

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting: 28/03/2017

The Decision will come into force and implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25.1 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution.

12/04/2017

SUBJECT

Item 6 : LIBRARY SELF-SERVICE MACHINES

DECISION

To approve the application for £74,412 from the Transformational Fund for the purchase and installation of nine self-service machines in the nine main libraries.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Cabinet had adopted the "More than Books" Strategy for 2016-2020 for the Library Service, and this strategy would lead to change in the library provision across the authority's provision by moving from 17 libraries to maintaining nine main libraries and supporting four community libraries. This would lead to increased use of the main libraries, whilst maintaining the same level of staffing.

Purchasing the self-service machines provided an opportunity to improve the service for residents and make better use of staff time.

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

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

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report submitted to the meeting.

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SUBJECT

Item 7: COUNCIL PLAN 2017/18 - APPLICATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

DECISION

- i. To commit £155,138 of additional funding from the Transformation Fund, in order to extend the 'Working together against poverty' scheme for 2017-18 to realise the commitments that are a part of the Council's Plan for 2017-18.
 - ii. To commit £117,000 of additional funding from the Transformation Fund, in order to extend the 'High Value and Quality Jobs' scheme for 2017-18 to realise the commitments that are a part of the Council's Plan for 2017-18.
 - iii. To commit £23,000 of additional funding from the Transformation Fund, in order to extend the 'Rural Gwynedd Development Project' for 2017-18 to realise the commitments that are a part of the Council's Plan for 2017-18.
 - iv. To commit £42,000 of additional funding from the Transformation Fund, in order to extend the 'High profile and strategic events' scheme for 2017-18 to realise the commitments that are a part of the Council's Plan for 2017-18.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Full Council adopted the 'Council Plan 2017-18' on 2 March 2017. The above-mentioned schemes had been identified as ones that required additional resources in order to continue to achieve their commitments should they be extended for an additional year.

There was an element of the original budget left for the individual schemes; however additional monies were required in order to continue with the work in 2017/18.

The schemes had been included as part of the Council's Plan subject to the Cabinet's agreement to fund them.

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

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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Item 8 : COUNCIL PLAN 2017/18 P9 YOUNG PEOPLE'S SOCIAL USE OF WELSH

DECISION

To commit £40,000 of additional funding from the Transformation Fund in order to implement the Secondary Language Strategy to lead to a further increase in pupils' social and curricular use of Welsh.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The purpose of this project was to ensure a robust follow-up to and build upon the success of the Language Charter project that was operational in Gwynedd's primary schools, and had been extended to other areas in Wales. The Secondary Language Strategy had been developed to provide clear guidance on how to plan intervention in order to raise awareness and increase the use made of the language amongst young people in the secondary sector.

These schemes had been included in the Council's Plan and required additional resources in order to realise the project's aims.

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

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Item 9: THE COUNCIL'S ASSET PLAN 2009/10 TO 2018/19

DECISION

- i. To note the likely final position with the 10 year Asset Plan;
 - ii. To confirm that we no longer require the £15m provision for Social Care as part of the new Plan to be established by the new Council;
 - iii. To allocate £200,000 of the resource that is not now required for unsupported borrowing to meet the deficit in our savings for 2016/17;
 - iv. To use £800,000 of this resource to supplement the repairs and maintenance programme from 1 April 2017, leaving the remainder for the new Council to decide upon when considering its savings and asset requirements for the future.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In 2009, following a detailed assessment of the Council's capital spending requirements, and in recognising the fact that the Council's resources would not allow for all capital expenditure requirements to be met, a series of workshops were held with Council members to establish capital priorities for the coming 10 years. As a result, an Asset Plan was established and it was adopted by the Council in October 2009.

2018-19 would be the final year of the current plan and the new Council would be expected to establish a new strategy for the 2018/19 - 27/28 period early in the next financial year. The report noted what had taken place over the plan period and the decisions made to finalise some aspects of the original plan.

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

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SUBJECT

Item 10: PERFORMANCE REPORT FOR CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

DECISION

- i. To accept and note the information in the report.
 - ii. To approve the re-profiling in relation to the Free Breakfast Club for Primary Schools, as slippage has been seen in the realisation time. There will be a need to slip £41,700 to realise in 2018/19.
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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. Ensure appropriate control by re-profiling the savings

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

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Item 11 : PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE DEPUTY LEADER

DECISION

- i. To accept and note the information in the report.
 - ii. To approve the re-profiling of the Savings Scheme in the Coroner's budget (DaCH13) to 2018/19 rather than 2017/18 as originally intended as highlighted in point 6.2 of the report.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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

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Item 13: LAND IN LLANRUG

DECISION

To delegate powers to the Head of Regulatory Department, in consultation with the Head of Education Department, to purchase a plot of land in Llanrug and following the purchase, to take appropriate control of the site, in accordance with the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

An opportunity had arisen to purchase a site in Llanrug for educational purposes that could contribute towards extending options for future education planning.

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

The local member declared an interest but it was not a prejudicial interest.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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