

CABINET CYNGOR GWYNEDD



Report to Gwynedd Council Cabinet

Date of the meeting: 6 June 2017
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Teitl yr Eitem: Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2016/17

1 DECISION SOUGHT

Approval of the Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2016/17 and recommendation that it is adopted by the Full Council.

2 REASON WHY DECISION IS NEEDED

In accordance with the Council's performance management system, the Council's Performance Report 2016/17 is submitted to the Cabinet first for approval.

3 INTRODUCTION

The report is based on the Cabinet member's individual reports which have been approved during the year.

The Wales Audit Office will consider this report when preparing an assessment of the Council's performance. As always, they are looking for a balanced report, which addresses the aspects that have not been achieved, as well as the successful aspects.

The Report (Appendix 1) has been prepared as a concise document which visually address the key issues in order to ensure that Gwynedd residents are able to read it easily.

The report is being published earlier this year and consequently the timetable is tight. There is further work to be done on the design of the document.

The contents of Performance Measures Table (Appendix 2) Is different from last years report. The comparative information for comparing Gwynedd's performance with the rest of Wales and the "family" of similar Councils will not be available until September and will be published as an additional Appendix. In the meantime, there are a small number of measures for 2016/17 where the

final data is not yet available, however, the data for these measures will be included in the final version of the report which will be presented in a meeting of the Full Council on June 15th.

This year we will be looking back on and comparing the Council's average performance over a 4 year period rather than only measuring the trends against the previous year. This will provide a better understanding of what has been achieved during the period of the Council's 2013-17 Strategic Plan.

4 NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE

The Council will discuss and accept or decline the report at its meeting on 15 June 2017 and once approved by the Council, it will be published. Residents will be made aware of the report via visual messages on the key successes on social media, as well as via printed copies of the document which will be available in the Council's public areas e.g libraries.

Statutory Officer's Comments

Monitoring Officer Comments

No observations from a propriety perspective.

Head of Finance Comments

I confirm the accuracy of the financial aspects and figures in the report submitted, and its appendices. The 'Financial Planning' section of the report outlines how the Council has minimized the detrimental impact of Government grant cuts by achieving £31m worth of efficiency savings over the past four years (£6.15m savings were realized in 2017/18 by changing the way services are provided). It is also noted there that the Council has managed to keep expenditure within the budget in each year between 2013/14 and 2017/18.

In a report 'Savings Planning – Gwynedd Council' published in March 2017, the Auditor General for Wales states that the Wales Audit Office concluded "that the Council has an effective and well-considered savings planning approach, which is supporting future financial resilience. This is a continued strong position from 2015/16 – The Council has well-established and clear policies around its financial planning arrangements."

I look forward to working with Gwynedd's Councillors to ensure that financial performance of this standard continues in order to face the challenge over the coming years.