

THE CABINET TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

Present-

Councillors: Dyfrig L. Siencyn, Mair Rowlands, Craig ab Iago, Gareth Wyn Griffith, Peredur Jenkins, Dafydd Meurig, Dilwyn Morgan and W. Gareth Roberts

Also present:

Dilwyn Williams (Chief Executive), Dafydd Edwards (Head of Finance Department), Iwan Evans (Head of Legal Services) and Morwena Edwards (Corporate Director).

Item 5: Llinos Edwards (Senior Executive Officer)

Item 9: Dafydd Wyn Williams (Head of Environment Department), Diane Jones (Educational Officer)

1. APOLOGIES

Cabinet Members and Officers were welcomed to the meeting. Apologies were received from Cllr. Gareth Thomas, Cllr. Ioan Thomas and Iwan Trefor Jones.

2. DECLARATION OF PERSONAL INTEREST

There were no declarations of personal interest.

3. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

There were no matters arising from overview and scrutiny.

5. PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULTS, HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

The item was submitted by Cllr. W. Gareth Roberts

RESOLVED

To accept and note the information in the report.

DISCUSSION

The report was presented and it was stated that the work was commendable and paid tribute to the staff who had been working hard leading the department in a healthy and constructive direction. It was noted that work had been done to work in an integrated way and this could be a challenge as it would be a different way of working. However, it gave excellent direction to the department.

The main issue was the recruitment of care staff, particularly when looking at the capacity and sustainability of the health and care system within the older people sector. He noted

that he would welcome it if the Scrutiny Committee could look into this in greater detail, specifically into recruitment of staff to Nursing Care - which had been identified as a National problem.

When looking at performance measures it was explained that there were no issues, however it was noted that the rate of delayed transfers of care in Gwynedd was 0.71, which compared well with the rest of Wales. However, it was emphasised that there was room for improvement as Conwy's rate was 0.07 – there were lessons to be learnt from the areas that perform better.

Observations arising from the discussion

- When looking at the Early Dementia Unit, Llys Cadfan project, with plans in place for a further three units, it was asked if one of the units would be developed in the south of the county. It was emphasised that they hoped for an ICF (Integrated Core Fund) investment for one of the projects and they would be located where provision was needed.
- The partnership working between the Health Board and the Gwynedd and Anglesey Post 16 Education Consortium was welcomed. It was stated that staff shortages were a National problem, and the staff pool was reducing. It was highlighted that it was essential to solve this problem and that it was a crisis situation

6. SAVINGS OVERVIEW

The item was submitted by Cllr Peredur Jenkins.

RESOLVED

To note the encouraging progress towards achieving the 2015/16 – 2017/18 saving schemes.

DISCUSSION

The report submitted noted the progress made in realising the savings in the 2015/16 – 2017/18 Savings Strategy. It was noted that over the last two years the strategy had planned for savings of £9,201,411 during 2016/17 with a further £7,231,751 in 2017/18.

When looking at 2016/17 it was explained that 97% of the savings had now been realised. The current forecast in respect of realising the 2017/18 schemes and savings indicated that 64% had been achieved and 20% were on track. Generally they were satisfied with what had been achieved, but reminded the Cabinet members that they would need to continue to monitor the savings schemes. Staff were thanked for the way they had continued to maintain services whilst dealing with the schemes and savings.

Observations arising from the discussion

- The significance of the Council's success to maintain such services was noted as a result of the staff's effort, as well as the Council's ability to manage budgets.
- Cabinet members were thanked for their work and realising the schemes has been a feat. It was emphasised that this showed monitoring skills and arrangements.

7. FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The item was submitted by Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn

RESOLVED

The Forward Work Programme that was included with the meeting papers was approved

8. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

Resolved - to exclude the press and public from the meeting during the discussion on the following item due to the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14, Section 4, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972. A request was made for the item to be exempt under the following section:

14.10.2 Exempt information – Discretion to Exclude Public

The report includes information relating to contract details and sales procedures which are not evident at this time. The information is considered exempt in accordance with category 14 because it is information relating to an individual's personal business or financial matters. Consequently, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

9. LAND IN LLANRUG

The item was submitted by Cllr Dafydd Meurig

RESOLVED

Resolved that a further report was required from the Education Department to be submitted to the Cabinet meeting on 3 October before a final decision on the purchase could be made.

DISCUSSION

On March 28 2017, the Cabinet decided 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.

Following this meeting matters had arisen that needed to be considered further before making the final decision on the purchase.

The Cabinet Member noted that he had discussed the matter with the Local Member.

The meeting commenced at 1.00pm and concluded at 2.15pm

CHAIRMAN