

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 17 July 2017. They will become effective at Noon on 25 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 24 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.

E&S 05/17

Primary and Secondary School Meals

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The report gave consideration to increasing Primary and Secondary school meal prices across all Newport schools (with the exception of Caerleon Comprehensive School and Newport High School).

The Council had a single contract with Chartwells for the delivery of a school meals service across all sites, with the exception of Caerleon Comprehensive School and Newport High School. Within these contractual arrangements, an annual price review must be carried out to take account of increased food costs and labour charges.

This report considers the appropriateness of increasing school meal process across the City to accommodate the contract price increase proposed by Chartwells with effect from September 2017.

Decision

To increase the primary school meal price to £2.10 per meal and the secondary school meal price to £2.35 per meal.

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: Chief Education Officer
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

E&S 06/17

Post 16 Home to School Transport Costs

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To confirm the charging mechanism for Post-16 Home to School Transport Costs and concessionary transport for the 2017/18 academic year.

A decision by a previous Cabinet Member for Education & Young People in June 2013 approved implementation of an amended charging mechanism for Post 16 Transport Costs on contracted services on a phased approach which would have achieved full removal of the existing subsidy by September 2017.

This decision was implemented in September 2014 when the parental contribution in respect of this provision was increased from £45 per annum to £347 per annum in line with the same costs charged to students using the local bus network. Further increases were due in September 2015, September 2016 and September 2017 to achieve full removal of the subsidy.

However in June 2015, a decision was made to suspend the proposed September 2015 increase and instead amend the sharing mechanism to align the additional top-up fee with the cost of a season ticket on the local bus network, setting the fee at £370 per academic year.

In 2016 the same decision was made to suspend the planned increase for September 2016, maintaining the current level of charges. This would not reduce the subsidy but maintain the current position. The costs charged to all students using contracted services would remain equal.

Decision

To suspend the further price increase planned for September 2017 and therefore maintain the current level of charges.

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: Chief Education Officer
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

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