

GWYNEDD COUNCIL



Report for a Council meeting

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Title: Asset Plan 2019-29

Background

1. The current Asset Plan has come to an end and we need to develop a new plan for the period 2019/20 - 2029.
2. As a starting point for creating such a plan, all departments were asked to identify their likely requirements for the next 10 years. In accordance with the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) act 2015, a number of these schemes relate to preventative work and look to the long term in order to ensure sustainable services for the future.
3. Having received these schemes, all Council members were asked to prioritise the schemes put forward by departments. 38 members took part in the task.
4. In considering the relative priority to be given to schemes the detail of each scheme was presented and they were asked to prioritise according to the relative benefit which they felt the scheme would offer to the people of Gwynedd.
5. This was obviously in the context of the well-being aims noted in the Council's Corporate Plan.
6. At its meeting on the 19 February, the Cabinet considered the prioritisation undertaken by the members and the full report can be seen by following the link given below.

<https://democracy.cyngor.gwynedd.gov.uk/documents/s19980/Item%209%20-%20Asset%20Plan%202019-29.pdf>

7. Had we followed the prioritisation given by the 38 members without question, taking into account the limited capital resources likely top be available to us for

the next 10 years, it was apparent that there would be some schemes which we could not undertake despite the fact that the risks of not undertaking them were fairly significant.

8. The Cabinet therefore largely kept to the prioritisation set out by the members in the prioritisation exercise but transferred two schemes to be considered as part of the prioritisation process for resourcing the Housing Strategy rather than the Capital Plan. These two schemes are noted in clauses 59 to 62 of the Plan.
9. The practical effect of this decision is then that we can ensure that we also undertake more high/ medium risk schemes which would not otherwise be undertaken.
10. The schemes which can then be undertaken as a result are noted in clauses 21; 22; 24; 25; 26; 27; 28; 33 and 40 of the Plan.

Equalities Act 2010 - effect on those with protected characteristics

11. This report does not recommend any action which will be detrimental to the service provided to any individual with protected characteristics. Indeed, the purpose of the Asset Plan is to ensure that we direct our available capital resources to those places which will have a positive effect on all of our citizens including those with protected characteristics.
12. Some schemes, especially those in the social care sector, are aimed at ensuring that the quality of the service provided to those with protected characteristics are improved and those schemes are obvious from the list. Where a scheme had an indirect effect upon those with protected characteristics, the details of the scheme given to members would have identified that effect.
13. Many of the schemes which we will be prioritising at the outset fall into the category of improving the resources available for those with protected characteristics.
14. It is hoped that we will also be able to undertake the remaining schemes if resources allow during the 10 year span of the Plan but if a more detailed equality impact assessment identifies an impact not known at the time of preparing this Plan, then we will need to re-visit the prioritisation set out in this Plan.
15. **The Cabinet therefore recommends that the Council adopts the attached Asset Plan as its Asset Plan for the period 2019/20 – 2028/29.**