

# Decision Schedule

## Cabinet Member for Education & Skills

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### TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

#### Decision Schedule published on 2 November 2018

The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 1 November 2018. They will become effective at Noon on 9 November 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 8 November 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.

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#### E&S 14/18

#### European Social Fund (ESF) Bids – Inspire to Work (I2W) Extension

##### Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To update and seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to accept an extension of the regional ESF Inspire 2 Work operation up until December 2022.

In June 2017 a Cabinet Member Report was approved supporting Newport City Council's delivery of the Inspire 2 Work operation as the Lead Beneficiary on behalf of the five Joint Beneficiaries (delivery partners) as noted below:

- Newport City Council
- Cardiff City Council
- Vale of Glamorgan Council
- Monmouthshire County Council
- Llamau

Newport City Council has successfully applied to the Welsh European Funding Office for an extension to the Inspire 2 Work regional operation up until December 2022, adding an additional 2 years and 11 months to the delivery period and £1.5m of ESF Grant. Newport City Council will remain as the Lead Beneficiary managing the delivery and performance of the operation on behalf of the Joint Beneficiaries across the South East Wales region.

As the Lead Beneficiary for the Inspire 2 Work Operation, Newport City Council will be responsible for managing the performance of the Operation and overseeing the delivery of each Joint Beneficiary. This includes:

- Managing performance of Joint Beneficiary progress towards operational targets as agreed with the Welsh European Funding Office (WEFO).
- Completion of regular monitoring and compliance checks ensuring Joint Beneficiaries adhere to WEFO guidance

- Reporting and submission of participant outcomes and financial expenditure to WEFO Project Delivery Officers and via WEFO online.
- Collation and storage of required documentation to evidence participant outcomes and financial expenditure.
- Correspondence with WEFO to resolve queries and distribution of information to Joint Beneficiaries.
- Communication with all Joint Beneficiaries on a regular basis ensuring WEFO updates and guidance are received.
- Preparations for WEFO claim verifications and European Funding Audit Team inspections.
- Development of legal agreements between Newport City Council as the Lead Beneficiary and the individual Joint Beneficiaries.
- Creation of a regional procurement framework where appropriate and monitoring of Joint Beneficiary procurement activity.
- Ensure the operation is adequately promoted and all marketing adheres to WEFO guidelines.

## Regional Outcomes

The proposed regional outcomes for the Inspire 2 Work extension are as follows:

Participants at risk of becoming NEET (11-24) gaining qualifications upon leaving.	445
Participants at risk of becoming NEET (11-24) in education or training upon leaving.	240
Participants at Risk of becoming NEET (11-24) at reduced risk of becoming NEET upon leaving	574

The total value of the regional operation, including the extension up until December 2022, is approximately £5.8m, comprising of £2.8m ESF Grant and £3.0m of match funding across the region. The extension from February 2020 – December 2022 has provided an additional £1.5m of ESF grant and £1.6m of match funding across the region.

The operation has increased the number of participants it aims to engage by 986 to 2,041 participants, leading to the above 1259 outcomes for young people across the region.

## Newport Outcomes

The proposed Newport outcomes for the Inspire 2 Work extension are as follows:

Participants at risk of becoming NEET (11-24) gaining qualifications upon leaving.	117
Participants at risk of becoming NEET (11-24) in education or training upon leaving.	65
Participants at Risk of becoming NEET (11-24) at reduced risk of becoming NEET upon leaving	163

The total value of the Newport operation, including the extension up until December 2022 is approximately £1.9m, comprising of £0.9m ESF Grant and £1.0m of match funding. The extension from February 2020 – December 2022 has provided an additional £0.48m of ESF grant and £0.53m of match funding in Newport.

The Newport operation has increased the number of participants it aims to engage by 325 to 650 participants, leading to the above 345 outcomes for young people. The existing Inspire team within Newport Youth Service will continue to deliver the operation.

## **Decision**

To accept an extension of the regional ESF Inspire 2 Work operation up until December 2022.

## **E&S 15/18**

### **European Social Fund (ESF) Bids – Inspire 2 Achieve (12A) Extension**

#### **Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

To update and seek approval from the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills to accept an extension of the regional ESF Inspire 2 Achieve operation up until December 2022.

In April 2016 a Cabinet Member Report was approved supporting Newport City Council's delivery of the Inspire 2 Achieve operation as the Lead Beneficiary on behalf of the seven Joint Beneficiaries (delivery partners) as noted below:

- Newport City Council
- Cardiff City Council
- Vale of Glamorgan Council
- Monmouthshire County Council
- Coleg Gwent
- Cardiff and Vale College
- Careers Wales

Newport City Council has successfully applied to the Welsh European Funding Office for an extension to the Inspire 2 Achieve regional operation up until December 2022, adding an additional 3 years and 9 months to the delivery period and £2.5m of ESF Grant. Newport City Council will remain as the Lead Beneficiary managing the delivery and performance of the operation on behalf of the Joint Beneficiaries across the South East Wales region. The team will be responsible for;

- Managing performance of regional partners.
- Completion of regular monitoring and compliance checks
- Reporting and submission of participant outcomes and financial expenditure to WEFO Project Delivery Officers and via WEFO online.
- Collation and storage of required documentation
- Correspondence with WEFO regarding the regional programme
- Communication with all Joint Beneficiaries
- Preparations for WEFO claim verifications
- Development of legal agreements between Newport City Council as the Lead Beneficiary and the individual Joint Beneficiaries.
- Creation of a regional procurement framework
- Ensure the operation is adequately promoted and marketed

#### **South East Wales Regional Outcomes**

The new proposed regional outcomes for Inspire 2 Achieve are as follows:

Participants at risk of becoming NEET (11-24) gaining qualifications upon leaving.	983
Participants at risk of becoming NEET (11-24) in education or training upon leaving.	610
Participants at Risk of becoming NEET (11-24) at reduced risk of becoming NEET upon leaving	2,593

The new total value of the operation including the extension up until December 2022 is approximately £14.7m, comprising of £6.7m ESF Grant and £8.0m of match funding across the region. The extension from March 2019 – December 2022 has provided an additional £2.5m of ESF grant and £3.0m of match funding across the region.

The operation has increased the number of participants it aims to engage by 640 to 4,535 participants, leading to the above outcomes across the region.

### **Newport Outcomes**

The new Inspire 2 Achieve operation will deliver the following outcomes.

Participants at risk of becoming NEET (11-24) gaining qualifications upon leaving.	180
Participants at risk of becoming NEET (11-24) in education or training upon leaving.	67
Participants at Risk of becoming NEET (11-24) at reduced risk of becoming NEET upon leaving	402

Newport City Council is proposing to engage with 750 participants, achieving 649 outcomes over the 6 years 9 months. The operation in Newport will have a total value of £1,687,589, comprising of an ESF Grant of £712,166 and match funding of £975,423. This is an increase of 73 outcomes, £245,444 ESF grant and £404,987 match funding as a direct result of the extension from March 2019 – December 2022

Newport Youth Service existing Inspire team will continue to deliver the operation in Newport.

### **Decision**

To accept an extension of the regional ESF Inspire 2 Achieve operation up until December 2022.

### **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People & Business Change, Strategic Director – Place, CCR (Cardiff Capital Region) Board, FE Colleges, WEFO (Welsh European Funding Office), Welsh Government (DfES), Careers Wales

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 and Housing**  
**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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COUNCILLOR G GILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION & SKILLS

Date: 1 November 2018

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