

## **GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 5: REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S COMPLAINTS AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT ARRANGEMENTS

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### **DECISION**

To accept the report.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Council's Corporate Complaints Procedure requires an annual report to be presented to the Cabinet, crystallising the lessons learned over this period and showing how they have contributed to improving Council services.

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No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 6: FFORDD GWYNEDD PLAN 2019-22

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### **DECISION**

The Scheme and work programme for 2019-22 was approved.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Cabinet is asked to approve, and consequently adopt the Plan, in order to set further direction in terms of how the Council will go about providing its services in future.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 7: SUSTAINABLE PROCUREMENT POLICY AND THE CAMPAIGN TO BAN THE USE OF SINGLE USE PLASTIC

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### **DECISION**

1. It was approved to incorporate the provisions of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 in the Council's Sustainable Procurement Policy.
  2. The campaign to seek to ban the purchase and use of single-use plastic was approved and the changes in the Sustainable Procurement Policy to meet this campaign were adopted.
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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

After the Well-being of Future Generations Act came into force, the seven well-being objectives needed to be incorporated into the Sustainable Procurement Policy in order to assist the Council's buyers to adhere to the legislation as well as report on the Council's progress.

Following a notice of motion at a Full Council meeting on 8 March 2018, an investigation was held into the Council's use of single-use plastic. One of the findings of the investigation was that plastic was integral to some goods and that it was difficult not to use plastic in some cases. Nevertheless, there were opportunities to reduce the use of plastic and ban the use of single-use plastic.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 8: CARE INSPECTORATE WALES ANNUAL LETTER

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### **DECISION**

Resolved to accept the report.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

In accordance with the Care Inspectorate Wales code of practice for review of local authority social services, they are required to write and publish an annual letter. It is appropriate for the Cabinet to consider the content of the letter in order to have confidence in the performance and direction of social services in Gwynedd.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 9: NEW DOMICILIARY CARE MODEL FOR GWYNEDD

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### **DECISION**

- It was agreed to establish a new model for providing and commissioning domiciliary care based on sub-areas, and jointly-commission with the Health Board.
  - It was approved to implement on the grounds of the favoured option, namely support a mixed market by tendering in a way that is likely to lead to achieving the aims of the department.
  - To ask the Department to review the financial model in order to ensure that it does not hinder their ability to achieve their savings and report back if there is a risk of that.
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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

There is a need to move away from a domiciliary care model that is driven by tasks and specific times, and focus on outcomes for the people of Gwynedd instead. By creating a domiciliary care model based on cooperation at a community level to respond to what matters to people, it corresponds to the Welsh Government's strategy - A Healthier Wales.

The market is unsustainable in its current form and the Cabinet needs to be assured that the favoured option is affordable and that there are arrangements in place to manage risks

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 10: HOLIDAY HOMES AND PLANNING

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### **DECISION**

Resolved to:

- I. Agree that the Environment Department, on behalf of the Council, procures and commissions research work on holiday homes for Gwynedd but with a national context, with the support of the Royal Town Planning Institute (Wales) and other relevant organisations, to include consideration of the matters referred to in part 3 of the report.
  - II. Agree that a budget of up to £80,000 from the Council's Transformation Fund, in consultation with the Head of Finance, is provided for the work.
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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

A meeting was held in March 2019 between Cabinet Members and Senior Officers in relation to holiday homes, and it was agreed that the matter needed to be revisited from two aspects.

1. Matters surrounding the need for the owners of Holiday Homes to pay Council Tax so that the Council can charge a premium
2. How it would be possible to restrict the number of houses that could be used for holiday purposes, by looking at measures that are operational in other areas, and how planning legislation could be changed for their implementation in Wales.

In order to address these points, the Council would need to commission research to investigate the field further.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 11: COPING WITH THE FINANCIAL SITUATION IN 2020-21

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### **DECISION**

Subject to the condition noted in Paragraph 15 of the report, in order to be in a position to cope with the financial situation in 2020/21, that the Cabinet adopts Option 3, and requests each department to find their share of the £2m needed to address the minimum resource deficit the Council is likely to face due to inflation, and to ask the Scrutiny Committees to scrutinise these proposals in the autumn.

Whilst reporting, departments should also report on how they intend to cope with any lack of funding needed to address any deficits in their savings plans.

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### **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Council would need to consider how to cope with the financial situation in 2020/21, as it will take some time to prepare.

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 12: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CORPORATE SUPPORT AND LEGAL

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### **DECISION**

To note and accept 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 13: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND SUPPORTING FAMILIES

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### **DECISION**

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 14: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

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### **DECISION**

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### **SUBJECT**

Item 15: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING

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### **DECISION**

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