

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 18 October 2018. They will become effective at Noon on 26 October 2018 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 25 October 2018.

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 11/18

Procurement proposal for a stand-alone Nursery at Maesglas Primary School

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The report made reference to the preferred procurement option for the construction of a new stand-alone nursery building at Maesglas Primary School. Due to the current circumstances on site and the requirement to complete the build by September 2019, approval was required from the Cabinet Member for Education & Skills to progress with the project by directly awarding the contract.

Welsh Government recently approved a capital bid for the amount of £520,661 under the Infant Class Size Grant. The funding would be used to reduce the number of pupils within each foundation phase classroom at Maesglas Primary School by creating a new nursery building and reallocating the existing nursery classrooms within the school. The aim of the grant was to improve educational outcomes for pupils within the school. A bid for a revenue grant was successful but had no impact on this report.

The report recommends directly awarding the construction contract to Morgan Sindall and to allow the contractor to commence with the design and construction of the nursery building. This will result in the Financial Contract Standing Orders to be waived. The project will be managed by Newport Norse.

Decision

To waive Financial Contract Standing Orders and approve the direct award of the contract to Morgan Sindall for the construction of a new stand-alone nursery building at Maesglas Primary School to accommodate 24 pupils (full time equivalent).

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change, Chief Education Officer, School Meals Contract Board.

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 12/18

21st Century Schools Band B Programme – Prioritisation of projects

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The report highlighted the recommended schedule for the proposed projects within the 21st Century Schools Band B Programme. Some elements of the programme may benefit from a combined procurement strategy as this was likely to maximise the benefits of a competitive procurement exercise within a buoyant commercial market.

The report highlighted the considerations made by the 21st Century School Steering Group was formed to deliver the programme by March 2024. The Steering Group was made up of a number of officers from Education, Finance and our delivery partner, Newport Norse.

Welsh Government approved the Strategic Outline Programme for Band B in December 2017. The agreement of the funding envelope which totals £70M was recognised as an ambitious programme considering the current financial constraints of the Council. Welsh Government would match fund up to 50% of the required funding subject to gaining approval through the relevant business cases.

Decision

To approve the proposed schedule of works for the 21 Century Schools Band B Programme. Approval would allow the commencement of the feasibility works and development of specific projects within the programme.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change, Chief Education Officer, School Meals Contract Board.

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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Date: 18 October 2018
