

# Decision Schedule



## Cabinet

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### TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

#### Decision Schedule published on 28 April 2022

The Chair of Cabinet Member took the following decision on 28 April 2022. The decision will become effective at Noon on 9 May 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 6 May 2022.

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#### Leader 32/22

#### Transporter Bridge Funding Uplift

##### Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Two main contractors engaged to repair the Transporter Bridge and build the new visitor centre followed each other into administration in July 2021. The two packages of work were subsequently retendered and reflecting worsening market conditions to the effects of the pandemic and EU exit, the tendering exercise returned prices higher than those previously received. The visitor centre costs showed an increase of around 18%, but the Bridge repair package price increased by 100% from £4,668,243 to £9,342,010. A value engineering exercise was carried out and savings made, nevertheless the project faces a considerable increase in cost.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) were sympathetic to the project's plight and encouraged an application for an uplift in funding. The timetable for this application process was very compressed with a submission made in February. At the UK lottery board on 29 March 2022 an uplift of just under £2m was confirmed. As it stood the funding shortfall was just under £3 million. Additional funding was being sought from other partners but this was not confirmed to date. If this project was to proceed, it was necessary for the Council to underwrite this figure. There was an urgent need for a decision as contractors would not hold their prices indefinitely and any further re-tendering exercise was expected to see further increases in price.

##### Decision

To agree to accept the additional funding award of £1.95m from NHLF and for the Council to underwrite the remaining figure of £2.922 million in line with the solution shown in the financial summary and the Head of Finance commentary.

##### 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**

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LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR J MUDD

28 April 2022

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