

Decision Schedule



Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 21 August 2017. They will become effective at Noon on 29 August 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 28 August 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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Welsh Public Library Standards Return 2016/17

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member to submit the return detailing the Library Service's performance in 2016/17 against the Fifth Framework of the Welsh Public Library Standards.

The Welsh Public Library Standards were first introduced in 2002 as a mechanism for Welsh government to assess the performance of local authorities in delivering the statutory requirement of "a comprehensive and efficient" public library service. Each framework has covered a three year period with the new fifth Framework covering the period from April 2014 until March 2017.

The fifth framework introduced a different reporting format to the first four frameworks. This new framework replaces standards and performance indicators with 18 core entitlements and 16 quality indicators to measure the impact of library services in Wales.

The initial self-assessment of the return indicates that the library service has performed well against certain elements, where there has been a progressive improvement over the three years of the framework. However, increasing pressure upon revenue budgets has had an impact on the service's ability to meet targets based upon resource inputs.

Decision

Approved the return detailing the Welsh Public Library Standards performance to Welsh Government.

Consultation

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

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 & Investment
Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

COUNCILLOR D HARVEY, CABINET MEMBER FOR CULTURE & LEISURE

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