

Decision Schedule



Cabinet

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Chair of Cabinet Member took the following decision on 14 June 2023. The decision will become effective at Noon on 22 June, 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 22 June 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 24/23

Annual Report of the Director of Social Services

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 laid out the statutory framework for the presentation of an annual report on the work of Social Services. The format and nature of the report was determined by Welsh Government with a requirement for the report to be submitted to both Welsh Government and Care Inspectorate Wales. This was the Annual Report of the Director of Social Services for 2022/23.

Decision

Cabinet:

1. Noted the annual report of the Director of Social Services.
2. Commented on the content of the annual report of the Director of Social Services.

Consultation

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

Implemented by: Strategic Director – Social Services

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 25/23

Annual Safeguarding Report (Interim) of the Head of Corporate Safeguarding

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

This was the Head of Corporate Safeguarding's evaluation of 2022/23 performance for the Local Authority. This Corporate Safeguarding Policy provided a framework for every Service within the Council setting out responsibilities in relation to safeguarding and protecting children and adults at

risk. It laid out the methods by which the Council would be assured that it was fulfilling its duties and that effective practices were in place to support individuals to live their life free from harm, abuse and neglect. It also provided information on future developments and proposed improvements to measuring performance and data collection for benchmarking progress and improvement.

Decision

Cabinet received the Annual Safeguarding (Interim) report by the Head of Corporate Safeguarding.

Consultation

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

Implemented by: Head of Corporate Safeguarding
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 26/23

Treasury Management Outturn Report – 2022/23

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

In line with the agreed Treasury Management Strategy, the Council continued to be both a short-term investor of cash and borrower to manage day-to-day cash flows. Current forecasts indicated that, in the future, temporary borrowing may be required to fund normal day-to-day cash flow activities and longer-term borrowing would increase to fund commitments in the current capital programme, as well as the impact of reduced capacity for 'internal borrowing'.

The Authority also invested in three covered bonds within 2022-23, totaling £10m, in line with the Council's Treasury Management Strategy, which stated that the Council would consider long term investments of up to £10m.

During the year, the Council's total borrowing reduced from £142.1m to £138.6m and total investments reduced from £58.3m to £47.2m, meaning overall the Council net borrowing increased by £7.6m to £91.4m as of the 31 March 2023.

The report confirmed that all prudential indicators were complied with during 2022/23.

The approach required by statute was quite prescriptive, such that there were not many choices/options. This report was a regular half yearly event. The Governance and Audit Committee acted as the main scrutiny mechanism before a similar report was received by Cabinet/Council. The approach remained unchanged in advocating that Cabinet noted the contents of the report in relation to Treasury activities and indicators and provided endorsement or feedback pertinent to add to the final Council report.

Decision

To note the report on treasury management activities for the period 2022-23 and provide comments to Council.

Consultation

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

Implemented by: Head of People, Policy and Transformation

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 27/23

Newport City Council Response to External Pressures Impacting Council Services

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

This report provided an update on the external pressures facing the council including the cost-of-living crisis, which was the main external pressure faced by our residents, communities, and services during this month.

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

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

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

Implemented by: Head of People, Policy and Transformation

Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Leader 28/23

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

14 June 2023
