

# Decision Schedule

## Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

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### TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

#### Decision Schedule published on 24 July 2019

The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 23 July 2019. They will become effective at Noon on 31 July 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 30 July 2019.

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#### E&S 06/19

#### 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 was developed with stakeholders and public consultation on the draft strategy was undertaken between 11<sup>th</sup> February and 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019, and a consultation report is attached.

The 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 the strategy.

Following consultation some minor amendments have been made to the strategy which are summarised below:

- The physical inclusion theme and objectives have been changed to include the aim to improve provision for pupils with sensory impairments
- Reference to the Strategic Equality Plan, 2020 is included
- Reference added to an annual progress report being created and progress being subject monitoring and governance of the Strategic Equality Group.

## **Decision**

To approve the adoption of the Newport City Council Accessibility Strategy for Schools.

## **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: Chief Education Officer**  
**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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COUNCILLOR G GILES, CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION AND SKILLS

Date: 23 July 2019

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