

Decision Schedule



Cabinet

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

Decision Schedule published on 17 June 2021

The Chair of Cabinet Member took the following decision on 16 May 2021. The decision will become effective at Noon on 24 June 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 23 June 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 35/21

School Reorganisation Proposal to Expand Bassaleg School

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

This school reorganisation proposal was undertaken in accordance with the statutory School Organisation Code and included a period of formal consultation followed by the publication of a statutory notice for the required period of at least 28 days.

Two formal objections were received, and two other concerns raised, during the statutory notice stage, and therefore the final decision could not be determined by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills. Instead, Cabinet was required to act as the Local Determination Panel and take the final decision on implementation of this proposal.

Decision

Cabinet approved the school reorganisation proposal "to increase the overall capacity of Bassaleg School from 1747 to 2050 with effect from September 2023".

Consultation

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

Implemented by: Chief Education Officer

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 36/21

Corporate Risk Register Update (Quarter 4)

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Council's Corporate Risk Register monitored those risks that may prevent the Council from achieving its Corporate Plan or delivering services to its communities and service users in Newport.

At the end of quarter four, there were 19 risks recorded in the Corporate Risk Register that were considered to have a significant impact on the achievement of the Council's objectives and legal obligations. At the end of quarter there was one escalated risk from service area risk registers and no risks were closed. Overall, there were 11 Severe risks (risk scores 15 to 25); six Major risks (risk scores seven to 14); one Moderate risks (risk scores four to six); and one low risk that are outlined in the report.

As set out in the Council's Risk Management Policy, Cabinet reviewed the Corporate Risk Register on a quarterly basis ensuring procedures were in place to monitor the management of significant risks.

Decision

Cabinet considered the contents of the quarter three update of the Corporate Risk Register.

Consultation

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

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

Leader 37/21

Welsh Language Annual Report

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The council was required to report annually on its progress in complying with the Welsh Language Standards under the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011. The report covered the fifth year of implementation, following the imposition of the majority of the council's Welsh language standards in March 2016.

The report provided an overview of the Council's progress in meeting the Welsh Language Standards, included information required by law to be published on an annual basis, a summary of key achievements during the year, and priority areas for future work.

Decision

Cabinet approved the attached final monitoring report and published it on the Council's website, in accordance with statutory deadlines.

Consultation

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

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

Leader 38/21

Community Renewals Fund

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The UK Government announced the UK Community Renewal Fund in March, which was a precursor to the UK Shared Prosperity Fund that would come into effect from 2022 and replaced the EU Structural Funding.

Local authorities across the UK were invited to run an open competitive process to invite private, charity, not for profit and education organisations. Each local authority were able to submit £3m of applications to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government by noon 18 June 2021.

In April 2021, the Council launched an open invitation to organisations to submit applications. The Council received 11 applications, which in total came to £3.4million. A Panel Assessment of applications would take place week commencing 14 June to shortlist applications to be submitted to the UK Government by the deadline.

Decision

Cabinet endorsed the progress of work undertaken by Newport Council and recommended the shortlisted applications which would be submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

Consultation

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

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

Leader 39/21

Levelling Up Fund

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The UK Government launched a £4.8 billion Levelling Up Fund aimed at levelling up communities across the UK. This was a competitive bidding process and up to £20m of capital funding was available for regeneration and cultural investment schemes, and a maximum of £50m for transport investments. The deadline for the submission of bids in the current round was 18 June 2021. Subsequent bidding rounds would be available going forward and funding was available until 2024/25.

The City Centre Master Plan was adopted in January 2019, this identified three areas of focus in the City Centre. The Northern Gateway encompassed the area around the train station and extended to High Street, Bridge Street and parts of Upper Dock Street. A particular area of focus for regeneration was the area around the entrance to the train station. As a mainline station this was a key gateway into the City Centre. However, the public realm in this area warranted further enhancement in order to both welcome and clearly direct people into the core of the City Centre.

It was therefore recommended that Newport City Council submitted a bid to UK Government for up to £20m of funding to support Placemaking and investment opportunities in the Northern Gateway area and the improvement of public realm in the Queensway, Cambrian Road and Bridge Street area. The gateway area into the City Centre from the train station should be fit for purpose and reflective of the quality of place we were trying to achieve for our visitors and residents.

Decision

Cabinet approved the submission of a Levelling Up Funding bid for the Northern Gateway area of the City Centre.

Consultation

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

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

Leader 40/21

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 41/21

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 42/21

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

17 June 2021

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