

Efficient Gwynedd: Putting the residents of Gwynedd first by treating them fairly and ensuring that the Council performs well and effectively.

Department and Project	Overview	What we aim to achieve during the THIRD year 2025/26 (milestones)	Have the milestones been completed?	What has been achieved during the year and the impact (or likely impact) on the people of Gwynedd? (Including information or evidence to confirm this, e.g. measures or data.)
<p>Finance – Managing the impact of national financial cuts</p>	<p>The Council has already reduced its budgets to save over £43m since 2015/16, but due to the current economic situation, the funding the Council receives from Government is insufficient to deal with inflation and new spending pressures.</p> <p>We are facing significant financial cuts over the lifetime of this plan. We will strive to do everything we can to minimise the impact on the services provided to the people of Gwynedd, while accepting that it will not be possible to set a balanced budget without a wide range of savings/cuts and increasing Council Tax more than we would wish.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Monitor that savings and cuts totalling £3,463,390 for 2025/26, approved by the Full Council on 06/03/2025, together with any savings still to be realised from previous years, are prioritised by Departments for delivery during the financial year (Appendix 3 – Savings and Cuts). 2. Monitor that Departments prioritise the delivery of savings that have slipped from previous financial years. 3. The Chief Executive, Directors and Head of Finance to meet quarterly to review the status of delivery of all Council savings and cuts and to consider schemes that have slipped, in order to undertake an objective assessment of how realistic the expectation is for them to be 	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Savings totalling £46.5 million have been delivered since 2015/16. An update was reported to the Governance and Audit Committee on 15 January 2026 and to Cabinet on 20 January 2026. 2. During the year, performance was monitored and reported to Cabinet on 11 November 2025 and 20 January 2026, and to the Governance and Audit Committee on 9 October 2025 and 15 January 2026. 3. Due to other pressures and demands, meetings were not held in the first half of the year; however, a meeting to discuss savings was held in January 2026.

		<p>delivered.</p> <p>4. Report to Cabinet on 14 October 2025 and 20 January 2026, and to the Governance and Audit Committee on 9 October 2025 and 15 January 2026, on the status of delivery of all Council savings and cuts schemes.</p> <p>5. Work with the Chief Executive, Directors and Heads of Department on savings and cuts plans for 2025/26, focusing on efficiency and alternative ways of delivering services.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>	<p>4. Reporting to these meetings took place in line with the plan.</p> <p>5. Following the establishment of the Medium-Term Financial Plan Programme Board, the Finance Department, as part of the Board's work, is providing information on savings and cuts for 2025/26.</p>
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