
COUNCIL CABINET 20130219

Present – Councillor Dyfed Edwards (Chairman)
Councillors - Siân Gwenllian, Peredur Jenkins, Brian Jones, John Wynn Jones, W. Gareth Roberts, Ioan Thomas, Paul Thomas, John Wyn Williams and R H Wyn Williams.

Also present - Harry Thomas (Chief Executive), Dilys Phillips (Head of Democracy and Legal Department), Aled Davies (Head of Regulatory Department), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Iwan Trefor Jones (Corporate Director), Dilwyn Williams (Corporate Director), Dafydd Lewis (Corporate Director), William Jones (Senior Finance Manager), Janet Roberts (Senior Manager – Delivery and Support), Peter Simpson (Street Services Manager), Iolo Roberts (Registration Manager), Rhian Tomos (Cabinet Support Team Leader).

Apologies: No apologies were received.

1. WELCOME

Everyone was welcomed to the meeting.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

Councillor Ioan Thomas, Cabinet Member for Customer Care declared a personal interest due to a family connection with item 7. The Member was of the opinion that it was a prejudicial interest and he withdrew from the Chamber during the discussion and vote on the item.

3. URGENT ITEM

There were no urgent items.

4. MINUTES

The Chairman signed the minutes of the Council Cabinet meeting held on 22 January 2013 as a true record.

5. POST-16 EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Submitted – the report of Councillor Sian Gwenllian, Cabinet Member for Education.

RESOLVED

1. To approve the establishment of the Post-16 Education and Training Consortium and the implementation model;
2. To confirm the Memorandum of Understanding, and also accept the roles and responsibilities which are noted for the Council;
3. To authorise officials, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Education and Children and Young People, to make amendments to the Memorandum as necessary and appropriate in the circumstances;
4. To appoint the Cabinet Member for Education and Children and Young People to represent the Council on the Consortium's Lead Board;

5. To confirm the appointments of Iwan T. Jones, Corporate Director and Dewi R. Jones, Head of the Education Department, as the Council's representatives on the Gwynedd and Anglesey Learning Partnership;
6. To approve the intention for the Council to act as the Lead Body for receiving funding and managing the operation of the Partnership's European bid, and to confirm the Council's contribution towards the joint funding as noted in the report.

6. THE COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC EFFICIENCY SCHEMES

Submitted – the report of Councillor Peredur Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Resources.

RESOLVED

To approve the implementation of the savings schemes developed thus far by the Council's Strategic Efficiency Project Board.

7. REVENUE AND CAPITAL BIDS

Submitted – the report of Councillor Dyfed Wyn Edwards, Council Leader.

RESOLVED

To approve the proposals in the appendices to the report in relation to the financing of the bids and to recommend them to the Council.

8. FINANCIAL STRATEGY

Submitted – the report of Councillor Peredur Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Resources.

RESOLVED

- To confirm the following proposals formulated by the Cabinet at its meeting on 22 January as the final proposals for the 2013/14 budget and the financial strategy for 2013/14 – 2016/17 and to recommend these proposals to the Council at its meeting on 28 February.
- That a revenue budget of £233.913m should be adopted in 2013/14 to be distributed amongst the services as noted in Appendix 1 which will also mean depending upon savings of £1.921m in 2013/14.
- That this amount should be financed through the £181.633m grant we will be receiving from the Welsh Government and £52.28m from Council Tax which would entail a Council Tax increase of 3.5%.
- That one-off bids should also be approved from the £394,250 to be financed from the £268,050 performance improvement grant money which is retained each year for one-off issues adding a further £126,200 from the Council Tax resource set aside for 2015/16.
- In relation to the situation for the next four years, that we should plan to find the projected financial deficit of over £32m for the next four years by planning to increase Council Tax by an average of 3.5% a year which would produce nearly £8m on top of the £8.7m savings for which we have already been planning.

- That we should then aim to find the residue by establishing a further efficiency target of £6.4m and trying to manage demand for Council services by being proactive to avoid creating a demand for those services with a view to finding a further £5m. Any residual sum would then have to be found from service cuts.
- To approve a capital programme of £20.839m for 2013/14; £15.748m for 2014/15 and £20.346m for 2015/16 on the schemes noted in Appendix 3.
- To agree to delete the savings "Support for Members" scheme (£54,000) from the savings programme in accordance with the Democratic Services Committee's recommendation.

9. REVENUE BUDGET 2012/13 – THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Submitted – the report of Councillor Peredur Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Resources.

RESOLVED

To ask the Social Services Department to consider transferring £200,000 to the Children Services budget on a permanent basis by 2013/14.

To ask the Social Services Department to consider a permanent transfer to the Mental Health heading on a permanent basis by 2013/14.

Highways and Municipal Department – When the situation of possible financial support by the Welsh Government is clearer at the end of the financial year, to consider once again whether or not financial support from the Council's reserve budget should be provided towards the cost of restoring road infrastructure etc. following flood damage in November 2012.

Regulatory Department – When the situation of possible financial support by the Welsh Government is clearer at the end of the financial year, to consider once again whether or not financial support from the Council's reserve budget should be provided towards the cost of restoring bridge structures etc. following flood damage in November 2012.

10. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2012/13 – THIRD QUARTER REVIEW

Submitted – the report of Councillor Peredur Jenkins, Cabinet Member for Resources.

RESOLVED

To accept the 2012/13 to 2014/15 revised programme and approve the revised sources of finance (in part 2.2 – 2.7) and the budget transfer (in 2.8).

11. REVIEW OF THE USE OF THE REGISTRATION SERVICE

Submitted – the report of Councillor Ioan Thomas, Cabinet Member for Customer Care.

RESOLVED

To provide the registration service from the satellite stations in Caernarfon, Porthmadog, Tywyn and Bala as well as the main offices in Bangor, Pwllheli and Dolgellau. Consequently, the service will not be available in Llanberis, Deiniolen, Penygroes,

Cricieth, Penrhyndeudraeth, Trawsfynydd, Harlech and Blaenau Ffestiniog.

12. DOG CONTROL ORDERS

Submitted – the report of Councillor Gareth Roberts, Cabinet Member for the Environment.

RESOLVED

To adopt the Dog Control Orders for Gwynedd based on the draft submitted in Appendix 4 of the report.

To set the penalty levels for the offences included in the Order at £100 for every offence committed for the first two years, to be discounted to £60 if the penalty is paid within 10 days.

To delegate the right to make minor amendments to the boundaries of the dog exclusion zones and to the wording of the associated documents of the Dog Control Order, to the Head of Regulatory Department in consultation with the Head of Democracy and Legal Department and the Cabinet Member for the Environment in order to facilitate the process of establishing the order.

13. TAITH CONSTITUTION

Submitted – the report of Councillor Gareth Roberts, Cabinet Member for the Environment.

RESOLVED

- a) to approve the following changes to the TAITH constitution, which are:-
 - i) to extend the operational area of TAITH to include the whole of Gwynedd in relation to some specific matters,
 - ii) to include the following clause - ... "To administer, commission and deliver bus funding grants and bus network strategies for the region".
- b) to delegate to TAITH the right to administer the transport services grants across the whole of Gwynedd (not including the transport services that continue to be funded by the Council).

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and concluded at 3.45pm.

CHAIRMAN