

# Decision Schedule



## Cabinet Member for Assets Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development

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TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

### Decision Schedule published on 19 December 2019

Installation works (requiring signed lease agreements) were due to start on the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2019. Due to the creation of new Cabinet Member portfolio's and Cabinet Member availability, the initial Cabinet Member report submission date of the 16<sup>th</sup> of December was extended to the 19<sup>th</sup> of December to facilitate a joint briefing including the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development. This extension meant that the standard consultation period (originally planned to start on the 16<sup>th</sup> and to complete on the 31<sup>st</sup>) would not finish until after the planned installation start date, causing delays and additional costs to the programme. Delays would lead to some installations not being completed by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2020 meaning that the Council would see reduced revenue benefit from the scheme over the 20 year period.

**The decision is not subject to the 'Call-in- Process.**

In accordance with Standing Order 24 – Urgent Matters, this matter will be forwarded to the Audit Committee.

In accordance Reports relating to staffing issues/Confidential reports were not circulated to all members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

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**A/SD 10/19**

### **Provision of renewable electricity to Newport City Council via community owned roof-mounted solar panels**

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

To gain approval to commit to 21 year roof space leases on up to 24 sites to facilitate the installation of the solar panels that deliver carbon savings, revenue savings and educational benefits.

A Welsh community energy group (Egni Co-op) had offered Newport City Council free solar panel installations and renewable electricity supply at up to 25% below our current contract rates for the solar power output for the next 20 years.

The offer was to install solar panels on 24 sites including 19 schools (please see full list at the end of this document). This would increase Newport Council's renewable energy installations from 100kW to 1900kW in capacity. The scheme would be a significant contribution towards achieving carbon neutral by 2030.

The full business case was submitted to the Capital Strategy Asset Management Group (CSAMG) and approved in November 2019. In order to proceed with this opportunity a 21-year lease of specific rooftop needed to be agreed between Newport City Council as the Landlord and Egni Co-

op as the Tenant. As the leases were over seven years in length, Cabinet Member approval was required.

**Decision**

To agree the leases and proceed with the Capital Strategy Asset Management Group (CSAMG) approved scheme

**Consultation**

Head of Finance, Head of Law and Regulation, Head of Regeneration, Investment & Housing

**Implemented By: Head of Regeneration, Investment and Housing**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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Date: 19 December 2019

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