

**CABINET DECISION NOTICE  
CYNGOR GWYNEDD**

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**SUBJECT**

Item 6: DAY CARE ARRANGEMENTS IN THE BLAENAU FFESTINIOG AND CRICIETH AREAS

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**DECISION**

- That the Adults, Health and Well-being Department winds-up the use of Y Ganolfan, Blaenau Ffestiniog and Encil y Coed, Cricieth, to deliver their services as day care services have not been offered in Y Ganolfan, Blaenau Ffestiniog or at Encil y Coed, Cricieth, since the Covid period.
  - Support the Department's proposal to continue to collaborate with community groups and the third sector to support individuals in these areas in their homes and by using and supporting the development of alternative services within the communities.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

The traditional model of providing Day Care in Gwynedd has not been changed to address the requirements of the Act and ensure what matters to the residents of Gwynedd. The existing model has been focusing on the care provision for people in buildings rather than supporting people who have care and support needs to continue to attend community activities. Our day care services do not always manage to meet the individual and personal needs of individuals and there has been a tendency to 'fit' people into 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**

The Statutory Officers were consulted to seek their views, which were included in the report.

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Item 7: REVENUE BUDGET 2024/25 - END OF NOVEMBER 2024 REVIEW

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**DECISION**

- Noting that there are projections of £8.3 million of overspend by Council departments, with 83% of it relating to adult and child care, to accept the report on the end of November 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.
  - Delegate the right to the Head of Adults, Health and Well-being in consultation with the Head of Finance and the relevant Cabinet Members to make a number of necessary budget transfers, without limitation on the value, within services budgets in the Adults, Health and Well-being Department to reflect the current pressures, including in the field of Learning Disability, Older People, Physical Disability and Mental Health.
  - Approve additional financial support above the £201k contractual payment to Cwmni Byw'n Iach to be funded from the transformation fund, and to delegate the right to the Cabinet Member for Economy in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance, Chief Executive and Head of Finance to agree the amount of final financial support above the contractual payment to Cwmni Byw'n Iach at the end of the financial year.
  - To approve the transfer of £4,409k of underspend on corporate budgets to the Council's Financial Strategy Reserve.
  - Exclude clause 16.3.1.(C) of the Financial Regulations and not allow departments to carry any underspend into the next financial year.
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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

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supplementary budgets).

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Item 8: 2024/25 CAPITAL PROGRAMME - END OF NOVEMBER 2024 REVIEW

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**DECISION**

- To accept the report on the end of November review (30 November 2024 position) of the capital programme.
  - Approve the revision to the Capital Budget approved on 7 March 2024 and revised on 15 October 2024 from the programme's financing perspective (as shown in part 3.2.3 of the report), that is:
    - an increase of £166,000 in the use of borrowing
    - an increase of £4,112,000 in the use of grants and contributions
    - an increase of £420,000 in the use of the revenue
    - an increase of £697,000 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).

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Item 9: SAVINGS OVERVIEW: PROGRESS REPORT ON REALISING SAVINGS SCHEMES

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**DECISION**

- To accept the information in the report and to note the progress towards realising the savings schemes for 2024/25 and previous years.
  - To approve the deletion of one savings scheme worth £146,910 relevant to 2025/26 in the waste area in the Environment Department, using the provision set aside in the budget in order to do so.
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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 10: RESPONSE TO OFFENDING PLAN

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**DECISION**

- Approval and adoption of the Response Plan in Appendix 1.
  - Call on the Welsh Government to establish a Public Inquiry into all the circumstances surrounding this serious offending.
  - Commission the Chief Executive to make arrangements to implement the contents of this Response Plan including establishing a specific Programme Board and to regularly report progress to the Cabinet.
  - Authorise the Chief Executive to establish and organise temporary resources and necessary staffing capacity to realise the contents of this Plan to be funded from reserves.
  - Note that the Response Plan is a working plan that will need to be reviewed regularly and, in that context, ask the Education and Economy Scrutiny Committee to scrutinise the Plan as part of their work programme.
  - Delegate the right to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader, the Cabinet Member for Education and the Cabinet Member for Children, to make minor editorial adjustments as required.
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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Although a number of the work streams set out in the attached Response Plan are already underway, the Cabinet is asked to formally adopt the Response Plan to provide assurance and clarity that our response to the offending of the former head of Ysgol Friars is being properly addressed and is a main priority for the Council.

The essence of a Response Plan such as this is that it is formal in nature, as it refers to several organisational matters. However, we cannot for a second forget about the most important people in all of this, the girls who should have been safe in their school. The whole purpose of this Response Plan and every step that we take is to do everything

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possible to ensure that no one suffers in the same way ever again and this should be our main consideration at all times.

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Item 11: TERMINATING THE GWE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

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**DECISION**

To terminate the current collaboration agreement and thereby confirm that GwE, including the GwE Joint-Committee, will cease on 31 May 2025.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

Following a review of the responsibilities of Education partners in Wales, a recommendation has been made to move to a wider regional model of working. To that end, the Transitional Board has been established to oversee the arrangements for transferring GwE services back to the local authorities in North Wales. In order to formalise the change to the partnership arrangement, all six authorities need to agree to end the current agreement (GwE Services) as well as abolish the GwE Joint Committee.

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Item 12: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

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**DECISION**

To accept and note the information in the report.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To ensure effective performance management.

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**SUBJECT**

Item 13: PERFORMANCE REPORT OF THE CABINET MEMBER FOR FINANCE

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**DECISION**

To accept and note the information in the report.

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**REASONS FOR THE DECISION**

To ensure effective performance management.

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