

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	9 March 2021
Date decision will come into force and be implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution	24 March 2021

SUBJECT

Item 6: TRANSFER OF LEASE AND MANAGEMENT OF COED HELEN - CAERNARFON

DECISION

Lease and transfer of the management of Coed Helen Park, Caernarfon to Caernarfon Town Council.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was noted that Gwynedd Council currently contributes £12,450 to the Byw'n Iach company towards the annual running costs of Coed Helen Park. It was highlighted that the Council's savings programme had identified a savings target of £155,000 for the Byw'n Iach company. It was stated that transferring the management of Coed Helen Park would mean an annual saving of £12,450 in terms of site management costs, which would contribute towards the above target.

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A declaration of interest was received from Cllr Cemlyn Williams and Cllr Ioan Thomas as both were members of Caernarfon Town Council.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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Item 7: STRATEGIC SAFEGUARD PANEL PROGRESS REPORT 2018-2020

DECISION

The report on the work of the Strategic Safeguarding Children and Adults Panel was accepted.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

was expressed that it was essential that Cabinet members are aware of the Panel's work on safeguarding and are satisfied that the Panel has undertaken the required work in a thorough and conscientious manner. 2.2. The Statutory Director is required to consistently and regularly report upon safeguarding matters to members.

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Item 8: RESPONSE TO THE CONSULTATION ON THE WHITE PAPER: RE BALANCING CARE AND SUPPORT

DECISION

The draft response to the Consultation was approved, noting the need for modifications to respond to question 3 in order to strengthen the response.

The Council's decision to disagree with the proposals included in the White Paper was supported.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Welsh Government had issued a White Paper on its intention to rebalance care and support in Wales, and requested observations on proposals to present new legislation to improve social care arrangements and strengthen working in partnership to realise the vision noted in the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 for those who require care and support and for carers who need support.

The need to respond to the consultation and the need for the Cabinet's approval on the observations were noted.

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Item 9: RESIDENTIAL AND NURSING FEES 2021-22

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The following residential and nursing fees for 2021/22 were approved for agreement with independent providers.

Category	Fee
Residential	£586.32
Dementia residential – high dependency	£650.79
Nursing	£683.90
Dementia nursing – high dependency	£722.33

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to ensure that the Council pays fair fees to fund the care of individuals who are placed in independent residential and nursing homes. It was noted that the increase recommended takes the Council higher than the level of inflation set in the budget and therefore entails an additional financial investment.

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Item 10: THE EFFECT OF COVID-19 ON BYW'N IACH'S 2021-22 BUDGET

DECISION

The Head of Finance Department was authorised in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Head of Economy and Community Department, to provide a letter of assurance to extend the period of assurance already given to the Byw'n Iach company until the end of the 2021/22 financial year, in accordance with the provision in the agreement with the company.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In May 2020, the Cabinet confirmed that they were willing to provide the necessary financial support for the Byw'n Iach company until the end of the 2020/21 financial year as a result of the Covid-19 emergency.

Unfortunately, it was noted that the impact of the Covid-19 emergency will continue in 2021/22. With this in mind, it was stated that the Council had to extend the period to support the company financially until 31 March 2022. It was added that the financial support would enable the arm's-length company to trade legally from 1 April 2021 until the end of the financial year.

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