

REPORT TO CABINET
10 MARCH 2026

Cabinet Member: Councillor Nia Jeffreys, Council Leader

Subject: One-off Bids 2026/27

Contact Officer: Dafydd Gibbard, Chief Executive

1. Decision sought

1.1 Cabinet will be asked to approve the one-off bids of £2,870,280 for 2026/27 to be funded from the Transformation fund.

2. The reason why a decision is needed

The bids for a one-off resource are presented in a separate report to the Budget report as the allocation of one-off resources does not have an impact on the setting of our annual revenue budget and is not a consideration when setting the Council Tax rate. This report is submitted prior the start of the 2026/27 financial year so that it can be implemented from 1 April 2026.

3. Introduction / Background

3.1 Council departments are invited annually to submit bids for one-off resources for matters such as addressing temporary pressures, delivering projects within the Council Plan, transforming services or investigation to examine whether it makes sense to provide a permanent budget.

3.2 Although the departments have submitted a number of bids, it has been necessary to prioritise and limit the bids to be approved to ensure that no excessive use of the funds was made.

3.3 Normally the Council's Transformation Fund / Council Plan is used to fund the one-off bids. There is an uncommitted balance of £4.19 million in the fund, so it is available to fund the £2.87 million bids.

	Balance 31/03/2026	One-off bid funding	Revised balance
Financial Strategy Fund	17,575		17,575
Transformation Fund	4,191	(2,870)	1,321
Total Amount	21,766	(2,870)	18,896

4. One-Off Bids 2026/27

- 4.1 The bids received have been assessed by myself, the two directors and the Head of Finance and details of the recommended one-off bids to receive financial support for 2026/27 are set out in the table below.
- 4.2 It is recommended that 19 bids worth £2,870,280 be approved as listed in **Table 1** below. The transformation fund available to fund the Council's priorities, is to be used as a source to fund these bids.

Table 1 One-off Revenue Bids 2026/27

	Bid Title	Recommended Amount (£)
1	Costs relating to the preparation of a new Local Development Plan for Gwynedd	374,000
2	Learning and Development Budget	240,000
3	Additional one-off costs in safeguarding as a result of the Our Bravery Brought Justice Response Plan	200,000
4	Review and assess internal and external transport risks across Gwynedd schools	185,325
5	Emergency Planning and Response Arrangements	114,000
6	Costs relating to preparation for the Visitor Levy	100,000
7	Support to remove the backlog of the Tax Service's application processing	99,900
8	Improving the accessibility of the corporate website	82,420
9	Transitional budget Event Support Fund	70,000
10	Donation to Menter Iaith	30,000
11	Budget for the Youth forum	20,000
12	Language Strategy – Implementing the Language Strategy 2026 – 2032	300,000
13	Continuing with the regeneration of Communities and Town Centres	279,696
14	Children's and Adult Solicitor	177,462
15	New/additional street lighting within our communities across the whole of Gwynedd	75,000
16	Llewyrch o'r Llechi: Supporting Northwest World Heritage	82,477
17	Increase in costs of testing the structure of street lighting columns	40,000
18	Costs to implement the 'Back to Gwynedd' project	200,000
19	Costs to implement 'Equal Gwynedd' priority area	200,000
	TOTAL	2,870,280

5. Conclusion

- 5.1 Following approval of the bids set out in Part 4 of the report, the money will be allocated to the relevant Departments so that they can act to spend on the services during the 2026/27 financial year.

Local member's views

N/A

The views of statutory officers

The Monitoring Officer:

No observations to add in relation to propriety

Head of Finance:

I can confirm the accuracy of the figures contained in the report. I am satisfied that adequate resources have been identified, as shown in part 3.3, to finance the one-off bids shown in Table 1.
