

# Decision Schedule



## Cabinet

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### TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

#### Decision Schedule published on 7 April 2021

The Chair of Cabinet Member took the following decision on 7 April 2021. The decision will become effective at Noon on 15 April 2021 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 14 April 2021.

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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#### Leader 23/21

#### Outcomes 2019/2020: Foundation Phase, Key Stages 2-5

##### Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

In response to the Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic, the Welsh Government cancelled all statutory data collections that would have been due to take place in Summer 2020. This was initially announced in the Minister for Education's written statements on 18 March 2020 and 3 July 2020 and enacted in the Relaxation of School Reporting Requirements (Wales) (Coronavirus) Regulations 2020. The latest update was included as Appendix 1: Welsh Government: School Performance Reporting Arrangements Important Update (10 August 2020).

#### **Foundation Phase, Key Stage 2, Key Stage 3**

The School Performance Information (Wales) Regulations 2011 was amended to remove the duties on governing bodies and local authorities to provide data to local authorities and Welsh Ministers, respectively, on teacher assessment outcomes and authorised or unauthorised absence for the pupils registered at schools in the 2019/20 school year.

This meant that no end of phase / key stage data was submitted. No data was therefore available for this report. Many schools made their own internal assessments of learners, but these were undertaken 'virtually' with no moderation processes, therefore even if submitted, they would not be suitable for any form of meaningful analysis.

#### **Key Stage 4 and Key Stage 5**

Due to the cancellation of summer 2020 GCSE, AS and A level examinations, the Welsh Government would not be reporting on school performance measures for 2019/20 or providing All Wales Core Data Sets. Following the provision of this year's centre estimated grades by schools, the school performance information regulations were dis-applied to remove the requirements for the usual flows of performance data between head teachers, governing bodies, local authorities and the Welsh Government. This meant that schools and governing bodies should not include school performance measures in any published report. It would not be appropriate to make year-on-year comparisons of this information or consider it as part of trend data in inspection and accountability activities.

## **Decision**

That Cabinet acknowledged the position regarding pupil performance.

## **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change

**Implemented by: Chief Education Officer**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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## **Leader 24/21**

### **EAS Business Plan**

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

The EAS is required to submit an annual overarching regional Business Plan on an annual basis. This report asks for members to consider the full contents of the EAS Business Plan. This document contains the main priorities that the EAS believe will be relevant to focus upon in the next iteration of the regional Business Plan for 2021-2022.

## **Decision**

That Cabinet Members were requested to:

- Ensure that the Business Plan enables appropriate support and challenge for schools and that it addressed the areas for improvement identified within Newport's Education Strategic Plan; and
- Approve the EAS Business Plan 2021-2022

## **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change

**Implemented by: Chief Education Officer**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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## **Leader 25/21**

### **Replacement Local Development Plan: Post Consultation Endorsement of Review Report and Delivery Agreement**

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

The Review Report (RR) was a key part of the evidence base. In summary, it set out the key legislative, national and policy changes that occurred since the adoption of the LDP in 2015 and included an assessment of the current LDP to evaluate what policies were working and which policies may need review.

The Delivery Agreement (DA) comprised two key elements. A timetable setting out how the Council would manage the programme for preparing the LDP, and the Community Involvement Scheme (CIS) which set out who, when and how the Council would consult and engage during the production of the LDP.

Following Cabinet's decision to progress with a review of the LDP, a Review Report (RR) and Delivery Agreement (DA), required by Regulations, was drafted and made available for public consultation during January – March 2021. Recommended responses to the feedback and suggested amendments to the documents were collated for approval. Once these documents were endorsed by Cabinet, the next stage was to report them to Full Council for consideration and agreement that they could be formally submitted to Welsh Government. The formal submission of these documents to Welsh Government was a Full Council decision as this triggered the legal commencement of the LDP review.

### **Decision**

That Cabinet:

- Considered and approved the recommended responses to the feedback received during consultation and endorse the updated versions of the Review Report and Delivery Agreement.
- Agreed that these documents to be reported to Full Council with the intention of seeking approval for formal submission to Welsh Government. Following submission, Welsh Government approval of the Delivery Agreement would then mark the legal commencement of the LDP review.

### **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change

**Implemented by: Acting Head of Regeneration, Investment and Housing**  
**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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**Leader 26/21**

### **Anti Fraud Bribery Corruption**

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

It was important for the Council to have an up to date and relevant Anti fraud, bribery and corruption policy statement in order to deter such activity within the organisation and with our partner organisations, to deal with any allegations appropriately and to strengthen overall governance arrangements. This was the first revision of this statement for a number of years.

The Council's Audit Committee agreed to note and endorse the Anti-fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy Statement and recommend to be formally approved by Cabinet.

### **Decision**

That Cabinet:

Approved the Policy following submission to, and comments from, the Council's Audit Committee.

### **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change

**Implemented by: Head of Finance, Chief Internal Audit Officer**  
**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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## **Leader 27/21**

### **Code of Corporate Governance**

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

The Council was required to have an up to date and relevant Code of Corporate Governance. The Council's Annual Governance Statement was based on the Code of Corporate Governance. The Code was last revised in 2014 and approved by Cabinet. Newport City Council's Code of Corporate Governance was revised and updated to comply with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Society of Local Authority Chief Executives and Senior Managers (SOLACE)'s published good practice "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework 2016" and "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Guidance Notes for Welsh Authorities 2016". All of which embraced the elements of internal financial control required by the "Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom".

#### **Decision**

That Cabinet:

Approved the revised Code of Corporate Governance.

#### **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change

**Implemented by: Head of Finance, Chief Internal Auditor**  
**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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## **Leader 28/21**

### **Covid-19 Response and Recovery Update**

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

The Covid-19 health emergency was ongoing for over a year when Newport received its first reports in February 2020. This crisis impacted all communities and businesses across Newport as the City continued to adapt and respond to the necessary restrictions to minimise the spread of the virus. Newport Council's response was to ensure continuity of services with our strategic partners, support vulnerable residents across communities, support businesses and ensure the safety of staff. This report provided an overview of what action the Council had taken to date and the progress against the Strategic Recovery Aims.

Since the last Cabinet Report in March, restrictions were easing with the Council and its partners continuing to monitor the Covid-19 cases in the City through its role at the multi-agency Strategic Co-ordination Group (SCG), the Council's Emergency Response Team (Covid Gold) and liaison with Welsh Government (WG) and Public Health Wales partners.

#### **Decision**

That Cabinet considered the contents of the report and noted the progress being made to date and the risks that were still faced by the Council.

#### **Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change

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**Implemented by: Chief Executive and Head of People and Business Change**  
**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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**Leader 29/21**

**Post Brexit / Trade Agreement – Newport City Council**

**Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

Since the last report to Cabinet on 10 March 2021, the UK was operating under the new arrangements for over three months. In this period many business trading with the EU had to adapt to these new changes and there remained uncertainty over the medium to long term impact that these arrangements would have on the City's economy and also Newport Council.

For EU citizens living in Newport there were less than four months for people to apply for EU Settled Status before the 30 June 2021 deadline. The Council and its partners continued to promote and encourage people to apply before the deadline. In addition to this there were changes to the migration laws and a new points based system in place.

**Decision**

Cabinet considered the contents of the report and noted the Council's Brexit response.

**Consultation**

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change

**Implemented by: Chief Executive and Head of People and Business Change**  
**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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**Leader 30/21**

**Cabinet Work Programme**

**Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

The Leader presented the Cabinet Work Programme.

**Decision**

Cabinet agreed the Cabinet Work Programme.

**Consultation**

Senior Officers, Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People and Business Change.

**Implemented by: Governance Team Leader**  
**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR J MUDD

7 April 2021

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