MEETING	Cabinet
DATE	13 September 2016
TITLE	Gwynedd Performance Report 2015/16
PURPOSE	To approve the report to be submitted to the full Council
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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 In accordance with the Council's performance management procedure, the Performance Report for 2015/16 (Appendix 1) is submitted to the Cabinet for approval.
- 1.2 The Cabinet must approve the report before it is submitted for adoption by the Full Council at its meeting on 6 October 2016.
- 1.3 The report was also submitted for the attention of the Scrutiny Forum on 28 July 2016 for scrutiny and to ensure that it is a balanced report.

3.0 Relevant considerations

- 3.1 The report which has been prepared is based on the performance overview reports approved by the Cabinet over the course of the year.
- 3.2 The Wales Audit Office considers this report when preparing its assessment of the Council's performance. As usual, it will be looking for a balanced report, which addresses the aspects that failed to be achieved as well as the successful aspects.
- 3.3 The report prepared is brief and addresses the main issues visually in order for it to be easy for Gwynedd residents to read.
- 3.4 Arrangements will be made for the public to be informed of the report by communicating the report and the main successes visually via social media as well as by printing copies and sharing them with the media and in the Council's usual locations e.g. libraries.
- 3.5 The performance of all the Council's key measures is presented in a separate data appendix (Appendix 2). The appendix contains information on the national comparative performance and a comparison with the 'family' of rural councils, where relevant. The appendix will be published on 7



September 2016 in accordance with the all-Wales performance data sharing arrangements. In line with the request of the Scrutiny Forum, comments are provided on the measures which are deteriorating also.

4.0 Recommendation

The Cabinet is requested to approve the Gwynedd Performance Report 2015/16 and to recommend its adoption by the Full Council.

Views of the statutory officers

The Chief Executive:

In my view, the report submitted is easy to read and understand and is fair and balanced which draws attention to the Council's successes but is also reasonable in relation to fields which did not achieve such as the points mentioned specifically in Appendix 2. We as a Council remain proud of the fact that we succeed to achieve so much at a time where our resources to deliver have reduced so much.

The Monitoring Officer:

No observations from a propriety perspective.

The Head of Finance Department:

It is noted on page 21 of the report that the Council has kept the effect of the savings on the people of Gwynedd to the minimum amount possible, by realising efficiency savings worth £6.575million during 2015/16 by changing the way of providing services, and it is also noted (on page 6 and page 20) the steps taken during 2015/16 to prioritise resources inclusively.

On page 21, the report explains that the Council has succeeded in keeping within the budget over the past year, and as the Council Leader's Introduction states (page 3), the Auditor General has given a positive message that the Council has robust financial management arrangements.

Appendices

Appendix 1 - Gwynedd Performance Report 2015/16 Appendix 2 - Data Appendix 2015/16 (to be published on 7 September 2016).

