

GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET



Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council Cabinet

Date of meeting: 25 June 2019
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Title of Item: Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2018/19

1. THE DECISION SOUGHT

- 1.1. To approve the Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2018/19 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 Gwynedd Performance Report for 2018/19 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. The Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2018/19 (Appendix 1) has been structured in order to reflect the format of the 2018-23 Gwynedd Council Plan. The first part focuses on the performance of the Improvement Priorities projects and the second part looks at our day to day work in each Department.
- 3.4. It is noted that the report is based on the individual performance reports of the Cabinet members approved during the year. As with previous years, the intention is to publish the Council's Performance Report in the summer and then submit it to the Council meeting on 18 July.
- 3.5. Contrary to the previous report, the table of measures is not provided at the end of the document. Rather, the main measures have been included within the body of the report in order to be a part of conveying the story.

- 3.6. It is noted that the content of the Leader's Foreword needs to be confirmed, and this will be done prior to submitting the final version of the report to the Full Council.
- 3.7. In order to meet the requirements of the Well-being of Future Generations Act, we are expected to report on our contribution to the principles of the Act and specifically the well-being objectives that we have adopted. Consequently, it can be seen that the well-being objectives, to which the Departments' day-to-day work and projects contribute, have been highlighted in the report.

4. NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE

- 4.1. The Council will discuss and accept the report, or not, at its meeting on 18 July 2019. When the Council approves the final report, it will be published.
- 4.2. 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:

Reporting on the performance and outcomes of the Council Plan is part of an appropriate governance regime. It also meets the Council's statutory duties to report annually on performance under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and achievement against the Wellbeing Objectives as noted in the report.

The Head of Finance Department:

I have worked with the author to prepare the financial aspects and figures in the Performance Report and its appendices, and I confirm the accuracy of the relevant content (the financial figures are consistent with the 2018/19 Statement of Accounts). It is staggering that the Council has achieved so much on the 2018/19 'journey' (on page 4), while minimizing the detrimental impact of Government grant cuts, in achieving £25million of savings over the 4 years since 2015 (see page 49).