

THE CABINET TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 2016

Present-

Councillors: Dyfed Wyn Edwards (Chairman), Dyfrig L. Siencyn (Vice-Chair), Peredur Jenkins, John Wynn Jones, Dafydd Meurig, W. Gareth Roberts, Mair Rowlands, Gareth Thomas, Ioan Thomas and Mandy Williams-Davies

Also present: Dilwyn Williams (Chief Executive), Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director), Iwan Trefor Jones (Corporate Director), Dafydd L. Edwards (Head of Finance), Iwan G. Evans (Head of Legal Service), Dylan Rhys Griffiths (Strategy and Development Manager), Gareth Jones (Senior Planning and Environment Service Manager), Hawis Jones (Strategic Planning and Performance Manager) and Dafydd Wyn Williams (Interim Head of Regulatory)

1. APOLOGIES

Cabinet Members and Officers were welcomed to the meeting.

No apologies were received.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillors Dyfrig Siencyn and Peredur Jenkins declared a personal interest in item 8 on the agenda because the report included an update on a project to establish a Welsh-medium Catchment Area School for 3-16 year olds in the catchment area of Ysgol y Gader. Cllr. Siencyn has a child at the school and is a member of the Governing Body for Ysgol y Gader and Ysgol Gynradd Dolgellau. Cllr. Jenkins is a member of the Governing Body for Ysgol y Gader and is deputy Chair of the Shadowing Body for the new catchment area school, Ysgol Bro Idris.

The Monitoring Officer advised unless there was a specific discussion on that matter, it was sufficient that they had declared an interest and that it was not a prejudicial interest.

3. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

Chair of the Services Scrutiny Committee, Cllr. Beth Lawton, was welcomed to the meeting by Cllr. Dyfrig Siencyn.

Cllr. Siencyn welcomed the opportunity to strengthen direct communication between the Cabinet and the Scrutiny Committee. The report presented included recommendations and observations from the Services Scrutiny Committee on four items.

Response to the report –

A. Item – Older People Accommodation Strategy

Cllr. W Gareth Roberts noted the recommendations presented by the committee and will be discussing issues surrounding the additional financial recognition required with the appropriate officers. He noted the intention to update the Scrutiny Committee following this and welcomed any further discussions.

B. Item – CSSIW (The Care and Social Services Inspectorate Wales) Annual Report 2014-15 – Work Programme

Cllr. Beth Lawton emphasised the need to nominate the members named in the report to the meeting to assist relevant officers and the appropriate Cabinet Member to draw up a brief for the strategic plan in relation to support for carers, and noted the lack of development on this work. Cllr. W Gareth Roberts noted that he will discuss the recommendations further with the Department for Adults, Health and Well-being and report back to the Scrutiny Committee following those discussions.

Cllr. Mair Rowlands requested that consideration is given to young carers when drawing up a brief for the strategic plan in relation to their support, and noted her willingness to be a part of such discussions.

C. Item – Education Service's Annual Report

Cllr. Beth Lawton noted the intention for the Education Support Services Scrutiny Committee Investigation to present a report on its work to the Cabinet Member for Education in the near future.

She also noted that arrangements have now been made for the Cabinet Member for Education to submit an interim report back to the Scrutiny Committee to see what the pattern of summer exam results will be. This will take place in September 2016.

Cllr. Gareth Thomas noted the difficulty to report on all the relevant issues in one annual report and the agreement, therefore, to split its content into two separate reports in future. He also welcomed the specific attention that the Committee will be giving to Special Education in the work programme for next year, and looks forward to working with the Committee.

CH. Item – Transport Policy – Adults, Health and Well-being Department

Cllr. Beth Lawton emphasised the lack of clarity on the appeal process, and noted the Committee's wishes to make mutually convenient arrangements with the relevant Cabinet Member and officers to discuss this further.

Cllr. W Gareth Roberts confirmed he will make the relevant enquiries and liaise with the Committee to make those necessary arrangements.

The Cabinet Member was also asked to ensure an appropriate Equality Impact Assessment is conducted, giving particular attention to any issues before presenting the policy to the Cabinet for approval.

Cllr. Dyfed Edwards thanked Cllr. Beth Lawton and the Committee for the work and welcomed the very useful discussion.

5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH JUNE 2016

The Chairman signed the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 7th June 2016.

6. LLŶN & EIFIONYDD EMPLOYMENT PLAN

The report was presented by Cllr. Mandy Williams-Davies.

The report was seconded by Cllr. John Wynn Jones.

DECISION

To adopt the 'Llyn & Eifionydd Employment Plan' as a basis for directing the efforts of the Council and its partners in generating and maintaining employment in the Dwyfor area.

7. LÔN LAS OGWEN

The report was presented by Cllr. Dafydd Meurig.

The report was seconded by Cllr. W Gareth Roberts.

DECISION

To support the scheme to be implemented as part of the Regulatory Department's capital programme in 2016/17 using the grant from the Local Transport Fund and departmental funds which have been identified for this project.

8. GWYNEDD COUNCIL PERFORMANCE OVERVIEW

The report was presented by Cllr. Dyfed Edwards.

The report was seconded by Cllr. Gareth Thomas.

DECISION

To accept and note the information submitted in the report to the meeting, implementing any recommendations.

9. GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Forward Work Programme was presented by Cllr. Dyfed Edwards.

DECISION

To approve the Forward Work Programme included with the meeting papers, subject to undertaking the following adaptations:

- Cllr Dafydd Meurig not to submit 'Glyn Rhonwy Site' to the Cabinet on 12 July 2016.
- Cllr Peredur Jenkins not to submit 'Review of Ffordd Gwynedd Strategy' on 12 July 2016, but to postpone it until a Cabinet meeting during Quarter 4 of 2016/17.

The meeting commenced at 1.00 pm and concluded at 2.45 pm

CHAIRMAN