

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 29 July 2021. It will take immediate effect. Progressing this report was delayed due to competing pressure placed on officers across various service areas whilst responding to the ongoing demands of the Covid-19 pandemic. Whilst the report was complete and ready to progress, an urgent decision was considered appropriate given the relative close proximity of the new academic year and the need to provide assurances to learners, parents / carers and schools around travel arrangements for Post-16 students from September 2021. An urgent decision would enable the Passenger Transport Team to receive and process applications immediately so that learners could receive confirmation of transport arrangements in good time before the start of the new academic year.

The decision is not subject to the 'Call-in- Process.

In accordance with Standing Order 24 - Urgent Matters, this matter will be forwarded to the Governance and Audit Committee.

In accordance 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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Post-16 Home to School Transport Costs 2021/22

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

In June 2015, a decision was taken by the then Cabinet Member for Education and Young People to suspend a proposed increase to the charges for Post-16 Transport Costs on contracted services and instead set the fee at £370 per academic year in line with the cost of a season ticket on the local bus network.

Since this date, an annual report had been brought forward to consider charges for the forthcoming academic year, with no increases being levied. As a result, the level of charges remained unchanged since June 2015, and as a result there had been no reduction in the subsidy paid by the Council for this service.

Decision

The Cabinet Member for Education and Skills agreed that the current level of charges should be maintained for the 2021/22 academic year.

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: Chief Education Officer
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

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