

CABINET CYNGOR GWYNEDD



Report to a meeting of the Cabinet

Date of Meeting:	7 March 2023
Cabinet Member:	Councillor Nia Jeffreys Deputy Leader.
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Title of Item:	Supporting People's Wellbeing Programme

1. THE DECISION SOUGHT

- 1.1. Complete the establishing of Supporting People Hubs in the 13 regeneration areas.
- 1.2. Commissioning the People's Well-being Support Service, to give residents a helping hand with their well-being needs in the hubs and the area.

2. THE REASON FOR THE NEED FOR A DECISION

- 2.1. Cabinet approval is required for the next stages of the programme for 2023-24 onwards.

3. THE RATIONALE AND JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

- 3.1. The Supporting People's Well-being Programme is one of the priority projects of the Council's Plan.
- 3.2. The purpose of the programme is to work across the Council's departments, with our partners, to help the people of Gwynedd with those matters that have an impact on their well-being, such as the cost of living crisis and financial hardship; social exclusion; health and care challenges; accommodation issues; the challenges of education, training and work; and people's ability to contribute and participate in their communities.

- 3.3. We will achieve this purpose by
- supporting Community Groups to establish Supporting People Hubs, to ensure that help is available to people locally, informally, and when they need it.
 - commissioning a service to support people's well-being, which will hold residents' hands to help them achieve what is important to them in terms of their well-being.
 - supporting communities to develop their own projects and solutions to challenges and opportunities in their communities, through the Community Support Officers.

(See appendix 1 illustrating the support across the county).

Supporting People Hubs

- 3.4. We have secured funding from the Regional Integration Fund to contribute towards establishing a Supporting People's Well-being Network and Hubs in each of the 13 regeneration areas. We will invest £900,000 in this area over the next 3 years (subject to ongoing evaluation).
- 3.5. The Supporting People's Well-being Hubs respond to one of the priorities of the "Our Area" consultation which took place during 2022. Our residents and other stakeholders told us that there is a need to develop well-being, health, and participation interventions in their areas. The Hubs are now included in the Regeneration Framework's 13 Local Action Plans (DRAFT) produced from the consultation.
- 3.6. The Community Support Officers assist the community groups that host hubs to develop and be viable and resilient for the future. The Officers will also pull local groups and enterprises together to develop hubs in those areas where there isn't currently a hub.

Supporting People's Well-being Service

- 3.7. We have also secured funding from the Regional Integration Fund to commission a partner to provide a People's Well-being Support Service throughout the county. We will invest £625,000 in this area over the next 3 years (subject to ongoing evaluation).
- 3.8. This service will guide individuals to help them, and work with them on what is important to them for building their confidence, skills, networks and relationships for their well-being.
- 3.9. The Supporting People's Well-being Service will work very closely with the hubs and local networks in the area to make sure there are opportunities and local solutions to people's needs

Supporting Communities

- 3.10. The Supporting Community Officers assist groups and enterprises within the regeneration areas to develop and realise community projects so that we build on the wealth of community assets and capacity that help people's well-being and create resilient communities.
- 3.11. These community projects respond to opportunities and challenges that have been identified through the "Ardal Ni" consultation.
- 3.12. The Supporting Communities Officers will assist communities to apply for various grant and funding to develop and deliver projects within their communities.

4. NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE

- 4.1. Establish grant agreements to the Supporting People's Well-being Hubs for 2023-24 onwards by the end of March.
- 4.2. Complete the commissioning and procurement process for the Supporting People's Well-being Service by the end of June 2023.

5. ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAEN PRIOR TO RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

- 5.1. Monitoring Officer:

"No observations to add in relation to propriety".

- 5.2. Chief Finance Officer:

"I can confirm that funding is available to implement the decision sought, as outlined in the report".

