

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	16 June 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	1 July 2020

SUBJECT

Item 6: 2019/20 FINAL ACCOUNTS - REVENUE OUTTURN

DECISION

Resolved:

- 1.1 To note the final financial position of the Council's departments for 2019/20.
- 1.2 To approve the amounts to be carried forward (the "Revised Over/ (Under) Spend" column of the summary), namely:

DEPARTMENT	£'000
Adults, Health and Well-being	0
Children and Families	100
Education	(96)
Economy and Community	67
Highways and Municipal	100
Environment	(100)
Gwynedd Consultancy	(11)
Housing and Property	83
Corporate Management Team and Legal	(50)
Finance	(70)
Corporate Support	(100)

- 1.3 To approve the following recommendations and virements (as outlined in Appendix 2) -
 - The Children and Families Department to receive a one-off financial assistance of £3,259k to restrict the level of overspend that will be carried over by the Department to £100k, to support them to move on to face the challenges of 2020/21.
 - The Highways and Municipal Department to receive a one-off financial assistance of £447k, which limits overspend that will be carried forward by the Department to 2020/21 to £100k, to support them to face the challenges of 2020/21.
 - In accordance with the Financial Regulations, it is recommended that the usual practice is adhered to in order to allow the Environment Department to keep (£100k) of their underspend, and to move (£70k) which is the sum above (£100k), to be used to support the departments that have overspent in 2019/20.
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- On Corporate budgets, use (£1,012k) of the net underspend to assist the departments that have overspent in 2019/20.

1.4 To approve the virements from specific reserves and provisions:

- as outlined in Appendix 3 following a review of reserves and provisions, harvest (£801k) from reserves and (£24k) from provisions using the total of (£825k) to assist the departments that have overspent in 2019/20.
- Finance the rest of the departmental overspend from (£1,799k) from the Council's Financial Strategy Reserve.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was the Cabinet's responsibility to take action, as necessary, in order to secure appropriate control over the Council's budgets (e.g. approval of significant virements or supplementary budgets) and in order to allow the formal final accounts to be completed.

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.

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Item 7: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2019/20 - END OF YEAR REVIEW

DECISION

- To accept the report on the end of year review (31 March 2020 position) of the capital programme.
 - To note the £29,069,000 spend on the capital programme during the 2019/20 financial year, which will be included in the statutory financial statements for 2019/20.
 - To approve the revised financing as shown in part 4 of the report, namely:
 - £245,000 increase in the use of borrowing
 - £2,363,000 increase in the use of grants and contributions
 - A reduction of £17,000 in the use of capital receipts
 - £244,000 increase in the use of revenue contributions
 - No change in the use of the capital reserve
 - £74,000 increase in the use of renewal funds and others.
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Item 8: COVID-19: FIXED FEE CONSIDERATIONS

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It was resolved to amend the following fees as a result of the COVID19 crisis, in order for the departments to be able to act accordingly.

Fees	Decision
Commercial Waste	To request a payment that corresponds to the service received, asking the Department to invoice when collections start.
Crematorium and Cemeteries	Fees to remain on 2019/20 levels for the time being
Primary School Meals	Transfer the money with the pupil, and offer a refund if it is not possible.
Pre School Care Club	Offer a refund if children transfer to another school.
Post-16 Transport - 16+ Travel Pass	The fees for the summer term to be refunded, and arrangements for 29/06/2020 - 27/07/2020 to be considered at a later date.
Rents for hiring offices / rooms, Industrial Units and Intec and Mentec	Proceed to invoice for rents in full, but give an opportunity for individual businesses to contact the Council to discuss their specific situation if they are facing hardship.
Rents - hiring space in Libraries, using Parc Padarn, Glynllifon Units	Proceed to invoice for rents in full, but give an opportunity for individual businesses to contact the Council to discuss their specific situation if they are facing hardship.
Pwllheli Harbour, Harbours and Victoria Dock Mooring Fees	Where access to boats and harbour facilities has been restricted, fees should be reduced to the 'winter fee' which equates to 70% of the full fee in order to keep customers.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The need for the Council to consider the fixed fees as a result of the Covid-19 crisis was noted. With some fees, it was noted that consideration should be given to reduce or refund a proportion of the fees with the purpose of ensuring financial fairness, avoiding financial hardship, protecting the Council's interests and protecting future income.

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

A Declaration of Personal Interest was received from Cllr. Ioan Thomas as a trustee of Caernarfon Harbor. It was noted that the member did not need to leave the meeting unless there was a discussion on the Harbor directly.

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Item 9: ESTABLISH THE RIGHT FOR THE SuDS APPROVAL BODY (SAB) TO CHARGE A FEE FOR PROVIDING A PRE-APPLICATION SERVICE

DECISION

To approve the principle of giving the SDS approval body the right to charge a fee for the pre-application service they provide.

The fees outlined in Appendix 1 of the report were agreed as the fees that would be charged by the SDS Approval Body.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was stated that a new Act in January 2019 had noted that it was compulsory for a development of 100 square metres or more to ensure a sustainable drainage system approved by the Approval Body. The Council is an Approval Body and advising and assessing SDS applications is a specialist field that requires the relevant technical experience and training. Introducing a charge for a pre-application advisory service will enable the service to provide support for developers which will reduce delay for them in order to develop their applications.

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