

## **GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

<b>Date of Cabinet Meeting:</b>	7 May 2019
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### **SUBJECT**

Item 6: PUBLIC TOILETS STRATEGY

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### **DECISION**

To accept and adopt the Public Toilets Strategy.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Section 8 of Public Health Act (Wales) 2017 places a responsibility on every local authority in Wales to produce and publish a local toilets strategy for its area by 31 May 2019.

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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 to seek their views, and these are included in the report. A public consultation was carried out on the Draft Strategy between 1 February 2019 and 1 May 2019, and a summary of the results of the consultation can be seen in the report.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 7: COUNCIL PLAN - REQUEST FOR IT DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES TO SUPPORT Ffordd GWYNEDD

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### **DECISION**

To approve an allocation of £341,046 (approximately £113,000 per annum for three years) from the Transformation Fund to meet the substantial increase in demand to develop computer systems to improve services across Gwynedd Council as a result of the findings of Ffordd Gwynedd exercises.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Systems Development Unit within the Information Technology Service develops computer systems for all Council services. Development resources must be prioritised and this is done based on a list of identified needs following an analysis exercise. Historically, the demand for the products of the unit is high, but following the success of the Ffordd Gwynedd exercises, the demand is far greater than the capacity to deliver.

Between April 2014 and March 2018, 46% of the requests received had been developed, with 54% refused or not completed. The success of the Ffordd Gwynedd exercises has triggered a greater use of technology to improve the Council's services and since April 2018, 26% of the requests have been developed, whilst no resource is available to address the remaining 74%.

By employing three developer posts, the Unit's ability to respond to development requests will substantially increase.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 8: CORONER'S PAY ARRANGEMENT

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### **DECISION**

To authorise the Head of Legal Service, in consultation with the Head of Finance, to agree arrangements to pay a salary to the Senior Coroner, and a fee to the Assistant Coroner, in line with the report.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Support authorised the Head of Legal Services to agree on new salary arrangements with the Senior Coroner based on Circulars 61 and 62 JNC. Following discussions with the Senior Coroner, a procedure for determining an annual sum was recommended for the Senior Coroner, based on a ratio of the number of cases, rather than the daily payment arrangements recommended in the Circular.

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A declaration of personal interest was received from Cllr Catrin Wager, as the Coroner was a member of her family.

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Item 9: MANAGEMENT REVIEW

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### **DECISION**

- a) Subject to (b) to agree with the Chief Executive's assessment that the managerial structure shown in Appendices 1 to 10 are fit for purpose.
  - b) To agree to reduce the number of senior posts within the Council from 40 to 37 as noted in clauses 61, 62 and 64 of the report and save a minimum of £211,000 per annum.
  - c) In noting the requirements in paragraph 95 of the report, to agree to create a new Housing and Property Department to enable us to place more focus on achieving our Housing Strategy and to ask the Chief Executive to reconsider the situation of Gwynedd Consultancy to see whether there is another way of delivering the objectives noted in the report in terms of the managerial structure and further efficiency savings.
  - (ch) Note the further minor changes intended to be implemented as outlined in clauses 76-88 of the report which includes moving building control to the Environment department so that it is closer to Planning.
  - d) To delegate the power to the Head of Legal Services to modify the Council's Delegation Scheme to reflect the changes as they become operational.
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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Last May, the Cabinet decided to commission a review of the managerial tiers within the Council in order to ensure that the Council's managerial arrangements were fit for purpose. This came about as a result of a question that was being asked of the Chief Executive, in light of the current climate, about the potential to reduce the number of managers in Gwynedd Council. A report was provided on the results of the review and the ensuing recommendations.

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