

CABINET REPORT

14th July 2015

Cabinet Member: Councillor Peredur Jenkins
Subject: The Ffordd Gwynedd Strategy
Contact Officer: Dilwyn Williams, Chief Executive

The resolution sought

To adopt the Strategy.

Views of the local member

Not a local issue.

Background

1. I wish to present the Ffordd Gwynedd Strategy for adoption by the Council's Cabinet. In doing so, it is worth noting that the Corporate Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 11th June, 2015 welcomed the strategy. The Committee's comments can be seen as an appendix to this report.
2. In submitting the Strategy, you will note that the milestones for all the projects are incorporated within the appendices. These are the milestones that the Delivery Panels will be monitoring to ensure that the expected progress for each project is achieved.
3. One of the largest projects within the programme is "Implementing Ffordd Gwynedd", changing culture and using the "systems thinking" way of working within the Council's service units. As a result of the current finance earmarked for this project, we are able to second 3 senior officers on a temporary basis for training purposes and to assist with the conduct of reviews. This means that we could aim at completing approximately 22 reviews by 2018/19. But if we were able to second a further 6 senior officers (i.e. one from each department) then we could aim at completing 31 reviews by the end of 2019/beginning of 2020 (and further increase the number of reviews being conducted thereafter). It should be stressed that this is an estimated figure as it is difficult to forecast at present the exact time it would take to carry out each review. There would be an additional cost of £150k for doing so but we could aim to increase the number of reviews from 43%.

4. In considering this issue in the context of the Strategic Plan, the Cabinet asked me to establish whether it would be possible to meet this cost from current earmarked reserves. I shall report on this issue orally at the meeting.
 5. The Cabinet is asked to adopt the Strategy and to consider the benefits of the additional investment so as to increase the number of reviews we could complete over the next few years.
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The views of the Statutory Officers

Chief Executive:

Report author

Monitoring Officer:

No comments to add in terms of propriety.

Head of Finance Department:

I note that the cost of 'backfilling' some of the secondments under consideration has already been funded. Also, having considered the level of some specific funds and the relevant commitments, and after discussing with the Chief Executive, I can confirm that there is a way of funding the additional 'backfilling' cost of £150,000 from reserves which the Chief Executive is responsible for, together with other funds previously ear-marked for Ffordd Gwynedd.

Appendices:

- 1. Minute of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee held on 11 06 15**
- 2. Ffordd Gwynedd Draft Strategy**