

<b>MEETING</b>	<b>Full Council</b>
<b>DATE</b>	<b>1<sup>st</sup> October 2020</b>
<b>TITLE</b>	<b>Gwynedd Council Annual Performance Report 2019/20</b>
<b>PURPOSE</b>	<b>To approve and adopt Gwynedd Council's 2019/20 Performance Report as a clear, balanced and accurate picture of the Council's performance during the period in question.</b>
<b>CABINET MEMBER</b>	<b>Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn</b>
<b>CONTACT OFFICER</b>	<b>Dewi W. Jones, The Council's Business Support Service Manager</b>

## **1 Introduction**

- 1.1 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 has placed a duty on local authorities to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement and to be accountable for it.
- 1.2 As a Council, we have met this requirement by publishing a Plan that outlines how we will act (Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-23), and then be accountable for progress against this Plan by publishing an Annual Performance Report.
- 1.3 Local authorities are required to publish an assessment of their performance (the Performance Report) during any financial year by 31 October of the following financial year. In accordance with the requirements, the Council also needs to ensure that the content of the report provides an accurate, balanced and clear picture of the Council's performance.
- 1.4 In order to meet the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act, we are expected to report on our contribution to the principles of the Act and specifically the well-being objectives that we have adopted. Consequently, it can be seen that the well-being objectives, to which the Departments' day-to-day work and projects contribute, have been highlighted in the report.

## **2 Reasons for Recommending the Decision**

- 2.1 The Council Cabinet discussed the Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2019/20, seen in **Appendix 1**, at its meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2020, and recommended that the Council adopts the Report.

## **3 Relevant Considerations**

- 3.1 The Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2019/20 has been structured in order to reflect the format of the Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-2023. The first part focuses on the performance of the Council Plan's Improvement Priorities projects and the second part looks at our day-to-day work in each Department.

- 3.2 The report is based on the individual performance reports of the Cabinet Members approved during the year.
- 3.3 Like last year, the main measures have been included within the body of the report, rather than in a separate table of measures, in order to be a part of conveying the story.

## **4 Next steps and timetable**

- 4.1 Following the adoption of Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2019/20 by the Council, we will make arrangements to inform the public and partners about the report by communicating the report and the main successes in various ways.

## **5 Recommendation**

- 5.1 The Council is requested to approve and adopt the report as an accurate, balanced and clear reflection of the Council's performance in 2019/20.

## **6 Views of the Statutory Officers**

### **The Monitoring Officer**

Reporting on the performance and outcomes of the Gwynedd Council Plan is part of an appropriate governance regime. It also meets the Council's statutory duties to report annually on performance under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009, and achievements against the Well-being Objectives as noted in the report.

### **The Head of Finance Department**

I have worked with the author to prepare the financial aspects and figures contained in the Performance Report and its annexes, and I confirm the accuracy of the relevant content (the financial figures are consistent with the Statement of Accounts 2019/20). The Council had achieved much on the 2019/20 'journey' before the recent crisis, while lowering the detrimental impact of the Government's grant cuts, in achieving £29million of savings over the last 5 years (see page 68).

## **7 Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Gwynedd Council Annual Report 2019/20