

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting: 13 February 2018

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.

28 February 2018

SUBJECT

Item 6: 3-19 LEARNING CAMPUS, Y BALA

DECISION

Resolved to:

- i. Approve the proposal for the closure of Ysgol Bro Tegid, Ysgol Beuno Sant and Ysgol y Berwyn on 31 August 2019 and for the Welsh Medium 3-19 Learning Campus, community status, to be established on the existing site of Ysgol y Berwyn to open on 1 September 2019.
 - ii. To approve publishing statutory notices on the proposal in (i) above in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Cabinet agreed on 24 October 2017 to conduct a statutory consultation in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, in the Berwyn catchment area on the favoured model, namely the proposal to close the schools of Beuno Sant, Bro Tegid and Ysgol y Berwyn and establish a 3-19 Welsh Medium Learning Campus, with community status on the existing Ysgol y Berwyn site to be implemented from September 2019. Generally strong support was expressed through the consultation to the proposal of establishing a 3-19 Learning Campus in Bala. The next step in implementing the proposal will be to publish a statutory notice for the closure of Ysgol Bro Tegid, Ysgol Beuno Sant and Ysgol y Berwyn on 31 August 2019, and for the Welsh Medium, community status, 3-19 Learning Campus to be established on the existing site of Ysgol y Berwyn to open on 1 September 2019.

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

Councillor Dilwyn Morgan declared an interest as he had a grandson attending one of the schools in the Bala catchment area.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which had been included in the

report. A public consultation was held between 22 November 2017 and 10 January 2018, and the observations can be seen in the report.

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Item 7: COUNCIL PLAN 2018-2023

DECISION

To approve the 2018-23 Council Plan for submission to the Council on 1 March 2018.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to ensure agreement on the content of the plan and that it reflects the priorities that have been identified before recommending it to the Full Council to be adopted.

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: SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES

DECISION

The Chief Executive's proposal to restructure a little in order to focus more on the work of supporting families was noted and supported.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

There has been an internal discussion during the past months on how the Council could do more to help families who need support. The Children and Supporting Families Department is currently in the process of developing a supporting families strategy in order to offer assistance and support for families before their needs become more complex.

In order to ensure this focus, the Cabinet Member for Children and Families and the Head of Department have concluded that it was required to appoint a Senior Manager for the Children and Families Service to specifically focus on this field. Due to the financial pressure on the Council, and the need to make substantial savings, it was noted that it would be possible to satisfy the need in a different way by transferring the Senior Learning Manager from the Economy and Community Service to the Children and Supporting Families Service. The Chief Executive wanted to seek the Cabinet's opinion on his intention to implement this change before going forward.

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Item 9: CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION SERVICE

DECISION

- i. Set up unmanned Close Circuit Television provision
 - ii. Assign £489,000 in capital funding from the Council's Invest to Save Fund to implement the change
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

An outcome must be reached on the future of this service, which needs immediate investment in new technology and equipment if it is to be maintained, and address the reduction in the budget and contributions from other bodies to maintain it.

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Item 10: 2018/19 BUDGET AND 2018/19 - 2020/21 FINANCIAL STRATEGY

DECISION

To recommend that the Council (at its meeting on 1 March 2018):

- i. Establish a budget of £242,862,930 for 2018/19, to be funded by £175,127,330 of Government Grant and £67,735,600 Council Tax income, with an increase of 4.8%.
- ii. Establish a capital programme of £8.389 in 2018/19 to be funded by sources noted in clause 9.4 of the report.

To note the Medium Term Financial Plan in Section B, and adopt the strategy which is in part 32-34 of the Plan.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council needs to set a budget for the 2018/19 financial year and determine the Council Tax level. The Cabinet will be recommending these to the Full Council for a decision.

The strategy attempts to protect the services provided to the people of Gwynedd and recommends an increase in the Council Tax to achieve this objective this year. Whilst ensuring savings, it is intended to achieve them in those areas that would have least impact on our people.

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