

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting: 13 September 2016

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21 September 2016

SUBJECT

Item : GROWTH VISION FOR THE ECONOMY OF NORTH WALES

DECISION

To approve the "Growth Vision for the Economy of North Wales" as a basis for holding discussions with the UK and Welsh Governments about the "Growth Deal" for the region.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following discussions and official approval of the document by the North Wales Economic Ambition Board on 1 August 2016, the formal approval of the six Cabinets across the North Wales Local Authorities is required for the Vision and Strategy, as a basis to hold discussions about a "Growth Deal".

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

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were made.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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SUBJECT

Item : THE LIBRARIES SERVICE'S "MORE THAN BOOKS" STRATEGY

DECISION

To adopt the "More than Books" Strategy for Gwynedd Council's Libraries Service

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following a review of the libraries service in 2013-14, the conclusion was reached that it would be unsustainable to continue with the library service in its current form in the current financial climate and when planning for the future. A Libraries Strategy needs to be developed which would include a delivery approach to meet the statutory requirements and needs of the Welsh Public Libraries Standards, to respond to a change in users' reading and information seeking habits.

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Councillor Gareth Thomas declared an interest as a relative of his works for the Libraries Service. It was a prejudicial interest and he withdrew from the meeting.

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The public was consulted in order to seek the views and ideas of residents, users and partners on the content of the strategy and the provision of libraries services following the decision of the Full Council (at its meeting on 3 March 2016) to support a cut of 25% to the book purchasing budget from April 2016 onwards. The consultation results are reported in the report submitted to the meeting.

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Item : MOVING TOWARDS AN EDUCATION AREA OFFICES MODEL

DECISION

To approve implementing an Education Area Offices model.

To approve the request for costs in the region of £275,000 annually for up to three years, by authorising the Head of Finance Department in consultation with the Head of Corporate Support Department and the Cabinet Member for Resources to confirm the total as a result of staff job evaluation.

To approve the creation of a Service Level Agreement by the Corporate Support Department and the Education Department in relation to Human Resources to define the nature of the service.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

As part of the review of the strategic and managerial structure of the Education Department in Gwynedd, an investment is required in order to establish a structure of effective Area Offices to promote the 'Gwynedd School' model of collaboration by rationalising and sharing the managerial requirements, thus releasing head teachers to provide effective leadership in order to improve the quality of education in Gwynedd.

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SUBJECT

Item : NEW ARRANGEMENTS OF THE ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS AND INCLUSION SERVICE IN GWYNEDD AND ANGLESEY

DECISION

To adopt a single Common Additional Learning Needs and Inclusion Strategy for Gwynedd and Anglesey which will address the needs of pupils and young people in an effective and efficient manner to be implemented by September 2017.

2. To join in a formal partnership with the Isle of Anglesey County Council to implement the Strategy and adopt a new governance structure referred to in this report, which will replace the Gwynedd and Anglesey Special Educational Needs Joint-Committee (SENJC).

3. To delegate permission to the Head of Education Department in consultation with the Head of Legal Department and Head of Finance Department to agree and complete a Formal Agreement with the Isle of Anglesey County Council for the partnership.

4. To delegate permission to the Head of Education Department in consultation with the Head of Legal Department and Head of Finance Department to complete an Agreement / memorandum of understanding for the interim period which will state the commitment of both authorities to implement the new procedure, and will allow the work that is needed in order to reach that point to be carried out.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Strategy has been prepared in response to the proposed legislative proposals of the Additional Learning Needs and Education Tribunal (Wales) Bill for reforming the framework for additional learning needs.

Joining in a formal partnership with Anglesey County Council will ensure a more integrated, effective and comprehensive service provision across education establishments of both Counties.

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SUBJECT

Item : REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE STRATEGIC SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND ADULTS PANEL

DECISION

To accept the report submitted on the work of the Strategic Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults Panel.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The responsibility for safeguarding children and vulnerable adults is one of the Council's most important responsibilities. The Cabinet must be satisfied that the Panel has undertaken the required work in a thorough and conscientious manner.

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SUBJECT

Item : GWYNEDD PERFORMANCE REPORT 2015/16

DECISION

To approve the Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2015/16 and to recommend its adoption by the Full Council.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In accordance with the Council's performance management procedure, the Cabinet must approve the report before it is submitted for adoption by the Full Council at its meeting on 6 October 2016.

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SUBJECT

Item : PERFORMANCE REPORT: CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to ensure effective and transparent performance management, Cabinet Members are required to report periodically on the performance of the field for which they are responsible to the Cabinet.

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SUBJECT

Item : PERFORMANCE REPORT: CABINET MEMBER FOR PLANNING AND REGULATORY

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

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SUBJECT

Item : PERFORMANCE REPORT: CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING, CUSTOMER CARE & LIBRARIES, DEPRIVATION & EQUALITY

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

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Item : PERFORMANCE REPORT: CABINET MEMBER FOR THE ECONOMY & COMMUNITY

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report

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Item : GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

DECISION

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

- Cllr Dyfed Edwards will not submit the 'Strategic Plan 2017/18' item on 4 October 2016.
- Cllr Dafydd Meurig will not submit the item 'The Implications of the Council's Decision to close Frondeg, Pwllheli and Felinheli offices' on 4 October 2016, rather it will be postponed until the Cabinet meeting on 1 November 2016.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In accordance with Section 14.13 of the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet will share its Forward Work Programme for the subsequent period of six months with the public. The Forward Work Programme will be published on the Council website.

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No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were made.

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The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, and it was confirmed that there was nothing to add.
