

MEETING	Full Council
DATE	18 July 2019
TITLE	Gwynedd Council Annual Performance Report 2018/19
PURPOSE	To approve and adopt Gwynedd Council's 2018/19 Performance Report as a clear, balanced and accurate picture of the Council's performance in 2018/19
CABINET MEMBER	Cllr Dyfrig Siencyn
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1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 has placed a duty on local authorities to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement and to be accountable for it.
- 1.2 As a Council, we have met this requirement by publishing a Plan that outlines how we will act (Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-23), and then be accountable for progress against this Plan by publishing an Annual Performance Report.
- 1.3 Local authorities are required to publish an assessment of their performance (the Performance Report) during any financial year by 31 October of the following financial year. In accordance with the requirements, the Council also needs to ensure that the content of the report provides an accurate, balanced and clear picture of the Council's performance.
- 1.4 Additionally, we are expected to report on our contribution to the principles of the Well-being of Future Generations (2015) Act and specifically the well-being objectives that have been adopted by the Council. The well-being objectives, to which the Departments' day-to-day work and projects contribute, have been highlighted in the report.

2 Reasons for Recommending the Decision

- 2.1 The Council Cabinet discussed the Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2018/19, seen in **Appendix 1**, at its meeting on 25 June 2019, and recommended that the Council adopts the Report.

3 Relevant Considerations

- 3.1 The Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2018/19 reports on what has been achieved during the first year of the Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-2023, and has been structured in order to reflect the format of the 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.

- 3.2 It is noted that the report has been prepared based on the individual Cabinet Members' performance reports that have already been submitted to the Cabinet during 2018/19.
- 3.3 Contrary to previous reports, the table of measures has not been included 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.

4 Next steps and timetable

- 4.1 Following the adoption of Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2018/19 by the Council, we will make arrangements to inform the public and partners about 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.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 The Council is requested to approve and adopt the report as an accurate, balanced and clear reflection of the Council's performance in 2018/19.

6 Views of the Statutory Officers

The Monitoring Officer

Reporting on the performance and outcomes of the Gwynedd 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 achievements against the Wellbeing Objectives as noted in the report.

The Head of Finance Department

Rwyf wedi cydweithio gyda'r awdur i baratoi'r agweddau a ffigyrau ariannol sy'n yr Adroddiad Perfformiad a'i atodiadau, ac rwy'n cadarnhau cywirdeb y cynnwys perthnasol (mae'r ffigyrau ariannol yn gyson gyda'r Datganiad o Gyfrifon 2018/19). Mae'n syfrdanol fod y Cyngor wedi cyflawni cymaint ar 'daith' 2018/19 (ar dudalen 4), tra'n isafu'r effaith niweidiol o doriadau grant y Llywodraeth, wrth gyflawni £25miliwn o arbedion dros y 4 mlynedd ers 2015 (gweler tudalen 50).

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 minimising the detrimental impact of Government grant cuts, in achieving £25million of savings over the 4 years since 2015 (see page 49).

7 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Gwynedd Council Annual Report 2018/19