

# CYNGOR GWYNEDD CABINET



## Report for a meeting of Cyngor Gwynedd Cabinet

<b>Date of meeting:</b>	11 February 2025
<b>Cabinet Members:</b>	Cllr Dilwyn Morgan
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Aled Davies, Head of Adults, Health and Well-being Department
<b>Title of Item:</b>	Modification to the Council Plan

### 1 THE DECISION SOUGHT

Approval is sought to add a Home Care project to the list of projects under the 'A Caring Gwynedd' priority area in the Council's Plan 2023 – 2028.

### 2 THE REASON FOR THE NEED FOR A DECISION

To ensure that there is agreement to the suggested modifications for the 'A Caring Gwynedd' priority area within the Council's Plan, before presenting them to a meeting of the Full Council for adoption at its meeting on 6th March 2025.

### 3 INTRODUCTION

#### **Gwynedd Council Plan 2023-2028**

The purpose of the Plan is to set out the Council's vision and priorities for the period between April 2023 and the end of March 2028. The Plan shows why the Council wants to focus its energies and resources in certain areas. The Plan includes a series of projects for the next five years under seven priority areas.

Although the Plan sets priorities for its full 5-year period, the process of preparing and monitoring it includes a procedure for it to be revised regularly. The process of revising the Plan and making minor adjustments to it for 2025 – 26 is currently taking place.

### 4 THE RATIONALE AND JUSTIFICATION FOR RECOMMENDING THE DECISION

One of the seven priority areas in the Plan is 'A Caring Gwynedd'. The ambition for this area is 'Supporting the residents of Gwynedd to live full and safe lives in our communities.'

The Plan highlights that caring for vulnerable individuals is one of its main responsibilities and the ambition is to support the residents of Gwynedd to live full and safe lives in their communities. The Plan makes clear how it will achieve this and identifies eight priority projects/programmes to

improve provision and strengthen the Council's ability to achieve the ambition on behalf of the residents of Gwynedd.

In October and November 2024, Care Inspectorate Wales and Audit Wales carried out audits of care services provided by Cyngor Gwynedd's Adults, Health and Well-being Department. During the same period a support audit of older people's services within the Adults, Health and Well-being Department was carried out by the Welsh Local Government Association (WLGA). This audit was commissioned as a follow-up to the findings and recommendations of the Llechen Lân report. The findings of these three audits include references to domiciliary care services provided or commissioned by the Council and pose a question on its priority within the Council's strategic plans.

Following discussions with WLGA and Audit Wales, it was confirmed that including Domiciliary Care as a specific project within the 'A Caring Gwynedd' priority area in the Council Plan would be seen as a crucial first step in responding to their findings by placing an appropriate and necessary emphasis on an area that is one of the biggest challenges facing the Council.

The Well-being of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015 places a duty on public bodies in Wales to improve economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being. As part of the process of formulating the Council Plan for 2023-28 the Council has also revised its well-being objectives.

## **5 NEXT STEPS AND TIMETABLE**

If Cabinet decides to support the recommendation, we will ask the Full Council to agree to include Home Care as one of the projects under the 'A Caring Gwynedd' priority area in the Council's Plan 2023 – 28 at its meeting on 6th March.

## **6 VIEWS OF THE STATUTORY OFFICERS**

### **Chief Finance Officer**

"I have no objection to the decision sought. Evidence, including work by the Finance Department amongst others, shows that the Home Care area is one that needs priority and attention. On the other hand, Cabinet members will be aware that the projects in the Council's Plan are already competing for extremely limited resources and as highlighted when the Plan was adopted in 2023, the resource requirements of all improvement priorities in the Plan already exceed the funds available to them."

### **Monitoring Officer**

"No observations to add in relation to propriety."

## **7 APPENDICES**

None