

# GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET



## Report to a meeting of Gwynedd Council Cabinet

**Date of meeting:** 15 September 2020  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Dyfrig Siencyn  
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**Title of Item:** Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2019/20

### 1. THE DECISION SOUGHT

- 1.1. To approve the Gwynedd Council Performance Report 2019/20 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 Performance Report for 2019/20 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 2019/20 (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 Council Plan's Improvement Priorities projects and the second part looks at our day-to-day work in each Department.
- 3.4. In recent years, we have been publishing the Annual Report in the summer; however, unfortunately, the time-frame has slipped to October this year due to the Covid-19 crisis. There is a statutory requirement on local authorities to publish a report on the previous financial year's performance by 31 October.
- 3.5. The report is based on the individual performance reports of the Cabinet Members approved during the year.

- 3.6. Like last year, the main measures have been included within the body of the report, rather than in a separate table of measures, in order to be a part of conveying the story.
- 3.7. 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.
- 3.8. 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.
- 3.9. The draft report submitted in **Appendix 1** has been submitted in the same format as usual; however, it is intended to provide a professionally designed version to the Full Council. Due to the tight timescale, it has not been possible to undertake the design work on the entire report; however, an example of the cover and the content for the Children and Families Department is provided in **Appendix 2**.

#### **4. NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE**

- 4.1. The Council will discuss and accept the report, or not, at its meeting on 1 October 2020. 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.

##### **Head of Finance:**

I have worked with the author to prepare the financial aspects and figures contained in the Performance Report and its annexes, and I confirm the accuracy of the relevant content (the financial figures are consistent with the Statement of Accounts 2019/20). The Council had achieved much on the 2019/20 'journey' before the recent crisis, while lowering the detrimental impact of the Government's grant cuts, in achieving £29million of savings over the last 5 years (see page 58).