GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET MINUTES 2 June 2015

Present –

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

Councillors Jason Humphreys and E. Selwyn Griffiths – item 9.

Also present -

Dilwyn Williams (Chief Executive), Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director), Iwan Trefor Jones (Corporate Director), Iwan G D Evans (Legal Services Manager), Dafydd Edwards (Chief Finance Officer), William Jones (Senior Finance Manager), Dafydd Gibbard (Senior Corporate Property Manager), Garem Jackson (Education Quality Improvement Officer), Bethan Richardson (Cabinet Support Team Leader – taking the minutes).

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES

Cabinet members and officers were welcomed to the meeting.

Apologies -

Cllr Alan Jones-Evans – item 6

The following Local Members apologised and declared an interest in item 6 – Cllr Dilwyn Morgan and Elwyn Edwards.

Arwyn Thomas (Head of Education)

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

If he had been present, Arwyn Thomas (Head of Education) would have declared an interest in item 6 and he would not have participated in the discussion.

3. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

There were no matters arising from scrutiny committees.

5. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Chairman signed the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 19 May 2015.

6. THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION PROVISION IN YSGOL Y BERWYN CATCHMENT AREA – DECISION ON PUBLISHING A STATUTORY NOTICE

The report was submitted by Councillor Gareth Thomas. It was seconded by Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn.

DECISION

To approve the proposal for the closure of Ysgol Bro Tegid, Ysgol Beuno Sant and Ysgol y Berwyn on 31 August 2018 and for a Voluntary Controlled (VC) Welsh Medium 3-19 Learning Campus to be established on the existing site of Ysgol y Berwyn to open on 1 September 2018.

To approve the issue of statutory notices on the proposal in (i) above in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the Schools Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.

Following discussion on the comments received during the consultation regarding the importance of appointing a Head teacher and the need to appoint well in advance, to approve the appointment and the funding of the Head teacher for the 3-19 Learning Campus from the savings gained from the scheme, at least one year prior to the opening of the school in September 2018.

7. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2014/15 - REVENUE OUTTURN

The report was submitted by Cllr Peredur Jenkins. It was seconded by Cllr W Gareth Roberts.

DECISION

To approve the final financial situation for 2014/15 to enable the Finance Department to move forward and produce the statutory financial statements, certified by the Head of Finance Department by 30 June and to be submitted to be scrutinised by the Audit Committee on 16. July 2015.

To approve the amounts to be carried forward (the "Revised Over/ (Under) Spend" column of the summary in Appendix 1), namely -

DEPARTMENT	£'000
Adults, Health and Well-	0
being	
Children and Families	(100)
Education	3
Economy and	(60)
Community	

Highways and Municipal	(49)
Regulatory	40
Gwynedd Consultancy	(21)
Chief Executive's	(64)
Department	
Finance	(38)
Human Resources	(64)
Strategic and	(94)
Improvement	
Corporate Budgets	0

To approve the following financial transfers (as outlined in Appendix 2 of the report to the meeting) -

- As the level of underspend permitted to be carried forward is restricted to (£100k), confirm that the (£225k) which is surplus from the Children's Department is to be released and recycled to deal with a deficit in another department.
- Clear the Adults Department's overspend, and finance it by:-
 - re-directing the underspend (£225k) which was above the (£100k) threshold;
 - o using (£113k) from general balances.
- Use an additional (£235k) from general balances in order to clear the net deficit on 'Corporate' headings.

To note the reduction in the level of total specific reserves (use the reserves for the specific purposes) and the reduction in the Council's general balances (in accordance with the Financial Strategy as well as the above) during 2014/15.

8. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2014/15 – 2016/17

The report was submitted by Cllr Peredur Jenkins. It was seconded by Cllr Dafydd Meurig.

DECISION

To accept the report on the year-end review (position at 31 March 2015) of the capital programme, and to approve the revised funding as shown in part 2.2 - 2.5 of the report submitted to the meeting, namely:

- a decrease of £478,000 in the need for grants and contributions;
- an increase of £17,000 in the use of capital receipts;
- a decrease of £195,000 in the use of revenue contributions;
- an increase of £169,000 in the use of reserves.

9. JOINT- LOCATING PORTHMADOG LIBRARY AND GLASLYN LEISURE CENTRE

The report was submitted by Cllr Ioan Thomas. It was seconded by Cllr Mair Rowlands.

DECISION

To support the relocation of Porthmadog public Library to Glaslyn Leisure Centre with the acceptance of a Welsh Government grant.

To approve the use of all capital receipts received following the sale of the current library building towards the costs of relocating and adapting the Leisure Centre building.

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and concluded at 2.20pm

	CHAIRMAN	