

GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET



Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council Cabinet

Date of meeting:	18 February 2020
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn
Contact Officer:	Dewi W Jones, Council Business Service Support Manager
Department:	Corporate Support
Title of Item:	Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-23 – 2020/21 Review

1. THE DECISION SOUGHT

- 1.1. The Cabinet's approval of the Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-2: 2020/21 Review (the Plan) to be submitted to the Council on 5 March 2020.

2. THE REASON FOR THE NEED FOR A DECISION

- 2.1. The Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-2023 was originally adopted by the Full Council at its meeting on 8 March 2018. Since this date we have been conducting yearly reviews to ensure that we as a Council continue to prioritise our work according to the needs of the people of Gwynedd.
- 2.2. The Cabinet firstly needs to ratify the Plan, including the updates made, so as to recommend that the Full Council adopts the Plan at its meeting on 5 March 2020.

3. INTRODUCTION

- 3.1. The Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-2023 is the Council's public declaration of what we intend to achieve for the people of Gwynedd. When first published, the Plan declared our vision over 5 years, and every yearly review offers a summarised update of where we have reached on the journey and what our priorities will be for the year ahead.
- 3.2. We now need to review the Plan in order to explain what we intend to achieve during 2020/21, the third year of the five year plan. The Cabinet will need to approve the changes made to the Plan between 2019/20 and 2020/21. The new revised Plan can be found in **Appendix 1**.
- 3.3. Where significant changes have been made to the contents of the Plan, Equality Impact Assessments have been submitted in order for the Cabinet to determine if the changes are acceptable. The first assessment looks at the Plan in its entirety. The following two assessments measures two new projects, namely 'Meirionnydd

Collaboration’ and ‘Ensuring Fairness for Everyone’. These assessments can be found in **Appendix 2**.

- 3.4. The Plan has been split into two main sections – the **Summary Plan** and the **Individual Department plans**. The **Summary Plan** includes the Council's Well-being Objectives and Improvement Priorities for the period in question, and summarises all the areas we wish to pay particular attention to in order to make the biggest difference to lives of our residents. Below each Improvement Priority are summaries of what we intend to achieve.
- 3.5. A description of each Departments' day-to-day work has been included in the **Department Plans**. In addition, a more detailed description is given of what is intended to be done in response to the improvement priorities.

4. RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1. The matters for the Cabinet members to consider before approving the Plan are noted below:
- 4.2. The projects in the table below are new to the Plan, and therefore does the Cabinet approve their inclusion?

Project	Department	Reason for inclusion
Climate Change Action Plan (which is also a new Improvement Priority)		To respond to the Cabinet and the Council's priority following its declaration of climate emergency
Meirionnydd Collaboration	Education	The need to respond to the current situation in Meirionnydd by strategically assessing secondary school provision.
Ensuring Fairness for Everyone	Corporate Support	A new Equality Plan is coming into force in 2020/21, and a project is needed to boost its implementation

- 4.3. One of the main changes to the Summary Plan is to include a new Improvement Priority which will address the Council and the Cabinet's desire to respond to the declaration of climate emergency. At the end of the Summary Plan you will find Improvement Priority 8 ‘Respond to the Climate Change Emergency’, and the project ‘Climate Change Action Plan’. An Equality Impact Assessment hasn't yet been drawn because the aim of the project is to agree an action plan during 2020/21. An Assessment will therefore be submitted as this work develops.
- 4.4. Equality Impact Assessments have been included on the other two projects in Appendix 2.
- 4.5. The following projects, which have been contributing to Improvement Priorities in the Concise Plan up until this year, will transfer to become part of the day-to-day

work of the relevant Departments during 2020/21, either because particular attention to this work is no longer needed or the work has been completed. Does the Cabinet approve of this change?

Project	Department
Strengthening Leadership	Education
Berwyn Catchment Area, Y Bala	Education
Supporting Families Strategy	Children and Supporting Families
Increase the Benefits from Major Events	Economy
Leadership Development	Corporate Support

4.6. In addition, the following projects have changed:

Project	Department
Secondary Sector Language Strategy has changed its title to Promoting the Use of Welsh by Children and Young People	Education

4.7. The remaining Improvement Priority projects carry forward from 2019/20 to 2020/21.

4.8. **Local Priorities** (text on a coloured background found in the Departmental Plans) are the priorities raised by local members during the initial consultation on the Council Plan in the autumn of 2017. Any changes made to these local priorities, along with any implementation steps intended for the future are addressed within the relevant Departmental Plan.

4.9. **The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act (2015)**

The Act places a duty on public bodies in Wales to improve economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being. As part of this duty, public bodies need to publish well-being objectives that outline how they will improve well-being.

4.10. We have consulted with the Elected Members and the public regarding the matters that affect their well-being as part of the process of developing the original Plan, whilst also analysing the findings of the Gwynedd and Anglesey Public Services Board Well-being Assessment.

4.11. The Council Leader's Foreword will need to be included in the Plan submitted to the Council for their approval, and this will be done following the discussion at the Cabinet meeting.

4.12. The 'Financial Information' section will also be updated before submitting the final Plan to the Council for its approval.

5. NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE

- 5.1. By approving the plan, it is intended to submit it to be adopted in the next full meeting of the Council on 5 March 2020.
- 5.2. After the Full Council's adoption of the Plan, it will be published on the Council's website and paper copies will be distributed for reading at Siop Gwynedd Caernarfon, Pwllheli and Dolgellau, and the county's libraries.

6. ANY CONSULTATIONS TAKEN PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

6.1 Views of the Statutory Officers:

i. Head of Finance Department:

The Council Plan is a key document, which sets out what Gwynedd Council aims to do over the next three years.

The Council Plan Fund remains in place in order to finance the Plan's priorities, but a proportion of this fund has already been committed. There is a likelihood that resource requirements for all the improvement priorities in the Plan is greater than the money available to them, whilst financial propriety means that it must be ensured that a funding source has been identified for any commitment to spend.

I expect that the Cabinet will continue to consider each business case individually before agreeing to fund it. I will update the Cabinet on the latest situation of the Fund on these occasions.

ii.: Monitoring Officer:

Within the Council Plan there are statutory aspects which are addressed, specifically in relation to Improvement Objectives under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Wellbeing Objectives established under the Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015. By reviewing the Plan the Council addresses the annual requirements to review or set which relates to these. I support the recommendation from a propriety perspective.

6.2 View of the Local Member

Not a local matter.

6.3 The Findings of any Consultation

Nothing to note.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Gwynedd Council Plan 2018-23: 2020/21 Review
Appendix 2 - Equality Impact Assessments
