

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting: 22 May 2018

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7 June 2018

SUBJECT

Item 6: WELSH GOVERNMENT'S TARGETED REGENERATION INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

DECISION

Resolved to:

- Approve the draft Regional Regeneration Strategy in order to submit to Welsh Government
 - Require that commitment within the draft Strategy regarding work to identify and respond to issues involving rural deprivation receives attention during 2018/19
 - Undertake further work to consider possible opportunities arising from the TRI Programme with the intention of submitting a further report to Cabinet outlining the proposals.
 - Ask officers to review the governance arrangements to ensure that it is more explicit
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Welsh Government has noted the need for a regional Regeneration Plan offering a strategic framework and context for proposals as part of its new Regeneration Programme. The Regional Plan needs to be approved before Welsh Government receives applications for investment. It is intended to submit a further report to the Cabinet that would include the financial package.

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

No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

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

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Item 7: 2017/18 SAVINGS OVERVIEW: PROGRESS REPORT ON REALISING SAVING SCHEMES

DECISION

To note the encouraging progress towards realising the 2017/18 savings schemes.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Realising the individual schemes is the responsibility of the relevant members of the Cabinet, and the Cabinet Member for Finance keeps an overview of the whole picture. A report was given on the savings realisation situation up to 31 March 2018, noting that there was satisfactory progress across the Council to realise approximately £6 million in savings in 2017/18.

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Item 8: FINAL ACCOUNTS 2017/18 - REVENUE OUT TURN

DECISION

1.1 To consider and note the final financial position of the Council's departments for 2017/18.

1.2 To approve the amounts to be carried forward (the "Revised Over/(Under) Spend" column of the summary in Appendix 1), namely -

DEPARTMENT	£'000
Adults, Health and Well-being	(100)
Children and Families	100
Education	0
Economy and Community	(35)
Highways and Municipal	100
Environment (formerly Regulatory)	(100)
Gwynedd Consultancy	(82)
Corporate Management Team & Legal	(66)
Finance	(66)
Corporate Support	(67)

1.3 To approve the following recommendations and virements (as outlined in Appendix 2) -

- Transfer £457k, equivalent to the supporting delivery of social services grant over the winter period to a specific fund to support the flexibility and facilitate transformation in the field of Adults in future.
 - Harvest (£37k) of the underspend, namely the sum above (£100k) for Adults, Health and Well-being, to be used to assist the departments who overspend this year.
 - The Children and Families Department to receive one-off financial support of £676k to alleviate the majority of the 2017/18 overspend, allowing them to move forward to face the challenges of 2018/19.
 - Transfer £207k to eliminate the Education Department's overspend, whilst transport policies and arrangements are being reviewed.
 - Highways and Municipal Department to receive one-off partial financial support of
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£203k to limit the overspend to be carried forward by the Department to £100k, to assist them with facing the challenge of 2018/19.

- Transfer £378k of the Environment Department's 2017/18 underspend to a specific fund, relating to buses and routes costs, to be used in 2018/19.
- Harvest (£89k) of the Environment Department's underspend, namely the sum above (100k), to be used to assist the departments that overspend this year.
- Harvest (894k) of the net underspend on Corporate budgets (on Council Tax Reduction, bids and budgets returned by departments and on other headings), and transfer to assist the overspending departments in 2017/18.
- Transfer £66k from the Financial Strategy Support Fund, namely the balance required, to support the departments that overspend.

1.4 To approve the virements from the specific reserves as outlined in Appendix 3 following a review of the reserves, namely:

- Harvest (£2.915m).
- Assign £2.749m to the Council Plan.
- Assign £166k to waste issues.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was the Cabinet's responsibility to take action, as necessary, in order to secure appropriate control over the Council's budgets (e.g. approval of significant virements or supplementary budgets) and in order to allow the formal final accounts to be completed.

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Item 9: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2017/18 - END OF YEAR REVIEW (31 March position)

DECISION

To accept the report on the end of year review (as at 31 March 2018) of the capital programme, and approve the revised financing as shown in part 4 of the report, namely:

- An increase of £4,514,000 in the use of grants and contributions
 - An increase of £326,000 in the use of capital receipts
 - A decrease of £371,000 in the use of other borrowing
 - A decrease of £335,000 in the use of revenue contributions
 - A decrease of £53,000 in the use of the capital fund
 - A decrease of £65,000 in the use of renewal funds and others
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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Item 10: PREPARING FOR THE UNCERTAIN FINANCIAL SITUATION FROM 2019/20 ONWARDS

DECISION

Resolved to:

- Deal with the unclear financial situation with which we are faced from 2019/20 onwards by following the arrangements outlined in section 10 of the report
- Put arrangements in place to ensure that all Departments have looked in every nook and cranny for efficiency savings
- Commission a review of the Council's management arrangements (including Scrutiny in this process) to be completed during the calendar year so as to ensure that our management arrangements are fit for purpose.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Chief Executive reported on a possible process for planning for the future in the Council in October. Following informal discussions between the Cabinet and the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of the Scrutiny Committees, they have come to the conclusion that a new way of coping with the situation needs to be considered. The report highlights the proposed new system.

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