

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	19 May 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	3 June 2020

SUBJECT

Item 6: YSGOL LLANAELHAEARN

DECISION

Resolved to confirm the closure of Ysgol Llanaelhaearn on 31 August 2020, and offer a place for the pupils at Ysgol Bro Plenydd, Y Ffôr from 1 September 2020, in accordance with Section 53 of the School Standards and Organisation Act (Wales) 2013 and the requirements of the Schools Organisation Code 11/2018.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

A Statutory Notice was published to close the school on 5 March 2020 which commenced an objection period of 28 days. The objection period ended on 3 April 2020 and no objection had been received. Consequently, the Education Department requests that the Cabinet confirm the proposal to close Ysgol Llanaelhaearn.

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 were consulted to seek their views, which have been included in the report. The Local Member expressed his opinion at the meeting.

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Item 7: THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 ON THE 2020/21 BUDGET

DECISION

To note the possible funding gap in the 2020/21 budget and support the efforts of the Leader and officials to ensure appropriate funding options from the Welsh Government.

Owing to the financial losses in the first year (2019/20) of Byw'n Iach as a result of Covid-19, and the presumption that there will be further cuts which will continue in 2020/21 for the same reason, that the Cabinet confirm

1. That it is willing to provide the necessary financial support to sustain the services of Cwmni Byw'n Iach initially until the end of the 2020/21 financial year.
2. To authorise the Head of Finance Department in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Head of Economy and Community Department and in accordance with the provision in the Agreement with Cwmni Byw'n Iach (Schedule 4) to provide a letter of assurance to the company and agree on conditions and the content of the support.
3. That the Cabinet receives a specific report on the arrangements as part of reports to review the Council's budgets.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To inform the Cabinet of the financial effect of Covid-19 on the Council's 2020/21 budget, which is a combination of additional costs together with a significant loss of income.

In addition, owing to the financial loss as a result of Covid-19 for Cwmni Byw'n Iach, that the Council offers support during the crisis period and beyond.

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Item 8: REGIONAL TECHNICAL STATEMENT ON AGGREGATES: SECOND REVIEW DRAFT

DECISION

To approve the Second Review of the Regional Technical Statement and to authorise the Assistant Head of Department to submit confirmation of the Cabinet's approval to Welsh Government.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Planning Policy Wales and the Minerals Technical Advice Note MTAN 1 (Aggregates) requires the preparation of Regional Technical Statements for both the North and South Wales regions to provide a strategy for the future supply of construction aggregates.

The original documents were approved by Welsh Government in 2008 and are required by MTAN 1 to be reviewed every five years. The first review was undertaken and approved in 2013/14 and the second review commenced in 2018. The second review requires endorsement by all the respective Councils that make up the region, to allow it to be published and used for preparation of minerals aggregate policy within local development plans and reviews or the preparation of supplementary planning guidance as appropriate.

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Item 9: HOUSING SERVICE STRUCTURE

DECISION

To approve funding of the additional net cost of £150,500 by making use of the income generated from the Council Tax Premium on second homes and empty homes, in order to realise the changes to the staffing structure of the Housing Service, as highlighted in paragraphs 3.4 and 3.7 of the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

At the Cabinet meeting on 7 May 2019, following the managerial review by the Chief Executive, it was resolved to create a new Housing and Property Department in order to be able to meet the Council's aspiration to give a higher priority to get to grips with the substantial challenge in the housing field. After the Head of Department was appointed, it was resolved to undertake a review of the staffing structure to ensure that it was suitable for the challenge of delivering the schemes required to realise its housing strategy.

This work of looking at restructuring had effectively been completed before the Covid-19 crisis struck. Although the Department is currently prioritising all of its efforts to deliver its functions during the crisis, it was stressed that it is important to prepare to return to our usual priorities in due course. In addition, the experiences during the crisis have confirmed the need for us to ensure that our arrangements are robust in order to face the next phase.

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