

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	17 September 2019
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SUBJECT

Item 6: ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT REPORT

DECISION

The annual report for 2018/19 was approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The intention of the report was to present an annual update of the workforce details and their employment together with outlining objectives for developing the workforce and setting the direction for the future. The report was submitted noting that the Cabinet needed to reflect and agree on the corporate strategy in this key field for the future.

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

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Item 7: YSGOL ABERSOCH

DECISION

It was resolved to grant permission to commence formal discussions with the governing body and other relevant stakeholders of Ysgol Abersoch, to enable the formulation of a range of potential options relating to the school's future.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Pupil numbers at the school over recent years have been generally low, although a recent fall has meant that there are now nine pupils attending the school. Numbers are projected to remain low over the next few years and the September 2018 projections anticipate that nine pupils will be on the school roll in September 2021.

As a result of these challenges, permission was granted to commence formal discussions with the governing body and other relevant stakeholders to consider a range of potential options for the future of Ysgol Abersoch.

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Item 8: WASTE ENFORCEMENT SCRUTINY INVESTIGATION REPORT

DECISION

It was resolved to implement the recommendations of the investigation of the Communities Scrutiny Committee working group which included the following:

- To use the powers of the Environmental Protection Act (1990), Sections 46 to 47ZA, which relate to waste containers, to fine residents and businesses who dispose of their waste on the wrong day or in the wrong way, as a matter of priority.
- To undertake a county-wide promotion campaign to raise awareness of the waste and recycling arrangements, focusing specifically on the City of Bangor and acknowledge the geographical and demographic differences in the county at different times of the year.
- To place "QR Code" stickers on recycling receptacles to allow 24 hour access to residents to their waste and recycling collection days and information on items that can be recycled.
- To formalise collaboration arrangements between Council Departments.
- To raise awareness of the Clinical Collections Services and Collection Assistance Service available for older people and disabled people to dispose of their waste. This can be done as part of the broader promotion campaign.
- To promote the current network of Recycling Centres and hold a specific campaign to promote the Bulky Waste Collection Service.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following a Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Lesley Day to the Council meeting on 2 March 2019, the Council adopted the former-Member's motion to ask Cabinet Members to consider issuing penalties as a matter of urgency to residents and businesses. In line with the Council's scrutiny processes, the matter was referred to the Communities Scrutiny Committee which decided that the best course of action would be to undertake a Scrutiny Investigation on the matter.

The recommendations derived from the research work that was undertaken as part of the investigation.

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Item 9: SAVINGS OVERVIEW: PROGRESS REPORT ON REALISING SAVING SCHEMES

DECISION

To note the information within the report and to note the encouraging progress towards realising the savings' schemes for 2019/20 and previous years.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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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Item 10: POOLED BUDGET AGREEMENT FOR CARE HOME ACCOMMODATION FOR OLDER PEOPLE 2019/20

DECISION

It was resolved to note the report and to note the progress made regionally in meeting the Part 9 requirements of the 2014 Act which includes a legal requirement to establish a regional pooled fund for care home accommodation for older people.

The establishment of a non-risk sharing pooled fund was approved for care home accommodation for older people, as noted in the report, with Denbighshire County Council acting as host authority, and for the arrangements to be effective for the 2019/20 financial year.

Approval was given for the Council to enter into a legal agreement between Betsi Cadwaladr University Health Board and the six local authorities across North Wales to regulate the establishment, operation and governance arrangements in respect of the pooled fund for a period of three years.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Social Services and Well-being (Wales) Act 2014 and the Partnership Arrangements (Wales) Regulations 2015 have imposed duties to create a regional plan to establish and maintain a regional fund for care home accommodation.

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Item 11: MANAGEMENT REVIEW

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It was resolved not to fill the vacant post of Corporate Director in order to see whether we could do without the post.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In May this year, the Chief Executive submitted a report to the Cabinet on the Council's management arrangements which led to a reduction in the number of senior managers in the Council. In the same report, the Chief Executive noted that consideration should be given as to whether two corporate directors were required. The need for evidence before doing so was emphasised.

As one of the Corporate Director posts was now empty, it gave the Chief Executive and the Corporate Director an opportunity to see whether they could cope without the post.

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