

**CABINET DECISION NOTICE
CYNGOR GWYNEDD**

Date of Cabinet Meeting:	13 May 2025
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SUBJECT

Item 6: FLYING START EXPANSION

DECISION

1. Accept the grant offer to expand the Flying Start Programme in the county by
 - extending the full scheme to the rest of the Penygroes area due to the reduction of eligible children in the current programme
 - extending the childcare element only to additional areas – Phase 3
 2. Support the Head of Children and Supporting Families Department, in consultation with the Head of Finance, to submit business cases and accept grant offers for the Childcare and early years Capital Programme.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Cabinet approval for the direction to the expansion of the Flying Start Programme, and approval to submit business cases to secure capital funding to deliver the expansion of Flying Start and wider childcare provision in the county.

**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: HOUSING ACTION PLAN

DECISION

1. Extend the period of the Housing Action Plan for another two years until the end of the 2028/29 financial year
 2. Commit the usual annual sum of £6m from the Council Tax Premium fund towards funding the extra two years.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

To enable the Housing and Property Department to forward plan to ensure that key projects and plans are delivered on time and to their full potential.

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Item 8: FINAL ACCOUNTS 2024/25 – REVENUE OUTTURN

DECISION

To accept the report and consider the final financial position of the Council's departments for 2024/25:

	<i>Column A</i>	<i>Column B</i>	<i>Column C</i>	<i>Column CH</i>	<i>Column D</i>
	Gross Over/(Under) Spend 2025/25	Recommended Adjustments			Adjusted Over/(Under) Spend 2024/25
	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000	£ '000
Adults, Health and Well-being	857			(757)	100
Children and Families	3,805			(3,705)	100
Business and Care Commissioning Service	(15)	15			0
Education	(191)	191			0
Economy and Community	281		(281)		0
Highways, Engineering and YGC	656			(556)	100
Environment	1,349		(1,100)	(149)	100
Housing and Property	(3)	3			0
Corporate and Legal Management Team	(48)	48			0
Corporate Services	(42)	42			0
Finance	(5)	5			0

Noting that there is 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 in 2024/25 (please see column A in the table above), Approve the following financial virements (which are explained in

Appendix 2 to the report) -

- In line with the Cabinet decision of 21 January 2025, to not allow departments to carry any underspend into the next financial year by excluding clause 16.3.1. (C) of the Financial Regulations (See column B in the table above).
- Confirm the financial support of £281k above the contractual payment to Cwmni Byw'n Iach, and use £1.1m from the Parc Adfer Contributory Earnings Recovery fund to fund the overspend in the Waste field (See column C in the table above).
- The departments that are overspending to receive one-off financial support, limiting the level of overspend to be carried forward by the Department to £100k (See column CH in the table above).
- On Corporate budgets:
 - use (£5.144 million) of the underspend on corporate budgets to assist the departments that have overspent in 2024/25.
 - the remainder of the underspend of (£1.548 million) on Corporate budgets to be transferred to the Transformation Fund, to be used for the Council's priorities.

Approve the amounts to be carried forward (the "Adjusted Over/(Under) Spend" column in column D above and in Appendix 1).

The financial virements from the specific reserves were approved as outlined in Appendix 3 following a review of the reserves:

- harvest £1.275 million from various funds and transfer it to the Transformation Fund.
- De-commit £375k of historical or non-committed schemes in the Transformation Fund.
- Move £2.5 million from the Financial Strategy Support fund to the Transformation Fund so that they are available for the Council's priorities and to fund one-off bids into the future.

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).

The Cabinet is requested to approve the final financial position for 2024/25, which is the basis of the statutory financial statements.

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Item 9: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2024/25 – END OF AUGUST YEAR REVIEW (31 MARCH 2025 POSITION)

DECISION

- Accept the report on the end of the year review (31 March 2025 position) of the capital programme.
 - Approve the revision to the Capital Budget approved on 7 March 2024 and revised on 15 October 2024 and 21 January 2025 from the programme's financing perspective (as shown in part 3.2.3 of the report), that is:
 - an increase of £4,409,000 in the use of borrowing
 - an increase of £17,639,000 in the use of grants and contributions
 - an increase of £75,000 in the use of capital receipts
 - a decrease of £422,000 in the use of revenue contributions
 - a decrease of £3,898,000 in the use of the capital reserve
 - an increase of £1,555,000 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.

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Item 10: EISTEDDFOD YR URDD

DECISION

The Cabinet resolved to:

- a. approve the commitment in principle to hold the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Gwynedd in 2028
 - b. approve a contribution of £200k from the transformation fund as a contribution towards the costs of hosting the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Gwynedd.
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REASONS FOR THE DECISION

Hosting the Urdd National Eisteddfod would result in a demand on the Council's resources and therefore the Cabinet's seal of approval is requested.

Before confirming a commitment to host the Urdd Eisteddfod, it will be necessary to identify and approve a source of funding as a financial contribution from Cyngor Gwynedd.

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