

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD
CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	24 January 2023
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.	8 February 2023

SUBJECT

Item 6: UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND – GOVERNANCE AND DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS

DECISION

- 1.1 To agree to allow Cyngor Gwynedd to undertake the 'lead authority' role for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in North Wales on behalf of the six North Wales counties.
- 1.2. To agree on the regional governance structures for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in North Wales as outlined in the report.
- 1.3. To authorise the Head of Economy and Community Department – in consultation with the Head of Finance Department, the Head of Legal Services and the Chief Executive – to establish an inter-authority legal agreement and funding conditions with the other North Wales authorities to protect Gwynedd Council's interests.
- 1.4. To agree to the local governance structures for the UK Shared Prosperity Fund in Gwynedd as outlined in the report.
- 1.5. To authorise the establishment of the Shared Prosperity Fund: Gwynedd Panel to include the Council Leader and Deputy Leader, Finance Cabinet Member, Chief Executive, Head of Economy and Community Department, Head of Finance and Head of Legal Services, together with the right to appoint a delegate on the Panel, to confirm which projects will be selected to receive funding on the basis of the criteria noted in sections 3.30 and 3.31 of the report.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is one of the alternative funds the UK Government established following departure from the European Union.

A report was submitted to the Council's Cabinet on 19 July 2022 (Item 7) outlining the background and content of the UKSPF and the requirements in terms of securing access to the funding.

As a first step, a 'Regional Investment Plan' for North Wales was submitted on 1 August 2022, outlining the priorities for using the funding and the proposals for its administration.

On 5 December 2022, confirmation was received from the UK Government that the North Wales Regional Investment Plan had been validated.

A Memorandum of Understanding for the period until 31 March 2025 and Grant Determination Letters for the 2022/23 financial year have now been received.

With this, the governance and delivery arrangements for the UKSPF in Gwynedd and North Wales needed to be confirmed.

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: REVENUE BUDGET 2022/23 – END OF NOVEMBER 2022 REVIEW

DECISION

- To accept the report on the end of November 2022 review of the Revenue Budget and consider the latest financial situation regarding the budgets of each department / service.
 - To approve the transfer of £3.188 million of underspend on Corporate budgets to the Council's Financial Strategy Reserve.
 - To recommend that the procedure in terms of using funds to fund the financial deficit at the time will be:
 - firstly, use School Balances to fund the additional costs of inflation on the salaries of teachers, assistants, administrative staff and electricity which is above the budget level in the schools.
 - secondly, use the Council Tax Premium Fund to fund the additional pressure in the Homelessness field.
 - finally, use the post-Covid recovery arrangements fund established to fund the associated financial challenges that face the Council.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

It is the Cabinet's responsibility to take action, as necessary, to secure appropriate control over the Council's budgets (e.g., approval of significant virements or supplementary budgets).

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Item 8: SAVINGS OVERVIEW – PROGRESS REPORT ON REALISING SAVINGS SCHEMES

DECISION

To accept the information in the report and to note the progress towards realising the savings schemes for 2022/23 and previous years.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

A report on the progress against savings schemes worth £595,000 in 2022/23, along with the savings that are yet to be achieved from previous years, following a review of the position at the end of November 2022.

Realising the individual schemes is the responsibility of the relevant Cabinet members who challenge the performance of the relevant departments, including the progress of the savings schemes. It is the responsibility of the Cabinet Member for Finance to maintain an overview of the full picture.

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Item 9: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2022/23 – END OF NOVEMBER 2022 REVIEW

DECISION

- To accept the report on the end of November review (30 November 2022 position) of the capital programme.
 - To approve the revised financing as shown in part 4 of the report, namely:
 - an increase of £30,000 in the use of borrowing,
 - an increase of £2,947,000 in the use of grants and contributions,
 - an increase of £101,000 in the use of capital receipts,
 - an increase of £20,000 in the use of revenue contributions,
 - an increase of £1,167,000 in the use of renewal and other reserves
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

This technical report is submitted as part of the 2022/23 budget monitoring process. The main purpose of the report is to present the revised capital programme and approve the relevant funding sources. There is a summary in sections 3 and 4 of the report, with recommendations in section 6.

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Item 10: GREEN FLEET PLAN 2023-2028

DECISION

To adopt the Green Fleet Plan 2023-28 (seen in Appendix 1), and it was agreed:

- that the Council's Departments are not to buy, renew, or dispose of any vehicles before first discussing their requirements with the Fleet Manager, and obtaining his consent.
 - that it is necessary to create a corporate pool system instead of Departmental ones.
 - that the Fleet Manager is to lead the work of weeding out the existing stock of Council vehicles and create a vehicle structure for each Department.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In order to comply with the Environment (Wales) Act, Net Zero Wales Carbon Budget 2 (Welsh Government) and the Cyngor Gwynedd Climate and Nature Emergency Plan 2022/23 – 2029-2030. 2.2 The aim of the Green Fleet Plan 2023-28 is to reduce carbon emissions that derive from using the Council's Fleet.

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Item 11: YSGOL CHWILOG STATUTORY CONSULTATION REPORT AND AN UPDATE FROM THE WELSH-MEDIUM EDUCATION CAPITAL GRANT

DECISION

The Cabinet considered the observations received during the statutory consultation conducted on increasing the capacity of Ysgol Chwilog and the response to those observations, and resolved to:

- Approve the publication of a statutory notice and conduct an objection period, in accordance with the requirements of Section 48 of the School Standards and Organisation (Wales) Act 2013, on the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Chwilog to 95 from 1 September 2023, which is an increase of over 25% to the existing capacity.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

The School Organisation Code notes that a statutory process must be conducted if there is to be *'an enlargement of the premises of a school (excluding nursery and special schools), which would increase the capacity of the school by at least 25% or 200 pupils as compared with the school's capacity on the appropriate date. In determining an increase in capacity all enlargements that have taken place since the appropriate date are to be taken into account together with the proposed enlargement.'*

Adding a classroom to Ysgol Chwilog would increase the capacity to 95, which is an increase of over 25% of the existing 65, namely the school's capacity at the appropriate date in this case. This means that a statutory process will need to be carried out before any modifications can be made, which will lead to increasing the school's capacity. The first step in the statutory process was to conduct a statutory consultation on the proposal.

The Cabinet, therefore, needs to consider the responses received to the statutory consultation and decide whether a statutory notice should be published, and an objection period held on the proposal to increase the capacity of Ysgol Chwilog to 95 from 1 September 2023.

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Item 12: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE

DECISION

To accept and note the information in the report.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To ensure effective and transparent performance management, a Cabinet Member is required to periodically report to the Cabinet on the performance of the field for which the Member is responsible.

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Item 13: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

DECISION

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Item 14: THE CABINET'S FORWARD PROGRAMME

DECISION

To approve the Forward Work Programme included with the meeting papers.

REASONS FOR THE DECISION

In accordance with Section 14.13 of the Council's Constitution, the Cabinet will share its Forward Work Programme for the subsequent period with the public. The Forward Work Programme will be published on the Council's website.

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