

# GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET



## Report for a meeting of Gwynedd Council Cabinet

**Date of meeting:** 3 July 2018  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn  
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**Title of Item:** Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2017/18

### 1. THE DECISION SOUGHT

- 1.1. To approve the Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2017/18 and to recommend its adoption by the Full Council.

### 2. THE REASON FOR THE NEED FOR A DECISION

- 2.1. In accordance with the Council's performance management procedure, the Performance Report for 2017/18 is initially submitted to the Cabinet for approval.

### 3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1. We as a Council are required to publish an annual report measuring our performance against our priorities.
- 3.2. The Wales Audit Office considers this report when preparing its assessment of the Council's performance. As usual, they will be searching for a balanced report, which addresses the aspects that failed to be achieved as well as the successful aspects.
- 3.3. In contrast to previous reports, the Report (Appendix 1) has been structured according to the Council's Departments, in order to reflect the format of the 2018-23 Gwynedd Council Plan and it refers to the performance of our improvement plans and the day to day work.
- 3.4. It is noted that the report is based on the individual performance reports of the Cabinet members approved during the year. The intention this year, as with last year, is to publish the report in summer and then submit it to the Council meeting on 12 July.
- 3.5. This report also looks back on the achievements of the Gwynedd Council Strategic Plan since 2013. The intention of the four-page 'Gwynedd Council Five Year Journey' is to illustrate the achievements over the five years of the 'old' Strategic Plan.
- 3.6. Note that the performance of cross-departmental matters or themes such as safeguarding, poverty and the Welsh language have been included under relevant Departments. To use safeguarding as an example, this means that the information

has been presented under the main heading of the different departments - the matters of child and adult safeguarding are included within those headings, yet, corporate safeguarding is included under the Corporate Support heading.

- 3.7. The report contains a list of the Performance Measures that are currently being actioned by the Departments and that have been submitted to the performance challenge meetings during the year. There are very few measures where the final data for 2017/18 won't be available until after the end of the academic year; and we will therefore report on these during the autumn.
- 3.8. This year, we are expected to report on our contribution to the Well-being of Future Generations (2015) Act. Rather than producing a separate report, information about the activities that have contributed toward the principles of the Act are included in the report. In addition, the Well-being Aims to which each department contributed are shown at the end of each chapter.

#### **4. NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE**

- 4.1. The Council will discuss and accept the report, or not, at its meeting on 12 July 2018. When the Council approves the final report, it will be published. Arrangements will be made to inform the public of the report by communicating the report and the main successes visually via social media as well as by printing copies and sharing them with the media and at the Council's usual locations e.g. libraries.

#### **Views of the Statutory Officers**

##### **The Monitoring Officer**

No comments in terms of propriety.

##### **The Head of Finance Department**

I have collaborated with the author to prepare the financial aspects and figures in the 2017/18 Performance Report and its appendices, and confirm the accuracy of the relevant content.

It is impressive that the Council has achieved so much on the '5 year journey', while minimizing the detrimental impact of Government grant cuts, over the 5 year period of the 2013/14 – 2017/18 Strategic Plan.

Further, the part of the 2017/18 Performance Report about the Finance Department notes that the Council has also managed to keep expenditure within the budget in each year between 2013/14 and 2017/18.