

Decision Schedule

Cabinet Member for Education & Skills

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 29 June 2017. They will become effective at Noon on 7 July 2017 with the exception of any particular decision, which is the subject of a valid "call-in".

The deadline for submission of a 'Call-in' request form is 4.00 pm on 6 July 2017.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via [Democratic Services](#).

Reports relating to staffing issues/Confidential reports are not circulated to all members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

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European Social Fund Bids Priority Axis 1 – Youth Attainment and Employment

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To update and seek approval from the Cabinet Member to commence formal delivery of the regional European Social Fund Inspire 2 Work Operation. Delivery will commence upon formal approval from the Welsh European Funding Office.

In October 2015 a Cabinet Member Report was approved supporting Newport City Council's application to the European Social Fund for the Inspire 2 Achieve and Inspire 2 Work Operations on behalf of Newport City Council, Cardiff Council, Vale of Glamorgan Council, Monmouthshire Council, Coleg Gwent, Cardiff and Vale College, Careers Wales, Melin Homes and Llamau. Newport City Council is the Lead Beneficiary (lead organisation) for the Inspire 2 Achieve Operation and is also proposing to be the Lead Beneficiary for the Inspire 2 Work Operation, managing the delivery and performance across the South East Wales region.

Newport City Council gained approval for the Inspire 2 Achieve Operation from the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO), and began delivery in April 2016.

The Inspire 2 Work Operation led by Newport City Council, will include the following Joint Beneficiaries (partners): Newport, Vale of Glamorgan and Monmouthshire Councils, Melin Homes (Registered Social Landlord) and Llamau (Charity). In agreement with WEFO, the City of Cardiff Council will be phased in at a later date.

The Central Lead Team, employed by Newport City Council, currently consists of the following roles which will co-ordinate and monitor delivery of the Joint Beneficiaries within this Operation:

Inspire Central Lead Manager

Inspire Central Lead Finance, Monitoring & Governance Officer x 2

Inspire Central Lead Administrator

The above posts are funded 100% through the European Social Fund, with the salary costs apportioned across the two Inspire Operations, 74% against Inspire 2 Achieve and 26% against Inspire 2 Work.

A summary of the Inspire 2 Work Operation is included in the background section of this document.

As the Lead Beneficiary for the Inspire 2 Work Operation, Newport City Council will be responsible for managing the performance of the Operation and overseeing the delivery of each Joint Beneficiary. This includes:

- Monitoring delivery of operational targets and outcomes as directed by Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO).
- Reporting of targets, outcomes and finances to WEFO.
- Collation of required evidence and documentation to support the targets, outcomes and finances. Communication to WEFO and cascading of information to consortium partners.
- Preparation for WEFO audits at a regional level.
- Development of legal agreements between Newport City Council as the Lead Beneficiary and the individual Joint Beneficiaries.
- Regional procurement processes where appropriate.

Decision

Update and seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Newport City Council to commence delivery of the Operation locally and act as Lead Beneficiary for the regional European Social Fund Inspire 2 Work Operation.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change and Chief Education Officer.

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

Implemented By: Head of Regeneration & Investment
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

COUNCILLOR G GILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & SKILLS

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