

**MEETING: AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**DATE: 11 FEBRUARY 2021**

**TITLE: REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 –  
END OF NOVEMBER 2020 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.**

**CABINET MEMBER: COUNCILLOR IOAN THOMAS**

**CONTACT OFFICER: FFION MADOG EVANS, SENIOR FINANCE MANAGER**

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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 2020/21 – End of November 2020 Review) was submitted to the Cabinet on 26 January 2021.
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 26/01/2021

Cabinet report 26/01/2021: Revenue Budget 2020/21 – End of November 2020 Review

## GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET DECISION NOTICE

<b>Date of Cabinet Meeting:</b>	26 January 2021
<b>Date decision will come into force</b> and be implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution	10 February 2021

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### SUBJECT

Item 10: REVENUE BUDGET 2020/21 - END OF NOVEMBER 2020 REVIEW

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### DECISION

- The report on the end of November 2020 review of the Revenue Budget was accepted, and the latest financial situation regarding the budgets of each department / service was considered.
- The financial impact of Covid-19, which is a combination of additional costs, income losses and a slippage in the savings programme, was noted as the Council had given the utmost priority to safeguarding the health and lives of the people of Gwynedd in response to the crisis.
- It was noted that there was a significant overspend in the Adults, Health and Well-being Department and the Children and Families Department this year. The work of gaining a better understanding of these matters is ongoing.
- The following recommendations and financial virements (as outlined in Appendix 2) were approved.
  - On Corporate budgets, that:
    - An underspend of (£613k) relating to capital costs was transferred to the capital programme fund.
    - The net underspend of (£1,177k) on Corporate budgets will go towards the Council's general balances to assist in facing the financial challenge ahead of the Council at the end of 2020/21, especially in light of the Covid-19 crisis.
- That grant receipts from the Government to compensate for additional expenditure and loss of income in relation to the Covid-19 crisis will be allocated to the relevant departments in accordance with what is noted in Appendix 1.

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### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is the Cabinet's responsibility to take action, as necessary, to secure appropriate control over the Council's budgets (e.g. approval of significant virements or supplementary budgets) and to allow the formal final accounts to be completed.

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### DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS

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### APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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### 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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