

## **GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

**Date of Cabinet Meeting:** 21/11/17

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 6: CONSULTATION DOCUMENT ON THE PROPOSED PRIORITIES FOR THE COUNCIL PLAN 2018-2023

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### **DECISION**

To approve the consultation document on the Council Plan priorities for 2018-2023 and agree to hold a six-week consultation period on the document from 27 November 2017.

To agree to the arrangements outlined in the report to identify solutions and any resource requirements attached to the priorities with a report back on the findings to the Cabinet in January.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In order to ensure agreement on the content and style of the consultation document on the Council Plan priorities for 2018-2023 before moving ahead to the next steps.

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### **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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### **ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION**

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 7: INCREASING THE SUPPLY OF SOCIAL AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING BY STRENGTHENING STRATEGIC CAPACITY

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### **DECISION**

To approve an allocation of £45,646 per year over the next three years (total of approximately £140,000), as a first call against the council tax premium to be levied against 'second homes' and 'empty homes' which will be applied from April 2018 allowing the Head of Adults, Health and Well-being Department to appoint an additional officer within the Strategic Housing Unit to support the Council to take full advantage of grant funding allocated by Welsh Government to increase the supply of social and affordable housing in Gwynedd.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Welsh Government has earmarked additional capital resources to assist Local Government in Wales to secure an additional 20,000 homes. This means that Gwynedd's allocation could increase from £4.2m between 2014 and 2017 to £16.2m between 2017 and 2020, an increase of 285%. An additional resource is therefore required within the Strategic Housing Team to develop and prepare bids to attract resources and to monitor developments.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 8: REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 - SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

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### **DECISION**

Resolved to:

- Accept the report on the second quarter review of the Revenue Budget (position as at 30 September 2017) and ask the Cabinet Members and the relevant heads of department to take the appropriate steps regarding matters under their leadership/management.
  - With the approval of the Head of Environment Department, to transfer (£282k) from the Environment Department to the Financial Strategy Reserve.
  - With the approval of the Head of Corporate Support Department, to transfer (£54k) from the Corporate Support Department to the Financial Strategy Reserve.
  - That (£200k) from the favourable Council Tax receipts, (£800k) from the underspend on Council Tax Reduction, (£406k) savings realised early, (£444k) one-off underspend on bids and (£697k) from favourable conditions on other Council budgets, is transferred to the Financial Strategy Reserve to assist with unavoidable one-off pressures on the Council's budgets.
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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 9: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18 - SECOND QUARTER REVIEW

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### **DECISION**

To accept the report on the second quarter review (position as at 30 September 2017) of the capital programme, and approve the revised financing as shown in part 4 of the report, namely:

- £1,121,000 increase in the use of borrowing
  - (£389,000) decrease in the use of grants and contributions
  - £78,000 increase in the use of capital receipts
  - £118,000 increase in the use of revenue contributions
  - (£663,000) decrease in the use of renewal and other reserves
  - (£48,000) decrease in the use of the capital reserve
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