

Decision Schedule

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 24 April 2020. They will become effective at Noon on 5 May 2020 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 4 May 2020.

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21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme – Programme and funding review

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Proposed changes to the 21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme would change the programme funding profile to increase the budget for Bassaleg School. This would enable an overall greater strategic benefit by removing an additional poor conditioned building. To accommodate the proposed increase in funding there was a requirement to remove three projects from the 21st Century Schools and Colleges Band B Programme.

Welsh Government's 21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme provided capital investment to improve education facilities. The second band of funding was agreed with the programme commencing in April 2019 and was expected to be completed by March 2024.

A Strategic Outline Programme was submitted in July 2017, which identified a list of proposed schools that would potentially receive capital investment from a funding envelope of £70M. The proposed schools had been determined by the Council's strategic aims, which were in line with those of the 21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme by reducing the number of poor condition schools and ensuring there were sufficient places available in Newport.

Priority projects were currently in the design phase that had highlighted the greater benefits that could be delivered if a greater level of funding could be provided for the project at Bassaleg School. There was no additional funding being requested, however the proposal would see a change in the programme where three proposals would be removed from the programme.

Decision

To agree an increase to the budget allocation within the 21st Century Schools and Colleges Programme for Bassaleg School and remove three projects from the programme.

Consultation

Head of Law and Regulation, Head of People and Business Change 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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Date: 24 April 2020

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