

APPENDIX 9

WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS (WALES) ACT 2015

1. The work of planning and preparing the recommendations has taken place within the context of the above Act's requirements. Although the recommendations are derived from difficult financial choices, the Council has acted on the basis of the principle of acting in a way that addresses the statutory duty in Section 3 to undertake sustainable development and achieve the Council's Well-being Objectives. This is addressed by identifying and evaluating options for savings, but also in decisions and choices from the perspective of providing sufficient resources in order to support an appropriate level of services.
2. This budget reflects the following five ways of working that the Council is required to consider when applying sustainable development.
 - Looking to the long term - The budget plans for the future, identifying future needs and demand for services, not for 2023/24 only, taking a strategic approach to ensure services are sustainable.
 - Understanding issues and preventing them – The budget process facilitates an understanding of the financial position, so that issues can be tackled at the source. Also, the series of Members' Workshops have aided an understanding of the financial strategy.
 - Taking an integrated approach – Gwynedd Council's policies and budgeting practices, and this year's budget proposals, have been considered from the perspective of all well-being goals.
 - Working in a collaborative way – Where better services can be provided by collaboration and working with partners, the budget process and savings strategy encourages this, internally and externally, where that is more sustainable.
 - Including the population in decisions – Part of the budget process included engagement with residents, customers and partners.
3. Main conclusions for the 2023/24 budget regarding the 7 well-being goals:
 - Prosperous – Neutral (add to the resources of services which put an end to poverty)
 - Resilient - Positive (prudential long-term approach to funding services and enable the Council's Plan)
 - Healthier – Positive (funding additional 'care' service requirements)
 - More Equal - Positive (taxing in order to fund 'welfare' services)
 - Cohesive Communities – Neutral (continue to fund services that protect people)
 - Culture and Language – Positive (by funding bilingual services)
 - Globally Responsible – Neutral (continue to fund digital, environmental and cooperative projects)

4. Regarding specific financial savings schemes, as part of the corporate and departmental savings regime in previous years when the savings schemes were approved, where appropriate there was a specific wellbeing assessment for each individual scheme. New savings schemes that are introduced in this budget – including those in schools – are mainly efficiencies but which ensure that a balanced budget can be set that protects future resources.
5. Generally, coupled with the Council's Plan and Wellbeing Objectives, this budget supports the Council to realise strategic objectives