matter and the decision was reasonable under the circumstances.
- 2.5 A copy of the Decision Notice has been included as Appendix 1.

## **3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To accept and note the contents of the report.