

# Decision Schedule

## Cabinet Member for Community & Resources

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### TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

#### Decision Schedule published on 19 November 2018

The Cabinet Member took the following decision on 19 November 2018. It will become effective at Noon on 27 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 26 November 2108

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via [Democratic Services](#).

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#### **C&R 08/18**

#### **Finance Service Plan 2018-2022**

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

The council allocated £131,137 per annum as concurrent grant to community councils within its border. The allocation for each community council remained the same for a number of years while the council investigated whether there was a better distribution process, in light of complaints from some community councils.

A number of different models of allocating the grant was reviewed and it was concluded that applying any distribution method to this grant was inherently flawed and the grant acts, in practice, as a 'block grant' to the community councils. This, coupled with the significant financial challenges the Councils was facing led to a recommendation to cease the grant. Community councils could 'precept' additional funds to make up for this and/or reduce expenditure as the city council had to do.

A number of comments were received from non-executive members which have been included within the report, along with a detailed response from the Cabinet Member.

The Head of Finance had circulated the report to all community council clerks during the time of the All Member consultation process. The Cabinet Member received and reviewed individual responses from community councillors and met with the community councillors on 13 November 2018 to listen to their views on the proposals outlined in the report.

#### **Decision**

After receiving and responding to non-executive comments during the all member consultation and meeting with community councillors, the Cabinet Member took the following decision:

1. To discontinue the distribution of Community Council Concurrent Grants, effective from 2019/20.

2. Authorise the Head of Finance to notify all community councils of the final decision as soon as possible in order to allow them to plan appropriately.

### **Consultation**

Head of Law and Regulation and Head of Finance

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 Finance**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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COUNCILLOR D MAYER, CABINET MEMBER FOR COMMUNITY & RESOURCES

19 November 2018

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