

Decision Schedule



Cabinet

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The following decisions were taken on 13/03/2019. They will become effective at Noon on 22/03/2019 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 21/03/2019. 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 13/19

EAS Business Plan 2019

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The report to Cabinet was to consider and seek agreement from members for the EAS Business Plan 2019/2020 and the Local Authority Annex 2019/20. These documents are intended to ensure that the plan promotes appropriate support and challenge for schools in Newport to continue to improve and that areas that have been identified as requiring improvement within Newport are addressed.

Cabinet was asked to:

1. Ensure that the Business Plan and accompanying Annex document enables appropriate support and challenge for schools and that it addresses the areas for improvement that have been identified within Newport's education strategic plans;
2. Approve the EAS Business Plan 2019/20 and the Newport Local Authority Annex 2019/20.

Decision:

Cabinet approved the Business Plan and the Annex.

Consultation

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills; Chief Education Officer; Head of Finance; Monitoring Officer, Head of People and Business Change.

Implemented By: The Education Achievement Service in partnership with Newport City Council.

Implementation Timetable: From 1st April 2019.

CAB 14/19

School National Categorisation

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The report submitted to Cabinet detailed the outcome of the National School Categorisation process for the academic year 2018/19.

Cabinet was asked to:

1. Acknowledge the position regarding National Categorisation;
2. Consider any issues arising that the Cabinet may wish to draw to the attention of the Chief Education Officer.

Decision:

Cabinet agreed the report.

Consultation

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills; Chief Education Officer; Head of Finance; Monitoring Officer; Head of People and Business Change.

Implemented By: Chief Education Officer
Implementation Timetable: N/A

CAB 15/19

Quarter 3 Corporate Risk Register Update

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The report presented an update of the Corporate Risk Register for the end of quarter 3 (31st December 2018).

The Council's Risk Management Strategy and Risk Register enables the Council to effectively identify, manage and monitor those risks to ensure that the Council realises its Corporate Plan and ensure service delivery is provided to its communities and citizens.

At the end of quarter 3 there were 14 risks recorded in the Council's Corporate Risk Register made up of 6 high risks and 8 medium risks. In quarter 3, two new risks (City Centre Security and Safety/Council buildings and assets) were added to the register and one risk (Pressure on Infrastructure) was closed. The risk rating for the Council's Brexit risk increased from 9 to 16 and the Stability of External Suppliers increased from 16 to 20. Both of these risks were a reflection on the uncertainty with the UK Government's Brexit negotiations and an increase probability of a 'No Deal' scenario taking place in March 2019. The Council's Highway Network risk score had decreased from a score of 25 to 20 reflecting the separation of the building assets from the risk score but also the ongoing backlog of maintenance work required to the highways infrastructure. All remaining risk scores remained the same in the last quarter.

Cabinet was asked to:

1. Consider the contents of the Corporate Risk Register for the Quarter 3 update.

Decision:

Cabinet agreed the content of the Risk Register.

Consultation

Corporate Management Team.

**Implemented By: Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Service.
Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

CAB 16/19**Response to Welsh Government Transport White Paper Consultation****Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

The report briefed members and sought Cabinet approval of the proposed response to the Welsh Government Consultation regarding legislative change to local bus and taxi/private hire planning which is aimed at addressing declining patronage and contribute to climate change/local air quality agenda through modal shift.

The consultation covered:

- Planning and delivery of local bus services
- Concessionary travel eligibility
- Supply of information by public bodies (including local authorities)
- Creation of Joint Transport Authorities (JTA)
- Taxis and Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) provision

The Authority has varying degrees of responsibility in each of these areas, therefore, changes to current arrangements could have significant implications for staff resources and/or Welsh Government funding distribution.

The paper proposes the creation of Joint Transport Authorities (JTA), including revisions to existing legislation that would include the representation of Welsh Ministers on any JTA and/or the intervention powers for an underperforming JTA.

The deadline for consultation responses is 27th March 2019, with documents available at <https://beta.gov.wales/improving-public-transport>

Cabinet was asked to consider the following options:

Option 1 – Members approve the draft response appended to the report for submission to the Welsh Government;

Option 2 – Members do not approve the draft response appended to the report for submission to the Welsh Government.

Decision:

Cabinet agreed to approve to approve Option 1 – to approve the draft response appended to the report for submission to the Welsh Government.

Consultation

Chief Executive; Strategic Director Place; Head of Law and Regulation; Integrated Transport Unit Manager.

Implemented By: Head of City Services
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

CAB 17/19

Annual Report 2017/18 – Public Services Ombudsman for Wales (PSOW)

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The purpose of the report was to give Cabinet oversight of the Annual Report and the opportunity to provide views on the information contained in it.

The PSOW and his team have the powers to investigate complaints about public services and independent care providers in Wales, as well as complaints against members of local authorities relating to code of conduct matters. The PSOW publishes an annual report setting out the number and type of complaints received. The 2017/18 annual report highlighted Newport City Council's performance and informed Cabinet of any significant issues.

Cabinet was asked to:

1. Note the contents of the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales's annual report for 2017/18;
2. Endorse the comments from the Chief Executive about the report and the action outlined.

Decision:

Cabinet agreed to:

- i) To note the contents of the annual report 2017/18;
- ii) Endorse the comments from the Chief Executive about the report and the action outlined.
approve signing up to the Code of Practice

Consultation

Chief Executive; Strategic Director Place; Head of Law and Regulation.

Implemented By: Chief Executive
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

CAB 18/19

Cabinet Work Programme

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Leader presented the Cabinet Work Programme.

Decision:

Cabinet agreed the programme.

Consultation

Chief Officers; Monitoring Officer; Head of Finance; Head of People and Business Change

Implemented By: Cabinet Office Manager

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

CAB 19/19

City Centre Presentation – Chartist Tower

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Officers provided Cabinet with a presentation on Chartist Tower.

Officers recapped on the timeline associated with this project from the initial interest from the developer in 2017 to the present date.

In order to take the project forward Cabinet was asked to:

- i) Approve the non-repayable Council grant of £350K;
- ii) Approve the offer of repayable loan funding to the developers of £600K, to be secured as a third charge against the head-lease, conditional upon agreement with the hotel operator;
- iii) Approve the grant to be paid out of the current year’s under-spend and amount set aside to cover the loan repayment;
- iv) Agree further deferred rental period for four years;
- v) Authorise officers to agree the final terms and conditions of the grant and loan and to finalise the legal documentation.

Decision:

Cabinet unanimously approved the proposal.

Signed:

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Chair of the Cabinet

Date: