

Decision Schedule



Cabinet

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

Decision Schedule published on 13 October 2021

The Chair of Cabinet Member took the following decision on 13 October 2021. The decision will become effective at Noon on 21 October 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 20 October 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 58/21

Corporate Annual Report 2020/21

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

This was the fourth Annual Report on the delivery against the Corporate Plan 2017-22 'Improving People's Lives'. This report reflected back on the progress made against the delivery of its four Well-being Objectives: To Improve skills, education and employment opportunities; Promote economic growth and regeneration whilst protecting the environment; Enable people to be healthy, independent and resilient; and to build cohesive and sustainable communities. These Well-being objectives contributed towards the overall delivery of the Well-being of Future Generations Act and the Public Services Board Well-being Plan 2018-23.

In 2020/21 Newport Council also had four Strategic Recovery Aims to support the City's and Council response / recovery from the Covid-19 pandemic. These Aims focused on employment and education; economic and environmental recovery; well-being and health of people and safeguarding the most vulnerable residents in the city; and provide people and communities with the opportunities to move out of the crisis. This report reflected back on the progress made against these aims and how the Council alongside its strategic partners and communities responded to crisis.

This report highlighted the achievements made by the Council in the year including: the continuing improvement to household recycling; launch of the Council's first electric refuse collection vehicle; ongoing regeneration of the City Centre including the redevelopment of Market Arcade and Newport Market; success in achievement of pupils and schools in GCSE and A Level exams, and the continuing support for residents and businesses of Newport through the pandemic. This report also raised the challenges that the City was now facing, most particularly with the demand for adult and children social care; the ongoing sustainability of the environment; the need to become net zero carbon neutral by 2030; and increasing demand for secure and affordable housing for residents.

Following the endorsement of the annual report by Cabinet, the Report would be published online.

Decision

That Cabinet was asked to endorse the Annual Report 2020/21 and enable the report to be published by the 31 October 2021.

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 59/21

Replacement Local Development Plan

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Replacement Local Development Plan (RLDP) had undertaken its first formal stages – the Call for Candidate Sites and consultation on the draft Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) Scoping Report. Sustainable development was at the heart of the development plan process and to ensure that the RLDP maximised its contribution to achieving this, an Integrated Sustainability Appraisal (ISA) is undertaken.

There were legislative requirements to undertake such assessments which included equality, language, health and well-being assessments. There were five key stages to an ISA and the initial 'scoping' stage was drafted and made available for public comment. The scoping stage was largely an evidence gathering stage, providing a thorough understanding of the current economic, social, environmental and cultural well-being context to gather baseline data to identify and focus on the significant issues in the area. From this baseline, 10 themes along with 15 objectives were developed which formed the framework to assess the effects of the plan policies and proposals. It was imperative that the Council was satisfied that the Scoping Report captured all the significant issues facing Newport and agree with the assessment framework which would be used to assess all future aspects of the RLDP.

Decision

That Cabinet:

1. Noted and considered the consultation comments received on the ISA Report along with the proposed officer responses.
2. Approved the ISA Framework and the ISA Report (updated post consultation).
3. Agreed that officers could start engaging with stakeholders in order to prepare a draft Vision and Objectives for Newport plus growth options for the plan period. (Proposals and feedback would then be returned to Cabinet for consideration).

Consultation

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

Implemented by: Acting Head of Regeneration, Investment and Housing

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 60/21

Strategic Equality Plan Annual Report 2019/20

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Under the Equality Act (2010) the Council was required to report annually on the progress it made against the 6 Strategic Equality Objectives contained within its Strategic Equality Plan. The Equality Act also required Local Authorities to publish staff equalities data, which the report also contained.

This report was the first final Annual Report on progress towards meeting Equality Objectives set out in the Authority's third four year Strategic Equality Plan (SEP), as approved by Council in July 2020.

Decision

That Cabinet approved the attached final monitoring report prior to discussion at Council in November.

Consultation

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

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

Leader 61/21

Covid-19 Response and Recovery Update

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The UK and Wales was now into its 20th month (since February 2020) of the Covid-19 pandemic. During this time, the crisis had impacted all communities, businesses and services delivered by the Council and partners across Newport. Newport as a city had to adapt and respond as necessary to the restrictions to minimise the spread of the virus. The Council's priority was to ensure the continuity of services with our strategic partners, supporting the most vulnerable residents, support businesses and ensure the safety of staff and customers. The report provided an overview of what action the Council had taken to date progress against its Strategic Recovery aims and Wellbeing Objectives.

Since the last Cabinet report in September, Wales and the region continued to see positive Covid cases increase but hospital admissions remained lower in comparison to last year and the winter period. As the city and the Council entered into the autumn and winter period, there was likely to be further increase with the case rate which would have an impact on the hospital admissions. The focus over the autumn would be to get the over 50s, vulnerable and health and social care workers boosters alongside vaccinating 12 to 15 year olds across secondary school settings.

Decision

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

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 62/21

Post Brexit / Trade Agreement – Newport City Council

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The UK-EU trade arrangement was in place for 10 months. With the impacts of the global restrictions to manage the Covid pandemic and the implementation of the new UK-EU Trade arrangements the UK had seen a number of economic sectors citing these impacts where there had been issues in the availability and cost of goods and materials. The public sector including Newport Council was monitoring closely how wider economic impacts were affecting delivery of services, large scale projects and communities in the short term and the long term.

Since the deadline (30 June) passed for EU citizens to submit their applications for EU Settled Status Home Office statistics (up to 30 June 2021) indicated 10,990 applications were made by citizens in Newport. 9,680 applications were concluded with 5,410 granted settled status and 3,620 granted pre-settled status. 1,310 applications were awaiting a decision not including applications received after the deadline.

Decision

That Cabinet considered the contents of the report and note 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 63/21

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

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR J MUDD

13 October 2021

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