Cyngor Gwynedd Plan 2023-28 : 2024/25 Review

Key

Information with ~~a line~~ through the text has been taken out in the 2024/25 review

Below are revisions to the Cyngor Gwynedd Plan 2023-28 agreed upon in the Full Council meeting on 7 March, 2024.

TOMORROW'S GWYNEDD - Giving our children and young people the best possible start in life

Department	Project	Brief Description	Comments / Clarification	Page Number on current plan	New / Modified
Education	Modernise buildings and the learning environment	Despite significant investment over the past decade, many of the county's school buildings are still old and in need of modernisation. We will continue to make improvements to schools across the county, and specifically in the Bangor, Cricieth and Bontnewydd area, we will take every opportunity to apply for grant aid to enable us to modernise existing buildings and develop new buildings. ~~We will also conclude our review of post-16 education arrangements in Arfon to ensure they provide the best arrangements for learners in the area.~~	At the Cabinet meeting on 28 November 2023 it was decided not to proceed with the review of post-16 education arrangements in Arfon.	9	Modified
Education	Formulating and executing on a 10-year strategic direction for education in Gwynedd	Formulating a 10-year Education Strategy for Gwynedd engaging with key stakeholders on the priorities to ensure a resilient education system, together with world-class educational provision and experiences for children and young people in the county		n/a	New
Education	Review and improve the range	The range of inclusion provisions available to learners with emotional, behavioural and social		n/a	New

	of inclusion provisions in Gwynedd.	needs must to be reviewed and improved. The needs of these learners have increased, with the impact of the pandemic seen clearly and long term.			
Education	~~Free school meals~~	~~All primary school children in the county will receive free school dinners, and we will consider if it is possible to extend this to secondary pupils as well. Consequently, we will need to upgrade our kitchens and dining areas to cope with the higher numbers who will be having school dinners.~~	~~All primary children have access to the offer of free school dinners since September 2023, a year ahead of the national timeframe. Transferred to the day-to-day work of the service in the context of promoting and encouraging as many families as possible to take advantage of the offer.~~ ~~No guidance from the Welsh Government has yet been forthcoming on extending the offer to secondary schools, and therefore the Department/Council currently have no resources available to consider the secondary~~	8	Modified – transfer to day to day work during 2024-25

A PROSPEROUS GWYNEDD - Strengthening the economy and supporting the people of Gwynedd to earn a decent salary
No changes.

A HOMELY GWYNEDD - Supporting the people of Gwynedd to live in suitable and affordable homes in their communities
No changes.

A CARING GWYNEDD - Supporting the residents of Gwynedd to live full and safe lives in our communities

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Adults	~~Local Preventative Support~~	We will work in a preventative way to support and safeguard individuals locally by promoting their well-being and encourage them to participate in their communities. Amongst our plans are: • Contributing to health and care developments in Bangor and Penygroes. • Expanding our network of community hubs for individuals with learning disabilities, initially focusing on Dolfeurig Centre, Dolgellau. • Announcing a programme of activities and opportunities for individuals and carers across the county. • Ensuring Gwynedd is an age friendly county and residents of all ages can have a good life in their local community. • Share knowledge with our communities more effectively and improve our engagement in developing our services.	Following a desire to simplify the description and focus on transformational issues, projects in the Adults field within the A Caring Gwynedd Priority Area have been repackaged under 5 new projects, namely: • Modernising our care resources to meet future needs. • Using more of technology to improve the ability of Gwynedd residents to access support and care. • Working with Health Services to enable people to live their best life in the community. • Developing training and work opportunities for individuals who need support. • Llechen Lân	20	Modified
Adults	~~Living independently~~	The care needs of the county's individuals are changing, and people are living longer.	Following a desire to simplify the description and focus on	20	Modified

		Therefore we need to adapt our services to enable people to live independently within their communities. Amongst our plans are: • Expanding our care and respite provision and provide further suitable accommodation options for individuals with a wide range of needs, such as Extra Care Housing. • Working together across sectors to ensure our home care services are tailored and available on time when needed. • Leading on a Carers Scheme across Adults and Children care to support the invaluable work of unpaid carers across the county. • Ensuring that we use telecare and technology to its full potential to promote independence for individuals. • Promoting the process of receiving and providing care through direct payments by considering methods such as the Virtual Wallet .	transformational issues, projects in the Adults field within the A Caring Gwynedd Priority Area have been repackaged under 5 new projects, namely: • Modernising our care resources to meet future needs. • Using more of technology to improve the ability of Gwynedd residents to access support and care. • Working with Health Services to enable people to live their best life in the community. • Developing training and work opportunities for individuals who need support. • Llechen Lân		
Adults	~~Quality Specialist Care~~	We will ensure that appropriate and specialist care is available in a timely manner; across all our care provisions. Amongst our plans are: • Securing a sufficient nursing and dementia provision across the county which includes developing nursing beds at the Penrhos site, Pwllheli • Ensuring that we work jointly with the	Following a desire to simplify the description and focus on transformational issues, projects in the Adults field within the A Caring Gwynedd Priority Area have been repackaged under 5 new projects, namely: • Modernising our care resources to meet future	20	Modified

		Health Board to enable us to deliver what is important for Gwynedd adults. • Developing our mental health services to ensure sufficient emphasis on individuals' well-being. • Strengthening our ability to support care providers to maintain a quality service for the residents of Gwynedd. • Contributing to the Workforce Planning project to ensure appropriate attention to the specific challenges and opportunities within care. • Implementing new Liberty Protection Safeguards arrangements to protect the rights of persons receiving care in the county.	needs. • Using more of technology to improve the ability of Gwynedd residents to access support and care. • Working with Health Services to enable people to live their best life in the community. • Developing training and work opportunities for individuals who need support. • Llechen Lân		
Adults	Modernising our care resources to meet future needs	We will modernise our care homes, update our community resources and expand the accommodation options available to Gwynedd residents. Amongst our plans are: • Extra Care Housing - Development of over 100 new units in Penyberth, Frondeg (Caernarfon), Canolfan Lleu (Penygroes) and Dolgellau. • Residential Homes: o Redevelopment of Plas Gwilym, Penygroes. o Upgrading Hafod Mawddach and Cefn Rodyn. o Opening a Dementia Unit at Bryn Blodau and Plas Hedd Homes.		n/a	New

		○ Planning dementia developments at Plas Pengwaith ○ Opening of new nursing and dementia home at Penyberth with 50+ beds • Supported Housing in the Community – a minimum of 6 houses located throughout the county to offer suitable and safe care homes. • Commissioning work jointly with the Housing Department to understand the need for suitable care accommodation for the future.			
Adults	Using more of technology to improve the ability of Gwynedd residents to access support and care.	We will enable the people of Gwynedd to live a good life as long as possible within their local communities. To achieve this, they need to have the required information to take advantage of community opportunities that would promote their well-being, as well as flexible methods of organising the support they need. Amongst our plans are: • Adopting and promoting a community information system, Dewis • Integrating a virtual occupational therapy system, AskSarah, into our website • Developing our use of Technology Enabled Care (TEC) • Promoting use of the Telecare service • Making use of robotics to enable independent living • Developing our Direct Payments system using a virtual wallet		n/a	New
Adults	Working with Health Services to enable people to	To ensure that we fully promote the well-being of individuals, it is vital that we are able to change our culture and ensure that we work		n/a	New

	live their best life in the community	effectively with the Health Board to deliver comprehensive care and health services into the future. Amongst our plans are: • Co-locating adults teams with community nurses and health therapists • Developing collaboration systems as one team around the individual through a Community Resource Team system • Working together to align the Community Resource Teams with the Primary Health Clusters • Developing new collaboration arrangements for the community mental health teams			
Adults	Developing training and work opportunities for individuals who need support	We will promote training and work opportunities for individuals who need support. Amongst other schemes, we will improve provision at our Learning Disabilities Day Centres at Dolfeurig in Dolgellau and Frondeg, Caernarfon.		n/a	New
Adults	Llechen Lân	We will prepare an analysis of the demographics of Gwynedd; the demand for service; and adult social services best practices to understand and highlight the demand for service and associated resources that will be needed for the next twenty years.		n/a	New

A WELSH GWYNEDD - Ensuring that we give our residents every possible opportunity to use the Welsh language in the community

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Education	Reviewing Gwynedd's Education Language Policy together with undertaking an evaluation of the Immersion System to ensure that all education policies and services provided to children and young people in Gwynedd set a firm foundation for the Welsh language	Review Gwynedd's Education Language Policy along with undertaking an evaluation of the Immersion System to ensure that all education policies and services provided in Gwynedd set a firm foundation for the Welsh language, contribute to Cymraeg 2050, and reflect the most recent changes in the field by the Welsh Government.		n/a	New

A GREEN GWYNEDD - Protecting the county's natural beauty, and responding positively to the climate change crisis

No changes.

AN EFFICIENT GWYNEDD - Putting the people of Gwynedd first and treating them fairly and ensuring that the Council performs effectively and efficiently

No changes.