

# Decision Schedule



## Cabinet

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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL**

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The following decisions were taken on 19/06/2019. They will become effective at Noon on 01/07/2019 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 28/06/2019. Reports relating to staffing issues/confidential reports are not circulated to all Members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

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**CAB 29/19**

### **Treasury Management Year End Report**

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

The purpose of the report was to inform the Council of treasury activities undertaken for the financial year ending 31 March 2019.

The report confirmed that in line with the agreed Treasury Management Strategy, the Council continues to be both a short-term investor of cash and borrower to manage day-to-day cash flows. Current forecasts indicate that in the future, temporary borrowing will continue to be required to fund normal day-to-day cash flow activities and longer-term borrowing will increase to fund new commitments in the current capital programme as well as the impact of reduced capacity for 'internal borrowing'.

Near the end of the financial year, the Council undertook additional borrowing of £40m in advance of the maturity, and subsequent re-financing, of the £40m stock issue in early 2019/20. This is reflected by increased borrowing level at 31 March 2019, however this is offset by an increase in investment over the same period.

The report confirmed all borrowing and investments undertaken during the first half of the year were expected and within the Council's agreed limits.

The report proposed that Cabinet:

1. Note and provide comment on the Annual Report on Treasury Management for the Financial Year 2018/19.
2. Note and provide comment that 2018/19 Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management were in line with those set by Council in February 2018.

#### **Decision:**

Cabinet noted the contents of the report in relation to Treasury activities and all Treasury Indicators met and agreed to provide any comments necessary to Council on the content of the report.

## **Consultation**

Treasury Advisers and Head of Finance.

**Implemented By: Head of Finance/Assistant Head of Finance**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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**CAB 30/19**

## **Corporate Risk Register Update**

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

The report presented an update of the Corporate Risk Register for the end of quarter 4 (31<sup>st</sup> March 2019).

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 4 there were 14 risks recorded in the Council's Corporate Risk Register made up of 5 high risks, 8 medium risks and 1 low risk.

In quarter 4, the risk rating for the Council's Brexit risk decreased in the last quarter from 16 to 12. This reflected the postponement of Brexit from March to October 2019 and the imminent threat of a 'No Deal' Brexit from the EU. The Brexit risk will continue to be closely monitored and the Council has arrangements in place should the national position change.

The 'Legislation' risk decreased from 12 to 6 in the last quarter which is in reflection of the work undertaken with the Well-being for Future Generations Act.

The In-year Financial Management risk decreased to a risk score of 4 following the underspend incurred across the Council at the end of the financial year.

All remaining risk scores remained the same in the last quarter.

Newport Council is undertaking a Council wide review of all of its risks that will develop into a new Corporate Risk Register for 2019/20.

Cabinet was asked to consider the contents of the Corporate Risk Register for the Quarter 4 update.

### **Decision:**

Cabinet considered the contents of the Corporate Risk Register and requested an update on recommendations raised in the quarter three report; the aim of which is to give Cabinet sufficient assurance and oversight of the main overarching risks that the council faces in delivering the objectives of the Corporate Plan.

## **Consultation**

Corporate Management Team; Audit Committee

**Implemented By: Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Service**

## **Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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**CAB 31/19**

### **Forecast Numbers of LAC**

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

The purpose of the report was to ensure Cabinet Members were fully sighted on the expectations from Welsh Government for Children's Services and the challenges this poses.

The report confirmed the First Minister for Wales has prioritised a reduction in the numbers of children who are looked after across Wales. The report focused on the required plan submitted to Welsh Government and the proposed actions to meet the expectation of a reduction. In addition the report highlighted the potential challenges this presents more widely across the Council.

The work outlined in the Reduction template appended to the report is part of the wider work of Children's Services which has been developed to support the delivery of the Council's Corporate Plan and is focused on:

Resilient Communities  
Aspirational People

The Corporate Plan sets out the meeting of the Well Being Objectives. "Supporting children to remain safely with their families" is within Well Being Objective 3 – to enable people to be healthy, independent and resilient.

#### **Decision:**

Cabinet welcomed the report

#### **Consultation**

Children's Services staff; Strategic Director for People; Cabinet Member for Social Services

**Implemented By: Head of Children and Young People Services**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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**CAB 32/19**

### **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**

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Signed: .....

Councillor Debbie Wilcox, Chair of the Cabinet

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