

DECISION NOTICE OF AN INDIVIDUAL MEMBER OF GWYNEDD COUNCIL CABINET

DATE OF DECISION 9 January 2017

DATE DECISION PUBLISHED 16 January 2017

DATE DECISION WILL COME INTO FORCE and implemented,
unless the decision is called in, in accordance with section 7.25 of
the Gwynedd Council Constitution. **23 January 2017**

Councillor Mandy Williams-Davies

SUBJECT

The Future of the Lloyd George Museum

DECISION

To approve the documents as note in the Officer Report

REASON WHY THE DECISION IS NEEDED

Please see the Officer Report

DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND ANY RELEVANT DISPENSATIONS APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE

None

ANY CONSULTATIONS UNDERTAKEN PRIOR TO MAKING THE DECISION

Consultation with
Gwynedd Council Statutory Officers

The results of the consultations are reported upon in the attached report

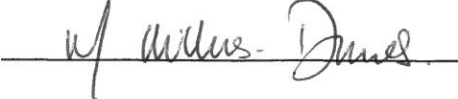
Decision notice of an Individual Member of Gwynedd Council's Cabinet – Officer's Report

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Cabinet Member: Economy and Community

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Date of Approval of the Report:

Cabinet Member(s) Signature:

9.1.17.


Subject: The future of the Lloyd George Museum, following the Gwynedd Challenge and the announcement of a contribution of £27,000 from the Treasury.

Recommendation for the decision:

1. Subject to the receipt of confirmation of funding arrangements to the value of £27,000 from the Treasury through the Welsh Government; Gwynedd Council will continue to run the Lloyd George Museum for an extended period of approximately 24 months from April 2017, with the aim of finding an alternative management model for the resource during that period;
2. To work with the Friends, and local and national bodies to develop a new management model and to relaunch the appeal, in addition to a 'Crowd Funding' campaign;
3. To develop bids with the Friends to renovate and revive the museum to commemorate the important centenaries which are on the horizon.

The reason for the need for a decision:

Following the Full Council's decision on 3 March to cease running the Lloyd George Museum, the Treasury has pledged £27,000 to respond to the funding gap. This additional resource from the Treasury enables the Council to deliver a saving of £27,000 in accordance with the Full Council's decision on 3 March 2016, and also provides an opportunity to develop an alternative management model over a period of time.

Rationale and justification for reaching the decision:

Continuing with Gwynedd Council's running of the museum for an interim period will provide an opportunity to:

- a. develop alternative management plans;
- b. develop capacity within the Friends or other interested groups, possibly with the assistance of a Gwynedd Enabling grant;
- c. Ensure that the termination of Gwynedd Council's management of the museum occurs at a sensible and rational time in order to safeguard the provision for the future;
- d. That we consider any legal and charitable implications.

- e. Develop a business and sustainability plan for the resource that will lead to the development of projects to improve the provision at the museum on behalf of the Friends;
- f. Enable the friends to relaunch the appeal and spark interest in the museum among a national (Wales and Britain) and international audience.

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None

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Chief Executive

"Evidently, this matter received a great deal of attention in the Gwynedd Challenge process, and the views of the public who participated in the process (with only 16.2% wishing to protect it) and Full Council consequently were clear.

However, intervention from Central Government, which is extremely unusual, provides an opportunity to deliver the financial saving whilst maintaining the resource, albeit for a period of time. As the notice suggests, this merely buys time and there is an urgent need to work towards developing a long-term solution jointly with the friends."

Chief Finance Officer –

"The notice states that the decision is subject to confirmation from the Welsh Government's arrangements to fund the annual contribution of £27,000 (mentioned in the Chancellor's spring 2016 budget). Subject to that, I support the direction of the Economy & Community Department towards the future of the museum, in order to allow an opportunity to develop an alternative management model for the future. Through this, it will be possible to continue to save the £27,000 without 'cutting' the service."

Monitoring Officer –

"The recommendation derives from the offer of a funding package from Central Government to maintain the museum. In this respect, it does not deviate from the saving that was adopted earlier this year. The key element is that arrangements for a funding package will be clearly agreed and established with the relevant stakeholders prior to implementing the decision."

Local Member (s) -