

Decision Schedule

Cabinet Member for City Services

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decision on 22 October 2019. It will become effective at Noon on 30 October 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 29 October 2019.

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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Invasive Non Native Species (INNS) Policy and Action Plan

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

To outline the Council's approach to INNS including Japanese knotweed, Himalayan balsam and giant hogweed.

In recent years Japanese knotweed became a major issue with landowners and homeowners. As a landowner, the Council has a statutory responsibility to prevent the spread of invasive species, in particular Japanese knotweed. In accordance with best practice guidance and most up to date research, treatment of Japanese knotweed was most effective towards the end of summer when the plant was in full flower. The Council would spray/stem inject all Council owned sites between August-October with an approved herbicide. The Council mapped all of its Japanese knotweed sites and these would be treated in accordance with the policy and where finances allowed. On larger sites where treatment may prove to be ineffective, such as along watercourses the perimeter of the site would be treated to prevent the spread to neighbouring properties in line with its duty as landowner.

Decision

To formally policy and action plan as outlined within the report.

Consultation

Head of Law and Regulation (Monitoring Officer), Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change.

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 City Services

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

COUNCILLOR R JEAUVONS, CABINET MEMBER FOR STREETSCENE

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