

## **GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

**Date of Cabinet Meeting:** 16 October 2018

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31 October 2017

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 6: A GROWTH DEAL FOR THE ECONOMY OF NORTH WALES: PROPOSITION DOCUMENT

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### **DECISION**

Subject to the decision not committing the Council to financial investment at this stage and that the financial risks and benefits are considered in full when the final Deal is submitted to the Council for approval:

That the Cabinet endorse the Proposition Document to be approved for adoption by the Council as

1. A basis for a longer-term regional strategy for economic growth
2. The regional bid for the priority programmes and projects used to create the content of the Growth Deal at the Heads of Terms stage with the Governments.

Authorise the Leader to commit the Council to Heads of Terms with the Governments alongside the political and professional leaders from the nine other statutory partners represented on the North Wales Economic Ambition Board, and the North Wales Mersey Dee Business Council, with the Proposition Document forming the boundaries for the Heads of Terms agreement.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In September 2018, the Cabinet confirmed its support for the Joint-committee model for the Growth Deal. Additionally, the Leader was authorised to represent the Council on the 'Shadow Joint-Committee' during the interim period. In July this year, the Cabinet and the Council adopted the Governance Agreement for the planning and development stages of the Growth Deal.

The Proposition Document, received at the Cabinet, identifies the programmes and projects that both Governments are considering for inclusion in a Growth deal, at the Heads of Terms stage. The region and deal are now about to reach Heads of Terms. The regional Partners are asked to confirm the Proposition Document in order to give a mandate to their leaders to commit to a Heads of Terms Agreements which, following this, will be the starting point for the final stage of developing the Bid and negotiating with the Governments.

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

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

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 7: VOLUNTARY CODE FOR THE CONTROL OF TO LET SIGNS IN BANGOR

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### **DECISION**

The Voluntary Code for the control of to let signs in Bangor was adopted and powers were delegated to the Senior Planning and Public Protection Service Manager to put arrangements in place to implement the Voluntary Code.

That the success of the Voluntary Code will be monitored and assessed before the end of March 2020 and the conclusions will be reported back to the Cabinet before September 2020.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Concerns had been expressed by the Assembly Member, Gwynedd Council Local Members, Bangor City Council and the Police regarding the number of 'To Let' signs on houses that are mainly, but not necessarily, houses that provide student accommodation.

In an attempt to respond to these concerns, the Council had contacted the various letting agencies and consequently, discussions had been held to seek a resolution. In general, support was expressed to the establishment of a Voluntary Code for the control of to let signs in specific areas of Bangor.

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

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Consultations with all relevant agents and other relevant stakeholders were held in October 2017, January 2018 and June 2018. In addition, consultations were held with the Local

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Councillors in Bangor as well as Bangor City Council during October 2017 and June 2018.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 8: NORTH WALES STRATEGY FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN, DOMESTIC ABUSE AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

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### **DECISION**

To adopt a North Wales Strategy for Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (VAWDASV) formally as one of the responsible authorities designated under legislation.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Violence against Women, Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence (Wales) 2015 Act places a duty to enact this legislation on all Local Authorities, Health Board, Welsh Ambulance Trust, and the Fire and Rescue Services.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 9: ARRANGEMENTS FOR UNDERTAKING THE MANAGEMENT REVIEW

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### **DECISION**

To accept the idea that the Cabinet sits in on the challenge sessions that the Chief Executive intends to hold and consent to the idea of inviting the Chairs and Vice-chairs of the Scrutiny Committees (including the Audit Committee) to these sessions.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

At its meeting on 22 May this year, the Cabinet commissioned a review to ensure that the Council's management arrangements were fit for purpose. As part of the report, the Chief Executive will hold appropriate challenge sessions with the Heads of Departments in order to challenge the existing arrangements. It was noted that there was a need to ensure that Cabinet Members and Chairs and Vice-chairs of the Scrutiny Committees were invited to these meetings in order seek their opinion prior to forming recommendations.

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Item 10: NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY CONSULTATION

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### **DECISION**

The Cabinet identified the principles for responding to the public consultation by the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority and it was resolved that the Leader and the Chief Executive would draw up a full response to the consultation within the timeframe.

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Councillor Nia Jeffreys declared a personal interest as her husband works as a Fireman

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 11: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

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### **DECISION**

To accept and note the information in the report.

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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.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 12: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING, LEISURE AND CULTURE

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### **DECISION**

To accept and note the information in the report.

To approve re-profiling the leisure facilities' savings for the sum of £157k as these savings will not be achieved in 2018-19 as the Byw'n lach company is not in operation until 1 April 2019.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 13: REVENUE BUDGET 2018/19 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW

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### **DECISION**

- To accept the report on the end of August 2018 review of the Revenue Budget and consider the latest financial situation regarding the budgets of each department/service.
  - To ask the Cabinet Members for Children, Education and Highways and Municipal services to ensure that the departments have a clear implementation plan to reduce the financial deficit and to discuss those plans with me so that I can be confident that they are reasonable.
  - Reimburse the Economy and Community Department £40k which is the income loss resulting from the closure of the Arfon swimming pool over the summer.
  - Harvest (£1,904) of the net underspend on Corporate budgets with (£40k) to be used to reimburse the Economy and Community Department for the income loss while the Arfon swimming pool was closed. With the remaining (£1,864) to be transferred to the Supporting the Financial Strategy Reserve to support the inevitable one-off pressure on the Council's budget.
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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

It is 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).

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 14: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 - END OF AUGUST REVIEW

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### **DECISION**

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

- £8,444,000 in various sources to fund actual slippages from 2017/18
  - £10,000 increase in the use of borrowing
  - £10,988,000 increase in the use of grants and contributions
  - £789,000 increase in the use of capital receipts
  - £187,000 increase in the use of revenue contributions
  - £4,859,000 increase in the use of renewal and other reserves.
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### **SUBJECT**

Item 15: SAVINGS OVERVIEW: PROGRESS REPORT OF REALISING SAVINGS SCHEME

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### **DECISION**

To accept the report and note the encouraging progress towards realising the savings schemes during 2018/19 and previous years.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In the Council's financial strategy since 2015/16, £27m worth of savings have been approved to be realised during the period 2015/16 to 2018/19.

Realising the individual schemes is the responsibility of the relevant Cabinet members, and Members' performance reports are presented regularly to Cabinet meetings, detailing the progress of individual savings schemes within their portfolios, and the position at the time. It is the responsibility of the Cabinet Member for Finance to keep an overview of the whole picture.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 16: FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

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### **DECISION**

To approve the Forward Work Programme included with the meeting papers.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In accordance with Section 14.13 of the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet will share its Forward Work Programme for the subsequent period of six months with the public. The Forward Work Programme will be published on the Council's website.

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