

# Decision Schedule



## Cabinet Member for Education & Skills

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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL**

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 30 January 2019. They will become effective at Noon on 7 February 2019 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 6 February 2019.

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

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**E&S 01/19**

### **Newport City Council Accessibility Strategy for Schools**

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

Schedule 10 of the Equality Act, 2010, directs that "*A local authority in England and Wales must, in relation to schools for which it is the responsible body, prepare... an accessibility strategy*".

In March 2018, the Children's Commissioner wrote to Chief Executives of Local Authorities in Wales announcing the publication of a follow-up report to Full Lives: Equal Access, first published in 2014. The 2018 report made recommendations for the development and publication of Local Authority Accessibility Strategies and school accessibility plans, and directed that accessibility strategies should be developed through consultation and published online.

To date, Newport City Council's strategy has been reactive; addressing individual needs as they are identified through reasonable adjustments. The draft Accessibility Strategy 2018-2023 has been developed with stakeholders and consultation on the draft strategy is now required to comply with statutory guidance and the Children's Commissioner's recommendations.

The draft strategy sets out the vision, values and roles and responsibilities of the Local Authority and schools in respect of planning to increase access to schools for disabled pupils. The document also identifies some objectives and priorities for action to ensure improvement is achieved during the timespan of this strategy.

#### **Decision**

To approve the draft Accessibility Strategy for Schools for public consultation.

#### **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer and Chief Education Officer

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: 30 January 2019

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