

**CYNGOR GWYNEDD  
CABINET DECISION NOTICE**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 6: LLECHEN LÂN (A CLEAN SLATE) – OLDER PEOPLE'S SOCIAL SERVICES FOR THE FUTURE

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**DECISION**

- To accept the results of the Llechen Lân work – Older People's Social Services for the Future (Appendix 1).
  - To adopt the strategic direction and action plan of Llechen Lân (Appendix 2).
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

It is anticipated that the combination of the financial challenges, the impact of the demographic challenges on human resources, and the impact of the demographic challenges on the demand for services will create a scenario of failure for the older people's services, unless something is done urgently to change the situation.

The first step to doing so was to recognise the challenge and fully understand it – which is what is seen in the Llechen Lân research report.

The next step is to adopt a direction and plan for how we want to work in the future, to reduce the impact of demographic changes on Gwynedd's older people's services.

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No declarations of personal interest or relevant dispensations were received.

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**ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION**

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Item 7: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GWYNEDD CORPORATE PARENTING PANEL 2023-2024

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**DECISION**

To accept and note the information set out in the report that reports on the work of the Corporate Parent Panel for the year 2023-24.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The purpose of this report is to provide an update on what has been achieved by the Corporate Parent Panel during the period. It is essential that Cabinet members are aware of the Panel's work and can satisfy themselves that the Panel has undertaken the work required, thoroughly and conscientiously.

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Item 8: HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELL-BEING ANNUAL REPORT

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**DECISION**

To accept the report and approve the recommendations.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

This report is presented annually to the Cabinet as part of health and safety management arrangements within the Council. It is essential that Cabinet members have a full overview of the Council's situation in this important area.

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Item 9: ANNUAL EMPLOYMENT REPORT

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**DECISION**

To approve the Annual Report for 2023/24.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To reflect on the corporate strategy in this crucial field for the future. The report summarises the main activities in the area of employment within the Council during 2023/24.

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Item 10: PARKING SCHEME AND FEES

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**DECISION**

- 1.1 To approve and enable the Parking Service to proceed with the realisation of two savings schemes that had been approved by the Council's Cabinet in 2023/24, namely:
- 1.1.1 Increase Pen y Gwryd parking fees from £2.00 for half a day and £4.00 for a full day to £4.00 for 6 hours and £8.00 for 12 hours.
  - 1.1.2 Increase the price of an Annual Parking Permit from £140 to £145 per year and the price of a Local Parking Permit from £70 to £75 per year.
- 1.2 To approve and enable the Parking Service to proceed with realising two savings schemes requiring consideration before reaching a final decision in 2024/25, namely:
- 1.2.1 Extend the enforcement hours of short-stay car parks from 10:00 until 16:30 to 9:00 until 17:00.
  - 1.2.2 Adjustment to Band 2 Long Stay Fees Structure in accordance with what is seen in Appendix A.
- 1.3 To agree on a 40% increase to all parking fees to enable the Parking Service to meet the income target that is creating a significant shortfall in the budgets.
- 1.4 It was noted that should the Cabinet Members decide to approve the savings schemes set out within 1.2.1 and 1.2.2, there will be a 10-day standstill period before the matter can be transferred to the Council's Legal Department in order to carry out a statutory consultation period in accordance with the Local Authority Traffic Orders Regulations.
- 1.5 It was noted that as part of the consultation period, there will be an essential requirement for the Council to advertise the proposed changes in the local newspapers as well as display the information (including the new fees) in a prominent position in the car parks that will be affected.
- 1.6 To confirm the intention to proceed with the preparations to implement all changes from 1st April 2025.
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## **REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To update the parking strategy and propose appropriate solutions in order to reach a sufficient level of income that is expected of the Department.

It must be recognised that parking can be a divisive issue and that proposals for parking management can provoke strong feelings from a personal and local perspective. However, we must look at the situation as a county, and a review of the arrangements is inevitable in terms of financial sustainability in these challenging times for the authority's budgets.

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Item 11: ANNUAL MONITORING REPORT – LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2023-24

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**DECISION**

The Annual Monitoring report 6 (Appendix 1) was accepted and it was agreed for it to be submitted to the Government by the end of October 2024.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The Town and Country Planning (Local Development Plans) (Wales) Regulations 2005 sets out the need to monitor the Local Development Plan annually and to present the Annual Monitoring Report to the Welsh Government by 31 October every year.

Cabinet members will be aware that the collaboration arrangement with the Isle of Anglesey County Council on planning policy matters expired on 31 March 2023 and that a new planning policy team has been established for Cyngor Gwynedd. Now that the joint-working arrangement had ended, the AMR 6 reports only on the evidence that is specific to Gwynedd.

The purpose of this Report is to present the sixth Annual Monitoring Report, which applies to the period 1 April 2023 - 31 March 2024. As well as presenting the AMR, also presented is an overview of the Planning Policy Working Group's comments in relation to its content, and the Cabinet's consideration.

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Item 12: REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 - END OF AUGUST 2024 REVIEW

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**DECISION**

Noting that there were forecasts of £7.6 million of overspend by Council departments, to accept the report on the end of August 2024 review of the revenue budget, and support the steps the Chief Executive has introduced to address the significant overspend by the Adults, Health and Well-being Department, the Children and Families Department, the Highways, Engineering and YGC Department and the Environment Department.

To approve the transfer of £1,868k of underspend on corporate budgets to the Council's Financial Strategy Reserve.

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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 13: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024/25 – END OF AUGUST REVIEW

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**DECISION**

- To accept the report on the end of August review (31 August 2024 position) of the capital programme.
  - To approve the following revisions to the Capital Budget approved on 7 March 2024 from the programme's financing perspective (as shown in part 3.2.3 of the report), namely:
    - an increase of £370,000 in the use of borrowing
    - an increase of £17,080,000 in the use of grants and contributions,
    - a decrease of £51,000 in the use of the capital reserve
    - an increase of £1,260,000 in the use of renewal and other reserves
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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. It is necessary to ensure proper financing arrangements for the Council's plans to spend on capital. The Cabinet has been authorised to revise the capital programme. Approval is sought for the proposed programme (part 3.2.2) and its financing (part 3.2.3).

Steps are recommended here to secure definite sources of funding for the 2024/25 – 2026/27 capital schemes.

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Item 14: SAVINGS OVERVIEW: PROGRESS REPORT ON REALISING SAVINGS SCHEMES

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**DECISION**

To accept the information in the report and note the progress made towards realising the savings schemes for 2024/25 and previous years.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

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 16: THE COSTS OF A NEW SOCIAL CARE SYSTEM (WCCIS)

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**DECISION**

- Financial authority was granted to proceed on the basis of the business case to purchase a new Social Services data system jointly with the North Wales Region Cluster.
  - For delivering (a), the financial applications process for 2025/26 was assumed for one-off funding followed by annual revenue funding from 2026 onwards.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

WCCIS, the core system for recording and managing social service cases, will reach the end of its life in January 2026.

If the Welsh Government does not confirm that they will fund a new system, or only fund part of the cost, then the Council will need to prioritise funding to meet these costs.

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