

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	10 March 2020
Date decision will come into force and be implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution	25 March 2020

SUBJECT

Item 6: INVEST TO SAVE SCHEME - NEUADD DWYFOR

DECISION

Resolved to:

- Support the principle of developing a capital investment project to save a maximum value of up to £779,314 in Neuadd Dwyfor in order to improve the provision and facilities, to improve opportunities to raise income and ensure user safety;
 - Recognise the risk of losing income as a result of closing the Neuadd during the construction work if it goes ahead;
 - Support the allocation of a one-off contribution from the Council's Transformation fund for the investment - namely up to £570,000 (capital);
 - Support the re-profiling of savings as agreed originally for the profile outlined in table 8.1;
 - Support the submission of applications to external bodies in an attempt to reduce the Council's contribution and to maximise the Council's investment value;
 - Support the task of identifying and collaborating with local partnerships and organisations that could support the Neuadd to reach the full saving target of £100,000 in the medium term after the investment - by setting them a challenge to reduce the financial deficit and to assist the Council to make a permanent saving of £100,000 in the budget by 2025.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following the Council's decision on 2019 - 2022 savings, a saving target of £100,000 was set for Neuadd Dwyfor's Performing Arts Service. This target was to be realised through an Invest to Save scheme that would improve the Neuadd and opportunities to generate income there. The schemes have been developed, investment costs have been estimated and grant applications have been submitted to Welsh Government.

The Cabinet was requested to decide on the schemes in order for financial resources to be available for investment.

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

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

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Item 7: POST-16 EDUCATION

DECISION

It was decided to give the department permission to hold discussions with stakeholders in order to consider the current provision and highlight the key considerations in order to co-identify the direction and opportunities to strengthen the post-16 education provision in Arfon.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The landscape for post-16 education is changing, with Welsh Government proposing to introduce a new act in 2020. Therefore, it is timely for the Authority to consider whether the current provision is effective for the needs of young people in the county, now and in the future.

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

Cllr Catrin Wager and Cllr Ioan Thomas declared a personal interest as both were governors for Arfon secondary schools

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Item 8: STRATEGIC EQUALITY PLAN

DECISION

The document was approved.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This is the Council's third Strategic Equality Plan. The purpose of the Plan is to reduce inequality between people with protected characteristics and people without those characteristics, in line with the duty under the Equality Act 2010.

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Item 9: MAESGEIRCHEN INTEGRATED CENTRE

DECISION

To work with the community of Maesgeirchen, Betsi Cadwaladr Health Board and Adra to develop a potential plan for an Integrated Centre on the estate for family support provision and services, and to report back with recommendations regarding the way forward.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council adopted the 'Asset Plan 2019-2029' in March 2019. This plan has earmarked a contribution of £500,000 towards the development of an Integrated Family Support Centre in Maesgeirchen. It is added that the expenditure is programmed for 2021/22, but that it is anticipated that some of the funding will be needed for preparatory work in 2020/21 and that there is a need to be aware of the risk that the sum provided will be insufficient to address the need.

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