

Agenda



Newport City Council

Date: Tuesday, 25 April 2023
Time: 5.00 pm
Venue: Hybrid / Council Chambers
To: **All Members of the City Council**

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Item	Wards Affected
1. <u>Preliminaries</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. To receive any apologies for absence.ii. To receive any declarations of interest.iii. To receive any announcements by the Presiding Member.	
2. <u>Minutes (Pages 5 - 32)</u> To confirm and sign the minutes of the last meeting.	
3. <u>Appointments (Pages 33 - 36)</u> To consider any proposed appointments.	
4. <u>Police Issues</u> 30 minutes is allocated for questions to the Gwent Police representative.	
5. <u>Notice of Motion: City of Sanctuary</u> This Council is concerned by the UK government's illegal immigration bill which proposes to detain and later remove anyone who arrives in the UK on a small boat, meaning the Home Office will not consider any of their Asylum claims regardless of	

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whether they have fled war or persecution for being a minority.

These people seeking sanctuary will then be deported back to the country they have fled from or a 'safe' third country. This third country could be Rwanda or another country deemed safe by UK Government but which may have a questionable record on human rights. The likely effect of this legislation will be to punish the most vulnerable people from across the world.

Questions have been raised surrounding the legality of the Bill and whether it is compliant with the European Convention on Human Rights (ECHR) and consistent with the 1951 Refugees Convention. The Prime Minister has also stated in writing that if you come to the UK illegally "You can't benefit from our modern slavery protections".

This Council also notes the language which has been used to support this Bill, which has the potential to cultivate and provide a platform for a culture of abuse, racism and even violence against refugees and minorities.

As an experienced dispersal area this council has made a firm commitment in our Corporate Plan to establish Newport as a City of Sanctuary. This Council and the people of Newport have welcomed and accepted refugees and asylum seekers. We have a proud history of integration and inclusion. Our city is a more interesting, diverse and tolerant city because of this.

This Council calls in to question the action of the UK Government in bringing forward this legislation, and calls upon the prime minister and his ministers to withdraw these proposals.

We call upon the Leader of Council to write to the prime minister in the strongest possible terms to outline our concerns.

We would also request the Leader of the council commits to ensuring that Newport City Council gives full support to all partners and stakeholders in Newport currently working towards City of Sanctuary status.

The Motion is to be proposed by Councillor Stowell-Corten and seconded by Councillor Clarke.

6. Pay and Reward Statement (Pages 37 - 68)
7. Participation Strategy: Ward Meetings (Pages 69 - 78)
8. Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22 (Pages 79 - 98)
9. Questions to the Leader of the Council
To provide an opportunity for Councillors to ask questions to the Leader of the Council in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders.

Process:

No more than 15 minutes will be allocated at the Council meeting for

questions to the Leader of the Council.

The question must be addressed through the Mayor or the person presiding at the meeting and not directly to the person being questioned.

10. Questions to the Cabinet Members

To provide an opportunity to pose questions to Cabinet Members in line with Standing Orders.

Process:

No more than 10 minutes will be allocated at the Council meeting for questions to each Cabinet Member.

Members must submit their proposed questions in writing in advance in accordance with Standing Orders. If members are unable to ask their question orally within the allocated time, remaining questions will be answered in writing. The question and response will be appended to the minutes.

The question must be addressed through the Mayor or the person presiding at the meeting and not directly to the person being questioned.

Questions will be posed to Cabinet Members in the following order:

- i. Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Education and Early Years
- ii. Cabinet Member for Community and Wellbeing
- iii. Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning, Regulation and Housing
- iv. Cabinet Member for Social Services
- v. Cabinet Member for Organisational Transformation
- vi. Cabinet Member for Climate Change and Bio-Diversity
- vii. Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Assets

11. Questions to the Chairs of Committees

To provide an opportunity to pose questions to the Chairs of the Committees in line with Standing Orders.

Process:

No more than 10 minutes will be allocated at the Council meeting for questions to each Chair.

Members must submit their proposed questions in writing in advance in accordance with Standing Orders. If members are unable to ask their question orally within the allocated time, remaining questions will be answered in writing. The question and response will be appended to the minutes.

The question must be addressed through the Mayor or the person presiding at the meeting and not directly to the person being questioned.

Questions will be posed to Committee Chairs in the following order:

- i. Scrutiny Committees

- a. Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
- b. Performance Scrutiny Committee – People
- c. Performance Scrutiny Committee – Place and Corporate
- d. Performance Scrutiny Committee – Partnerships
- ii. Planning Committee
- iii. Licensing Committee
- iv. Democratic Services Committee

For information:

A digest of recent decision schedules issued by Cabinet, Cabinet Members and Minutes of recent meetings of Committees has been circulated electronically to all Members of the Council.

12. [Webcast of Council Council Meeting, 25 April 2023 - YouTube](#)