

Decision Schedule



Cabinet

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The following decisions were taken on 14/02/2018. They will become effective at Noon on 22/02/2018 with the exception of any particular decision(s), which is (are) the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form (available from Democratic Services) is 4.00 pm on 21/02/2018. Reports relating to staffing issues/confidential reports are not circulated to all Members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

CAB 09/18

Revenue Budget 2018-19 and Medium Term Financial Plan: Proposals

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

A comprehensive report dealing with the revenue budget, capital budget and Treasury Management was presented to Cabinet outlining the consultation results and final proposals for 2018/19.

The Leader thanked the Cabinet for working on the budget since last autumn as well as thanking officers for their hard work on the budget.

It was noted that over the last few years, the Council had made significant improvement in how it planned its resources over the medium term, ensuring alignment with its vision for the City, through the 'Prospectus For Change 2013-2017' which underpinned its Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) with plans to change the way services were delivered to the residents of Newport within available resources.

This was updated with a new overarching planning document 'Newport 2020' which Cabinet approved in February 2016, this described how services would change to meet the on-going financial challenges and service needs of residents. A new Corporate Plan was agreed by Council in November 2017 and the Change and Efficiency programme supported by medium term service plans would be reviewed and updated to ensure delivery of the key priorities by Spring 2018. This would be developed in the context of on-going financial challenge on funding and plans would need to ensure the Council delivered on key priorities whilst ensuring financial sustainability of services over the medium to long term.

In line with Cabinet recommendation in February 2017, the existing approved four year programme continued to be implemented, having undergone a review to re-confirm deliverability. New change and efficiency proposals were developed to meet the increased challenge of 2018/19 and added to existing programme proposals.

As in previous years, Cabinet was recommended to take a strategic and medium term approach and approve all the new investment and saving proposals over the life of the current plan.

Whilst the MTFP was a four year plan, the Council was required to approve an overall budget and resulting Council Tax level annually. Within the context of the MTFP and the Capital Programme, Cabinet was asked to make final recommendations to the Council on:

- the 2018/19 Council Tax and total revenue budget, resulting from the budget proposals for 2018/19.
- Treasury Management & Investment Strategies, Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy and Prudential Indicators for 2018/19.

Decision:

(1) Cabinet recommended the following for full Council's consideration and decision at their next meeting on 27 February 2018.

- A Council Tax increase of 4.8% for Newport City Council, to fund a proposed net budget of £274.59m in 2018/19.
- The Treasury Management and Annual Investment Strategies, Minimum Revenue Provision Policies and Prudential Indicators included in Appendix 9 to the Cabinet paper.

(2) Cabinet approved the following recommendations:

To agree the implementation of the full four year change and efficiency programme, including all budget investments and saving options shown in Appendix 6 and 7 to the Cabinet report, with the following changes.

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Reduce council tax from 5% increase to 4.8%	94
Remove Gwent missing children's service saving	20
Fund integrated property unit contract pressure	85
Reduce the Oakland's respite saving from 2 days to 1 day	94
Additional funding to schools	<u>420</u>

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- To agree the 2018/19 fees and charges of the council shown in appendix 14 to the Cabinet report.
- To approve expenditure and use of the Invest to Save reserve in line with summary shown in appendix 13c of the Cabinet report.
- To agree the capital expenditure budget for 2018/19 to 2022/23 as shown in appendix 8 to the Cabinet report, acknowledging this will be subject to ongoing change through the life of the programme to reflect new schemes within the affordable MTFP.
- To agree to keep future capital expenditure within the budgets set out in the MTFP in relation to minimum revenue provision, while making use of other resources and tools to maximise the capital programme.
- To agree additions to the 2017/18 capital programme which includes amounts that span into the new programme, shown in paragraph 11.7 to the Cabinet report.

Consultation

Trade Union Representatives, People & Business Change, Scrutiny Committees, Schools Forum, the Public and Newport Fairness Commission

Implemented By: Head of Finance
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

CAB 10/18

Cabinet Work Programme

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Leader presented the Cabinet Work Programme.

Decision:

To agree the updated work programme.

Consultation

Chief Officers, Head of Law & Regulation, Head of Finance and Head of People & Business Change.

Implemented By: Head of Democratic Services
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Signed:

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Chair of the Cabinet

Date:
