

Decision Schedule



Cabinet

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

Decision Schedule published on 6 April 2022

The Chair of Cabinet Member took the following decision on 6 April 2022. The decision will become effective at Noon on 14 April 2022, 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 13 April 2022.

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 26/22

Pay and Reward Statement

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Localism Act 2011 required English and Welsh local authorities to produce a "pay policy statement" on an annual basis. The legislation outlined a number of statutory requirements which must be included in any pay policy statement.

The Pay and Reward Policy outlined the current position in respect of pay and reward within the Council. It will be reviewed and reported to Council on an annual basis to ensure it met the principles of fairness, equality, accountability and value for money for the authority and its residents.

The Pay and Reward Policy 2022/23 was reviewed and no changes were proposed this year. This statement would come into immediate effect once fully endorsed by Council.

Decision

Cabinet approved the Pay and Reward Policy in order to meet the statutory requirement for a pay policy statement to be approved and published by Council on an annual basis.

Consultation

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

Implemented by: Chief Executive/Head of People, Policy and Transformation

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 27/22

National Collaborative Welsh Adopting/Fostering Services

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The report provided the background and legal framework to the National Adoption Service in Wales. Foster Wales was driving forward Local Authority fostering services with a national brand with the support of all Local Authorities, the WLGA and Welsh Government. The changes proposed would ensure effective governance for Foster Wales whilst minimising costs and avoiding duplication.

Decision

Cabinet signed the Joint Committee Agreement.

Consultation

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

Implemented by: Strategic Director – Social Services, Head of Children Services

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 28/22

Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 – Corporate Self Assessment

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 required local authorities in Wales to undertake a Self-Assessment of its governance and performance.

Following Welsh Government guidance, and feedback from the Council's Governance and Audit Committee, it was proposed that the Council would integrate its Self-Assessment into the Council's Annual Corporate Report. Through integrating the Self-Assessment into this Annual Report, the Council would be able consider the findings and assessments completed through its other statutory annual reports. The new Annual report would enable the Council to reflect on where it performed well and where further improvements could be made. An action plan to improve governance and performance would be monitored and reported by the Council.

The Report would continue to be subject to scrutiny review by the Council's Overview Management Scrutiny Committee and would now consider feedback from the Governance and Audit Committee. The final report would be published in Welsh and English following the Cabinet's approval in Quarter Two of 22/23.

Decision

Cabinet approved the proposed approach outlined in this report and for the first Self-assessment to be completed as part of the Council's Corporate Annual Report 2021/22.

Consultation

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

Implemented by: Strategic Director – Transformation and Corporate, Head of Law and Standards, Head of People, Policy and Transformation
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 29/22

Covid 19 – Response and Recovery Update

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Following March update to Cabinet, Wales remained at Alert Level 0 with further eased restrictions to reflect the falling case rate across Wales. In Newport and Gwent, the case rate across the community was also reducing, although Covid continued to be prevalent. The Welsh Government advice remained to self-isolate and to wear face coverings indoors and on public transport, however on the 28 of March all remaining restrictions may come to an end if the current public health situation remained.

Newport Council would carry on monitoring the situation whilst services continued to see disruption and ongoing demand on front line services. Newport Council continued to follow Welsh Government's guidance for staff to work from home unless it was required for their role.

Decision

Cabinet considered and noted the contents of the report and would receive updates from officers as part of their portfolio.

Consultation

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

Implemented by: Chief Executive and Head of People, Policy and Transformation
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 30/22

Post EU Transition (Brexit) Update for Newport City Council

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Since the UK left the European Union in December 2020 the UK and Wales was adjusting to the trade arrangements and reacting to the wider global economic impacts and Covid restrictions.

In the last month the global economic challenges and uncertainty continued to put pressure on households and businesses as costs continue rise. The cost-of-living increases were not just affecting low-income households but also middle-income households as food, fuel and energy costs were increasing but salaries were not keeping pace.

Newport Council was implementing the Welsh Government's £150 Council Tax rebate for properties in bands A to D). The Council would also be supporting businesses with rate relief in the city. Funding continued to be provided to local food banks / groups to support the city's most vulnerable households.

There continued to be support provided to the city's EU/EAA communities with late EU Settlement Scheme applications and advice around rights and entitlements. Newport Council was also preparing to support Ukrainian refugees and was offering support to the Ukrainian families living

and working in Newport. We also recognised the impact that the conflict in the Ukraine is having on our wider EU communities, many of whom have links to neighbouring countries who were also affected.

Decision

Cabinet considered and noted the contents of the report and would receive updates from officers as part of their portfolio.

Consultation

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

Implemented by: Chief Executive and Head of People, Policy and Transformation
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 31/22

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

6 April 2022

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