

Decision Schedule



Cabinet

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

Decision Schedule published on 5 May 2021

The Chair of Cabinet Member took the following decision on 5 May 2021. The decision will become effective at Noon on 13 May 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 12 May 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.

Leader 31/21

Policy Review: Compliments, Comments and Complaints and Unacceptable Actions by Complainants

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The purpose of this report was to ask Cabinet to review and endorse the updated policies concerning Compliments, Comments and Complaints (Appendix A), and Unacceptable Actions by Complainants (Appendix B). The Compliments, Comments and Complaints policy was based on the model document published by the Ombudsman under the Public Services Ombudsman (Wales) Act 2019, together with other legislative and statutory requirements specified under the amendments. These principles underpin the complaints handling process.

In light of the introduction of the updated policy it was also timely to ask Cabinet to review and endorse the provisions of the existing Policy for dealing with Unacceptable, Persistent or Unreasonable actions by Complainants.

Changes to existing policies were required to ensure that the policies remain relevant and reflect the latest statutory and legislative requirements. This would ensure that feedback from residents is dealt with appropriately and equitably.

Decision

That Cabinet were asked to review and endorse the proposed amendments to policies.

Consultation

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

Implemented by:

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 32/21

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 had 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 April, 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

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

Leader 33/21

Post Brexit / Trade Agreement – Newport City Council

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Since the last report to Cabinet on 7 April 2021, the UK and EU arrangements were in place for over four months and the UK and EU were still adapting to these new changes and there are many uncertainties on what the medium to long term impact(s) of these new arrangements would be for Newport and Wales.

The deadline for EU citizens to apply for EU Settled Status was getting closer with the 30 June deadline. The Council and its partners were promoting and supporting people through the process. However, it remained unknown how many people have not applied and what the outcomes could be for those who have not applied or unsuccessful after the deadline.

In March, the UK Government announced two subsidy schemes that would replace EU Structural Funding that many areas in South East Wales including Newport benefited from. These were outlined in the report and Newport Council would be submitting bids to access the funding.

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

Leader 34/21

Cabinet Work Programme

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Leader presented the Cabinet Work Programme.

Decision

Cabinet agreed the Cabinet Work Programme for June 2021 to June 2022

Consultation

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

Implemented by: Governance Team Leader
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR J MUDD

5 May 2021

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