

GWYNEDD CABINET DECISION NOTICE

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	15 February 2022
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	2 March 2022

SUBJECT

Item 6: BUDGET 2022/23

DECISION

To recommend to the Council (at its meeting on 3 March 2022):

1. To set a budget of £295,232,820 for 2022/23, to be funded by £213,210,400 of Government Grant and £82,022,420 of Council Tax income, with an increase of 2.95%.
 2. To establish a capital programme of £59,074,980 in 2022/23, to be funded from the sources noted in Appendix 4 of the report.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council must set a balanced budget for 2022/23. It was noted that the Council had received a grant increase for 2022/23 which was a significant increase on what had been received in previous years. It was explained that the grant increase was of 8.8%, equivalent to an £18.1m increase in external funding.

It was noted that, despite this year's reasonable settlement, there were a number of factors that would create additional spending pressures on services. It was noted that the 2022/23 budget attempted to protect the services provided to the people of Gwynedd and, consequently, recommended a 2.95% increase to the Council Tax to achieve this objective this year.

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 were included in the report.

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Item 7: NORTH WALES POPULATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT DRAFT REPORT 2022

DECISION

To recommend to the Full Council that it approves the North Wales Population Needs Assessment 2022.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was noted that Section 14 of the Social Services and Wellbeing Act (Wales) (2014) required local authorities and health boards to jointly assess a number of elements. It was noted that the North Wales Population Needs Assessment needed to be approved by the Full Council. It was explained that the Consultation Overview Report had been submitted to the Care Scrutiny Committee on 3 February.

The assessment must be produced and published in the form of a report by April 2022 and work was continuing to prepare the Gwynedd population needs assessment, and it was expected to be ready by autumn 2022.

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

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Item 8: LEASE OF CANOLFAN CEFNFAES TO PARTNERIAETH OGWEN

DECISION

To use powers under General Disposal Consent (Wales) 2003 to lease the Canolfan Cefnfaes site directly to Partneriaeth Ogwen for less than market rent, to ensure the provision of social, economic and environmental benefits.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Following reorganisation of the Youth Service provision, and the relocation of other provisions, Canolfan Cefnfaes was declared surplus to the requirements of the Council. An application has been received from Partneriaeth Ogwen for a long-term lease of Canolfan Cefnfaes for the purpose of establishing an Enterprise Centre.

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

A declaration of personal interest was received from Cllr Dafydd Meurig as he was the Chair of Partneriaeth Ogwen and Cllr Catrin Wages as she was employed by Partneriaeth Ogwen. Both were prejudicial interests and they both left the meeting for the discussion.

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Item 9: PRIMARY, SPECIAL AND ALL-THROUGH SCHOOLS MEAL PRICE
SEPTEMBER 2022

DECISION

To agree not to raise primary, special and all-through school meal price in September 2022.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was explained that not increasing the price of school meals in line with inflation from September 2022 would mean £107,190 pressure on the Education Department's budget. It was stressed that, by September 2022, foundation phase pupils would receive free school meals and any increase would only affect key stage 2 pupils. Therefore, it was noted that it was appropriate to obtain formal confirmation that not increasing the school meal price was a priority for the Council.

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

Declarations of personal interest were received from the following Councillors and Officers: Dyfrig Siencyn, Craig ab Iago, Nia Jeffreys, Dilwyn Morgan, Gareth Thomas, Ioan Thomas, Catrin Wager, Cemlyn Williams and Dafydd Gibbard as they had children or grandchildren receiving school meals within the county. They were not prejudicial interests and they did not need to leave the meeting for the discussion.

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Item 10: THE COUNCIL'S VISION FOR WORKING IN THE FUTURE

DECISION

To adopt the vision for Working in the Future, and not return to the pre-pandemic way of working.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It was noted the Council could build on the advantages and keep hold of the benefits experienced when providing services successfully in different ways during the pandemic, and adopt more flexible working arrangements for staff in the future.

The vision of a workforce that could work flexibly and give their best to deliver and provide services of quality for the people of Gwynedd, was noted. Also, that the Council was a good place to work, which promoted a work-life balance for the well-being of staff and in order to retain and attract quality staff.

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

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Item 11: GWYNEDD COUNCIL PLAN 2018-2023 - 2022/23 REVIEW

DECISION

To approve the Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-23 - 2022/23 Review for submission to the Council on 3 March 2022.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The Council Plan for 2018-23 was originally adopted by the Full Council at its meeting on 8 March 2018. Since then, its contents have been reviewed annually in order to ensure that the Council continued to prioritise our work according to the needs of the people of Gwynedd.

The Cabinet was firstly required to approve the contents of the Plan, including the updates made to it, in order to recommend that the Full Council adopts the Plan at its meeting on 3 March 2022.

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

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

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.

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

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Item 13: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR ECONOMY AND COMMUNITY

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

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

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