

GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET



Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council Cabinet

Date of meeting:	3 October 2017
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Title of Item:	Local Authority Performance Bulletin 2016-17

1. THE DECISION SOUGHT

- 1.1. To accept and note the information in the Performance Bulletin.
- 1.2. To request that the relevant Cabinet Members ensure that they:
 - a) Satisfy themselves that steps are in place to improve the situation, addressing the measures which come within the columns highlighted in **yellow** in **Table 1** in the next cycle of performance challenging meetings which will be held in November.
 - b) To report back on any observations which summarise the performance context and any action for improvement which has been agreed as part of the individual Members' performance reports in the next reporting cycle in January.

2. THE REASON FOR THE NEED FOR A DECISION

- 2.1. In order to ensure that appropriate steps have been put in place to improve the performance of measures which perform worse than the rest of Wales.

3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1. Welsh Government's Data Unit publishes a Performance Bulletin for Welsh Local Authorities annually. The Bulletin selects a limited set of performance indicators and compares them across Wales. The latest Bulletin was published on **13 September** and it includes information on the performance of the set of performance measures for local authorities in 2016-17.
- 3.2. A full copy of the Performance Bulletin is provided for information in **Appendix 2**.

3.3. Note that the Social Care data has not been included in the Bulletin and it is anticipated that it will be published separately sometime in October.

3.4. Though the information summarises Gwynedd's performance in the national measures and allows for comparison with the rest of Wales, it is important to bear in mind that they do not represent all our services, nor are they a balanced reflection of the performance of the Council in its entirety. Some of the measures are not considered by the services as ones which measure what matters to the people of Gwynedd (and therefore are not treated as measures by our services), and these are shaded in grey in the following table.

3.5. **Table 1** divides the 24 measures into four approximate categories (based on performance against the rest of Wales, and whether they have improved against the previous year).

Table 1: Summary of the performance of national measures Gwynedd 2016/17

	Performance improved (or consistent) since 2015/16	Performance deteriorated since 2015/16
Performance comparatively better than the rest of Wales (top half)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDU/002ii: % of 15 year old looked-after pupils who left without a qualification EDU/003: % of KS2 pupils who achieved the Core Subject Indicator EDU/006ii: % of KS3 pupils who had a teacher assessment in Welsh (first language) EDU/015b: % final SEN statements issued in 26 weeks (without exceptions) EDU/017: % 15 year old pupils who achieved TL2+ EDU/004: % of KS3 pupils who achieved the Core Subject Indicator EDU/016a: % attendance of primary pupils EDU/016b: % attendance of secondary pupils STS/006: % of illegal fly-tipping cases cleared within five working days PPN/009: % of food establishments who 'roughly comply' with food hygiene standards LCS/002b: Number of visits to sports and leisure centres per 1000 of the population 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDU/011: Average points score of 15 year old pupils PLA/006b: Number of additional affordable housing units as a % of all new housing units CAM/037: % change in the Display Energy Certificate score of public buildings STS/005b: % of highways which are of a high / acceptable hygiene standard CHR/002: number of working days lost due to sickness per member of staff
Performance comparatively worse than the rest of Wales (bottom half)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDU/002i: % of 15 year old pupils who left without a qualification WMT/004b: % of urban waste sent to landfill sites WMT/009b: % of urban waste recycled / reused THS/007: % of adults aged 60+ who are holders of discounted bus tickets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EDU/015a: % final SEN statements issued in 26 weeks (including exceptions) PSR/002: number of days taken to issue a Disabled Facilities Grant PSR/004: % private sector empty dwellings repossessed as a result of LA action THS/012: % of main roads which

		<p>are in a generally poor condition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LCL/001b: Number of visits to public libraries per 1000 of the population
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- 3.6. It is seen that nearly half the measures (11) are in the category where our performance is comparatively better than the rest of Wales with the performance having improved or remained consistent since 2015/16.
- 3.7. The remaining measures are in the categories where performance is either comparatively better than the rest of Wales but has deteriorated since 2015/16 or where performance is comparatively worse than the rest of Wales (either having improved or deteriorated since 2015/16).
- 3.8. In order to better understand the trends and to satisfy themselves that steps are in place to improve the situation, it is suggested that the relevant Cabinet Members address the measures which come within these categories (columns highlighted in yellow) in the next cycle of performance challenging meetings which will be held in November.
- 3.9. In addition, it is suggested that any observations which summarise the performance context and any action for improvement which has been agreed are reported back to the Cabinet as part of the individual Members' performance reports in the next reporting cycle.
- 3.10. A further analysis of the performance can be seen in **Appendix 1** and on the first page, some detail is provided regarding the measures, showing some key elements of the data itself (figures for Gwynedd and the rest of Wales, quartiles, rank in Wales etc.) for 2015/16 and 2016/17.

4. NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE

- 4.1. Individual Cabinet Members to address the measures which are within the categories highlighted in yellow in the next cycle of performance challenging meetings in November and to report on the performance context of individual measures as well as any steps for improvement in their performance reports in January.

5. ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

5.1. Views of the Statutory Officers:

i. Monitoring Officer:

No comments to add regarding propriety.

ii. Head of Finance Department:

Nothing to add regarding financial propriety.