

**DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD  
COUNCIL CABINET**

<b>DATE OF DECISION</b>	05/04/2017
<b>DATE DECISION PUBLISHED</b>	19/04/2017
<b>DATE DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE</b> and implemented, unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25.1 of the Gwynedd Council Constitution.	27/04/2017

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**NAME AND TITLE OF CABINET MEMBER -**

Councillor Mandy Williams Davies

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**SUBJECT**

Communities First Programme 2017-18.

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**DECISION**

To authorise in accordance with the recommendation in the Officer Report.

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**REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED**

Please refer to the Officer Report.

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**DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT  
DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

None.

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**ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION**

Consultations undertaken with relevant Local Members and Gwynedd Council

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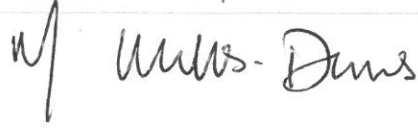
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Statutory Officers.

The results of the consultations are reported upon in the report

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CABINET – OFFICER REPORT**

Name and title of Cabinet Member/s:	Coun. Mandy Williams-Davies
Name and title of Report Author :	Catrin Thomas, Senior Manager Community Learning
Date of Decision :	5.4.17
Signature of Cabinet Member/s :	

**Subject :** Communities First Programme 2017-18.

**Recommendation for the Decision :**

Gwynedd Council continues to undertake the role of Lead Body for the Welsh Government's Communities First Programme for the period, 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2017 – 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2018.

Accept a grant offer of £403,673 from the Welsh Government to implement the Communities First Programme within the county for the same period.

**Reason why Decision is needed :**

To commit the Council to undertake the role of a Lead Body and accept the grant amount in accordance with the Council's Constitution and Financial Regulations.

**Reason and justification behind the Decision :**

Gwynedd Council has been undertaking the role of Lead Delivery Body for the Communities First programme in Gwynedd since 2012. As part of this role the Council has been submitting an annual work programme to the Welsh Government to implement the programme within the communities of Marchog, Peblig, Cadnant and Talysarn.

Communities First is the Welsh Government's flagship poverty programme. The programme implements projects and interventions that aim to tackle poverty and mitigate the impact of poverty within the most deprived communities. Local projects funded by the programme vary from debt management and financial inclusion; projects to support education and family learning; interventions to support young people into work and work clubs; and various projects to improve resident engagement within these communities with the programmes and services available to them.

A recent announcement from Welsh Government stated that the Communities First programme will come to an end during 2017-18. Funding will continue to be

available during the coming year to ensure adequate time and resources to plan and implement a programme closure by the end of March 2018.

The Welsh Government has made a grant offer of £403,673 to Gwynedd Council for 2017-18.

**Declarations of personal interest by any Cabinet Member consulted with and any relevant dispensations approved by the Standards Committee**

None declared

**Any consultations undertaken prior to making the decision :**

Chief Executive –

“This is a continuation of current arrangements and there are arrangements in place to support the work and to safeguard the Council”.

Head of Finance –

“I understand that the offer is equivalent to a 100% grant, and therefore, I support the Cabinet Member’s decision to accept the offer. “

Monitoring Officer –

“The proposal to extend the Council’s role into 2018 on the financial basis presented is an appropriate decision for a Cabinet Member.”

Local Member/s -

Councillor. Dylan Fernley:

“I am pleased that there is a sum of money in the form of grant funding for the continuation of the communities first programme, I know it's only a tailing off period, but much good work that has been achieved in the last five years and to suddenly pull all funding would leave a bad feeling amongst both communities that are affected and the workers who have been involved with all the projects.

We are still in the dark regarding any replacement programmes that the Welsh assembly has in mind, I don't think they know themselves yet, but at least there is some continuity for another year.”

Councillor. Glyn Thomas :

“I am aware of the programme and its forthcoming funding and am happy that this will continue”.