

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 5 July 2021. They will become effective at Noon on 13 July 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 July 2021.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via [Democratic Services](#).

Reports relating to staffing issues/Confidential reports are not circulated to all members of the Council as part of the consultation/call-in processes.

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Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) Commercial Agreement for Employment and Health Related Services (CAEHRS) Framework – Restart Scheme

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The new £2.9 billion DWP Restart scheme announced at the Spending Review on 25 November 2020, would give Universal Credit claimants who were out of work for at least 12 months, enhanced support to find jobs in their local area.

Restart would break down employment barriers holding them back from finding work. Providers would work with employers, local government and other partners to deliver tailored support for individuals. The scheme would provide up to 12 months of tailored support for each participant.

Prior to the Restart contract for Wales being awarded in April 2021, Newport City Council agreed sub-contractor offers from all shortlisted "prime contractors" on the framework in Wales. The offers from the primes varied from 9% of the Wales total delivery to 3%.

The successful provider was announced on 13 April 2021 as Serco. There would follow a nine-week implementation process that would include staff recruitment and training for the dedicated Restart information system.

The report set out the financial benefit, staffing and business support requirements for the contract with Serco. This project would operate for the next four and half years.

'Go Live' was expected to commence in July 2021.

Decision

That the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills approved participation in the project and for Newport City Council to undertake the subcontractor role to Serco – the prime contractor for Wales.

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

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