

Decision Schedule



Cabinet

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Chair of Cabinet Member took the following decision on 10 May 2023. The decision will become effective at Noon on 18 May, 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 17 May 2023.

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 20/23

UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Local Investment Programme Update

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) programme was introduced by the UK Government to replace previous regional funding received from the European Union. It was a tripartite fund focused on three core priorities – Community and Place, Supporting Local Business, and People and Skills. There was also an allied and separate allocation to support adult numeracy called 'Multiply'.

The quantum of investment Newport would receive was significant. The core allocation was £27m with an additional £5.4m to invest via Multiply. The 10 Local Authorities in the Cardiff Capital Region (CCR) have a combined conditional allocation of £230,432,573 and £48,100,003 for Multiply. The allocation for the whole of the Cardiff Capital Region was administered on behalf of the UK Government by Rhondda Cynon Taff County Borough Council (the Lead Authority), with all funding claimed down quarterly in arrears.

Following public consultation, local priorities for investment in Newport between the three priority themes have been identified. The Multiply allocation was fixed and therefore did not form part of the consultation.

There was significant mobilisation delays created by UK Government over the last 12 months, but the Lead Authority achieved a formal agreement with the Department of Levelling Up Housing and Communities regarding the Cardiff Regional Investment Plan. Importantly the Lead Authority reached an agreement regarding reporting, compliance, and programme governance expectations with UK Government. With this milestone, it was sufficiently felt to therefore recommend that Cabinet endorsed the following proposals.

Decision

Cabinet:

1. Endorsed the delivery to date in the first year of SPF solely relating to 2022/2023,
2. Approved the proposed administration and governance arrangements.

3. Endorsed the proposed Newport Local Investment Plan comprising a comprehensive range of SPF-funded projects for years 2 and 3. Noting expected outputs and outcomes for the City and authorising the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development and Head of Finance to claim relevant funding from the Lead Authority.
4. Delegated the authority to the internal SPF Board, chaired by the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Economic Growth and Strategic Investment, to agree specific projects under each of the three SPF priorities and multiply, recalibrate and realign as necessary in order to achieve outputs and outcomes against SPF interventions.
5. Delegated the authority to the Head of Law and Standards to prepare, complete and execute the required legal documentation to enable third party suppliers/providers to be appointed for internal and externally commissioned projects, and to provide grants to third party applicants.
6. Authorised the SPF Board to operate within the suggested financial framework in order to manage the financial risk associated with the SPF programme.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People, Policy and Transformation

Implemented by: Head of Regeneration and Economic Development
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 21/23

Pillgwenlly Master Plan – Strong, Not Wrong

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Pillgwenlly Master Planning process was commissioned through the governance of the One Newport Partnership as a result of the on-going challenges for the community of Pill. The Master Planning process was community led, following a comprehensive engagement programme and represented the ambitions of the residents and businesses of Pill.

One Newport approved the final document and now commended this to each partner organisation. Partner organisations were asked to approve the strategic intention of the Master Plan. This was not a commitment to financial investment, it was a commitment that asked partners to align their decision making regarding services and/or developments within the Pill area with the aspirations and ambitions of the Master Plan and that the Council remained committed to utilising its resources in Pill in a way that best supported these ambitions, identified to tackle the challenges faced by the community.

It would be critical that Partner agencies continued to work together to access grants, private and public funding to realise the ambitions of the Master Plan.

Decision

Cabinet agreed to adopt the Master Plan as the key, strategic driver for decision making and service delivery within the Pillgwenlly Ward and tasked Officers to continue to work with Partners to identify and access external funding to deliver on the Master Plan.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People, Policy and Transformation

**Implemented by: Strategic Director Transformation and Corporate
Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

Leader 22/23

Newport City Council Response to External Pressures Impacting Council Services

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The report provided an update on the cost-of-living crisis, which were the main external pressures faced by residents, communities, and services during this month.

Collaboration and partnership working was key to supporting our citizens and therefore the report provided information on how this way of working was enabling a greater access for Newport residents to support, advice and guidance.

Decision

Cabinet considered the contents of the report on the Council's activity to respond to the external factors on Newport's communities, businesses, and council services.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Head of Finance, Head of People, Policy and Transformation

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

Leader 23/23

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, Policy and Transformation

**Implemented by: Governance Team Leader
Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR J MUDD

10 May 2023

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