

MEETING	Council
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TITLE	Council Plan 2017/18
PURPOSE	To approve the Council Plan
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1. Introduction

- 1.1 In May 2013, the Council adopted its Strategic Plan for 2013-17 and the plan submitted here for 2017/18 is a one-year extension of that plan. The main purpose of the plan is to set out the Council's vision, and it is reviewed on an annual basis. This is the Council's Improvement Plan.
- 1.2 In reviewing the plan this year, we have looked at where we have reached following four years of implementing the 2013-17 Strategic Plan and considered what needs to be achieved in 2017/18. In addition to being an extension to the previous plan, the 2017/18 Plan will also bridge the period between the Gwynedd Council Strategic Plan 2013-17 and the new plan which will be prepared and adopted by the Council which will be elected in May 2017.
- 1.3 In order to review the plan properly, we needed to consider what had changed since last year, and to examine the social, economic, environmental and cultural issues which influence the Council, and which are likely to influence the people of Gwynedd in the future. Also, the Well-being of Future Generations Act came into force in April 2016 and this plan will show how we are changing our working methods to reflect this. Our Well-being Statement and our Well-being Objectives are included in the plan.
- 1.4 The plan has been prepared to meet the requirements of the act, but it will be published before the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Service Board's Well-being Assessment is published, and therefore it does not incorporate the results of that assessment. By next year, we will have considered the Well-being Assessment and its results are expected to influence the content of the plan from 2018/19 onwards.
- 1.5 In order to continue to meet the needs of the people of Gwynedd despite the fact that the finance available is significantly reduced, we are working towards the vision of the well-being act. The services provided by the Council achieve our well-being objectives which together meet the well-being goals of the act. The Council's plans for improvement also strengthen our ability to achieve the well-being objectives.

1.6 The plan has also been prepared in a period of change, and follows the approval of a series of cuts to the value of £4.9 million based on the response of the public and businesses to the Gwynedd Challenge consultation. We have been working on delivering the cuts in 2016/17 and there will be others to implement in 2017/18.

2.0 Changes since the 2013-17 plan

Some projects (or the Improvement Plans as they are named in this plan) have come to an end:

- **Ysgol Hafod Lon** – work completed
- **Restucturing the Adults, Health and Well-being Department** – work completed
- **Internal Provision** – work completed
- **Implementing a performance framework** – work completed
- **Improving access to employment for the county's people and responding to barriers** – work is continuing as part of the **Working together against Poverty** plan

The **Bangor Project** appears as new in the Children and Young People improvement plans.

3.0 Resources

3.1 Some improvement plans need additional finances in order to continue to achieve their commitments. These are:

Improvement Pan (Project)	Resource Commitment (£)
Early Intervention/Preventative Programme for groups of vulnerable children and young people in Gwynedd	40,000
Young people using the Welsh language socially	40,000
High value and quality jobs	117,000
Working together against poverty	155,000
Rural Gwynedd Development Scheme	23,000
High-profile and strategic events	42,000

3.2 We propose that these are approved in the plan, conditional to agreement by the Cabinet to finance, following the consideration of each individual project. There is an expectation for this to take place as soon as possible.

4.0 Equality

There is a statutory requirement to prepare and consider the findings of the equality impact assessment in accordance with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 as enacted in Wales. The assessment is attached in Appendix 2. The assessment does not discover any impact which would justify deviating from the recommendation and elements are seen which would have a positive effect.

5.0 Recommendation

The Council is invited to adopt the Council Plan 2017/18.