

## **GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

<b>Date of Cabinet Meeting:</b>	19 February 2019
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### **SUBJECT**

Item 6: REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL PLAN 2018-23

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### **DECISION**

To approve the 2018-23 Council Plan (2019/20 Review) for submission to the Full Council on 7 March

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Before submitting the Plan to the Full Council, there is a need to ensure that the Cabinet agrees with the content and that it remains up-to-date and that it reflects the priorities that have been identified.

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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**

The Statutory Officers were consulted for their views, which have been included in the report.

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### SUBJECT

Item 7: NORTH WALES CARERS STRATEGY

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### DECISION

Consider and accept the Carers' Strategy and ensure that suitable arrangements are in place to monitor the Council's performance against the measures within the strategy.

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### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The introduction of the Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 has ensured rights for carers and has simplified and merged the law, giving them equal rights, for the first time, with the individual they are caring for.

In response to this, the North Wales Regional Partnership has drawn up a strategy that recognises the importance of working in partnership with carers of all ages through their connection with services, and notes the 'offer' that carers should expect.

The strategy has been created regionally, and needs to be adopted locally.

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### SUBJECT

Item 8: 2018/19 BUDGET

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### DECISION

- (a) To recommend to the Council (at its meeting on 7 March 2019) that:
1. A budget of £248,013,890 should be established for 2019/20, funded by a £176,551,790 Government Grant and £71,462,100 Council Tax income, that has been increased by 5.8%.
  2. £18,316,130 should be added to the capital programme for spending in 2019/20 in order to establish a capital programme with a value of £34,991,250 by 2019/20 to be funded from the sources noted in Appendix 4 of the report.
- (b) To approve proceeding to implement the saving schemes list in Appendix 3, with the exception of eight schemes, namely:
- Scheme 4.4 - Free parking over Christmas
  - Scheme 4.19 - Charge a fee for damaged bins
  - Scheme 6.2 - Libraries Service for Schools
  - Scheme 6.11 - Reduce the Mobile Library
  - Scheme 6.16 - Grants to the Arts
  - Scheme 6.17 - Libraries' Books Fund
  - Scheme 6.22 - Women's Aid
  - Scheme 6.25 - Youth Justice Service
- in order to set up the budget recommended to the full Council.
- (c) Note the Medium Term Financial Strategy
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### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council needs to set a budget for the 2019/20 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 to 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

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impact on our people.

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Cllr. Gareth Thomas declared a personal interest when it became clear that some elements of Libraries savings were being discussed, as his son-in-law worked in the field. The Councillor expressed that it was not a prejudicial interest and he did not withdraw from the meeting.

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A public consultation was held, and the responses can be seen in appendix 11 of the report.

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### SUBJECT

Item 9: ASSET PLAN 2019-29

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### DECISION

- a) To avoid further backlog in our buildings' maintenance work, that we transfer the £1.1m budget set aside to fund loans in the previous asset plan to boost the building maintenance revenue budget
  - b) That the Cabinet accept the recommendations made in clauses 28; 30; 32; 35; 40; 43 and 44 of the report
  - c) To adopt the Asset Plan (appendix 1 of the report) that incorporates all results noted above.
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### REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The existing Asset Plan has now ended and a new Plan must be developed for the 2019/20 - 2029 period.

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## SUBJECT

Item 11: BYW'N IACH CYF CONTRACT

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## DECISION

- 1) To accept the report and confirm that the Cabinet is satisfied that the proposed transfer still satisfies the Business Case approved by the Council on 5 October 2017
  - 2) To delegate the right to the Head of Economy and Community Department in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Head of Finance Department:
    - I. To complete the agreement documents, the Leases and any corresponding or service documentation required for the Service transfer
    - II. To agree or make any further amendments required to complete the transfer within the Business Case
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## REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In October 2017, the Cabinet and the Full Council approved the Business Case for the establishment of a Company, limited by guarantee, managed by the Council, to provide leisure facilities in Gwynedd.

The Byw'n Iach Cyf. company has now been established with six company directors. The work streams of establishing and transferring the service to operate as a company are reaching a close, and the intention is to transfer the service to the company's responsibility from 1 April 2019.

The preparation work for this has been ongoing for some months, and the documentation is being drawn up for transfer. In order to proceed with the transfer, there is a need to confirm that the Business Case remains up-to-date and that the Cabinet is willing to proceed with the transfer.

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