Decision Schedule



Cabinet Member for Assets & Member Development

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

Decision Schedule published on 11 September 2017

The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 11 September 2017. They will become effective at Noon on 19 September 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 18 September 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.

A&MD 05/17

Disposal of Herbert Road Extension Land

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Assets and Member Development the appropriation of the above land from Leisure to Planning (following all necessary consultation) and subsequent disposal of the above Council owned Land.

In 2015 the Council sold a large parcel of land at Herbert Road for residential development to increase the supply in the area in line with the Housing Supply Strategy. The site has changed ownership and is now owned by the Pobl Group and preparatory ground works are underway.

Pobl, one of the partner Housing Associations working with Newport City Council is reviewing the form of the proposed development and is looking to incorporate certain improvements to the layout and design. During the course of this review it has been identified that a much improved layout could be achieved if this piece of land were added to the site currently being developed.

The land is currently appropriated to the leisure service and before the land can be disposed of the action to appropriate the land to Planning for development purpose must take place first. Formal notice must be placed in the press allowing comments / objections to be forwarded to the Council.

The disposal of this land does represent a minimal loss of informal open space used by residents though with a surplus of overall open space remaining it is considered the best long term benefit will be achieved through its disposal and incorporation into the housing development.

Decision

1.Following the formal advertisement of the appropriation from leisure to planning, the consideration of any objections, to appropriate the subject land to planning purposes; and 2.Declare the land surplus and dispose of same to Pobl, on terms to be agreed by the Head of Law and Regulation.

Consultation

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

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 & Housing Implementation Timetable: Immediate

A&MD 06/17

Duffryn Woodlands Project

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To outline an opportunity to upgrade and improve the management of this asset by granting a lease to a local Community Group

Colleagues in the Green Services team have been working with Duffryn Community Link to seek funding for the improvement of the woodland, comprising the land referred to in this report. An initial grant of £11,000 has been received by the applicant, towards the cost of developing a programme of works to improve Community access to the land. In order to progress with its grant application, Duffryn Community Link has requested that the Council issues it with a letter of support. If grant funding is awarded, the Council will be expected to facilitate use of the land by Duffryn Community Link by entering into a lease.

Decision

Agreed to issue the letter of support requested and if the grant application is successful, grant a lease of the land on terms recommended by Newport Norse and agreed by the Head of Legal and Regulatory Services.

Consultation

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

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: Newport City Council, supported by Newport Norse Implementation Timetable: Immediate

A&MD 07/17

Lease of Rhiwderin Play Area, Rhiwderin, Newport, to Graig Community Council

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Assets and Member Development to lease the land at Rhiwderin Play Area to Graig Community Council for use as a play area only.

Newport City Council recently acquired the land at Rhiwderin, using S106 money and have installed new play equipment. The Council now wish to transfer the land to Graig Community

Council by way of a lease in order that they can manage and maintain the play area. A sum of s106 money will also be given to the Community Council to assist with the ongoing management of the area.

Decision

To transfer the land to Graig Community Council by way of a lease on terms to be agreed by the Head of Law and Regulation.

Consultation

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

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: Newport City Council, supported by Newport Norse Implementation Timetable: Immediate

COUNCILLOR M WHITCUTT, CABINET MEMBER FOR ASSETS & MEMBER DEVELOPMENT SKILLS

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