

APPENDIX 3

SAVINGS AND CUTS

1. Cyngor Gwynedd has realised £47m of savings schemes since 2015/16.
2. Once again this year as in previous years the grant from the Welsh Government was not sufficient to meet inflation, and as the pressure continues in various areas such as adult care, waste and homelessness, substantial savings was required to be found.
3. Two savings scheme worth £91,000 from the Highways, Engineering and YGC Department, one scheme worth £98,500 from the Education Department and one scheme worth £50,000 from the Corporate Services Department, which derive from previous savings programmes which relate to 2026/27. In addition to this there are £81,000 worth of saving schemes that have been approved in 2025/26 but are profiled in 2026/27.

The schemes have already been approved by the Council, and is therefore not the subject of a decision this year. It has also followed a proper statutory process, see below for information.

Savings	Total £
Combine the sewerage and private drains work with another service within the Highways, Engineering and YGC Department	56,000
Reduce the Fleet Service resource within the Highways, Engineering and YGC Department	35,000
Reducing provision following GwE being dissolved	98,500
Reduce the resource within the Print Room	50,000
Saving schemes approved in 2025/26 profiled in 2026/27	81,000
TOTAL	320,500

4. On 20 February 2024, the Cabinet approved £5.2m worth of savings and cuts for the 2024/25 budget onwards, which came into effect in line with the profile below, with £343,090 profiled for 2026/27. The whole £5.2m was implemented in setting the 2024/25 budget and therefore the 2025/26 and 2026/27 savings do not help to reduce the financial gap in those years.

SAVINGS AND CUTS SCHEMES PROFILE 2024/25 ONWARDS

	2024/25 £	2025/26 £	2026/27 £	Total £
Savings and Cuts profile	1,965,760	2,860,300	343,090	5,169,000

5. Due to the current economic climate, it is inevitable that Local Authorities must continue to look at savings and cuts to help the financial situation. Following the announcement of the financial settlement for 2026/27, the outlook is now less critical than originally anticipated. Although Gwynedd ranks 20 of the 22 Councils, the announcement of a floor of 4.1% means that there is no immediate need to implement savings for 2026/27, but savings for subsequent years will need to continue to be identified which are likely to be much more challenging. The savings will be subject to a report during 2026/27.
6. Therefore, in summary, the following savings and cuts have been profiled to be realised in 2026/27:

	£
25/26 savings profiled to 26/27	320,500
24/25 savings and cuts profiled to 25/26	343,090
TOTAL	663,590