

# Decision Schedule



## Cabinet

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**TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL**

**Decision Schedule published on 18 October 2023**

The Chair of Cabinet Member took the following decision on 18 October 2023. The decision will become effective at Noon on 26 October, 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 25 September 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.

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**Leader 42/23**

### **Regional Partnership Board**

#### **Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

The Social Services and Wellbeing (Wales) Act 2014 laid out the statutory framework for the presentation of the area plan and an annual report on the work of the Regional Partnership Board. The format and nature of the report was determined by Welsh Government with a requirement for submission to the statutory partners and Welsh Government.

There were thus two elements within this item the Area Plan and the Annual Report.

While the Area Plan was a forward-looking document, the Annual Report was a reflection of the work of the past year.

#### **Decision**

Cabinet:

1. Considered the joint regional commitments within the Area Plan.
2. Reviewed the RPB Annual Report and progress made against the objectives; and provide any feedback/comments.

#### **Consultation**

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

**Implemented by: Head of Finance**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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**Leader 43/23**

### **Bassaleg Bridge**

#### **Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

Bassaleg Bridge connected Caerphilly Road to a small residential development known as Forge Mews, located east of the River Ebbw at Bassaleg. The bridge also facilitated pedestrian movements in the locality including learners at Bassaleg Comprehensive School. The bridge also carried multiple utility services with other utility services in close proximity.

The bridge suffered significant scour damage undermining its support resulting in an emergency closure in August 2021. Following initial closure, works to stabilise the structure were completed in September 2021, which allowed the reopening of the bridge to pedestrians, with the associated implementation of a monitoring system to detect any movement to ensure ongoing safe use of the structure. An emergency vehicle access from the adjacent A467 was maintained. This method of maintaining access for pedestrians with ongoing monitoring and the maintenance of the access for emergencies would be continued.

Following this initial stabilisation work, the Council's Consultants progressed work to seek to repair and rehabilitate the structure as the preferred option, but it became clear that this was not viable.

Following this conclusion, the Council commissioned an options appraisal report from its consultants to consider the future of the structure and options that could be progressed in lieu of repair.

### **Decision**

Cabinet

1. Noted the need for a new structure and agreed that Option 3, outlined in the report was the preferred option.
2. Agreed and noted the WelTAG assessment required to assist in the above and to assist in securing external funding.

### **Consultation**

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

**Implemented by: Head of Finance**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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## **Leader 44/23**

### **Annual Corporate Plan Self-Assessment Report 2022/23**

#### **Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

Newport City Council was required to self-assess the extent to which it met the performance requirements under the Local Government and Elections Act and also the progress it made in delivering against its Corporate Plan Well-being Objectives (Well-being of Future Generations Act). This Annual Report provided an overview of the Council's 2022/23 performance and the governance / performance arrangements in place. In compiling the assessment, the report considered other strategic and statutory reports published by the Council for 2022/23.

In the Council's overall conclusion the Council has assessed that it made good progress against 2 out of 4 of its Well-being Objectives (Objectives 2 and 4) but challenges remained in the delivery of Well-being Objectives 1 and 3. The Council also assessed its governance and performance arrangements to be effective in the use its resources economically, efficiently and effectively through its Annual Governance Statement, Statement of Accounts, Internal Audit and External Regulatory activity.

## **Decision**

Cabinet agreed the annual Corporate Plan self-assessment report and recommended that the report to be presented at full Council.

## **Consultation**

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

**Implemented by: Head of Regeneration and Economic Development**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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## **Leader 45/23**

### **Strategic Equality Plan Annual Report 2022/23**

#### **Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

Under the Equality Act (2010), the Council was required to report annually on the progress it made against the 6 Strategic Equality Objectives contained within its Strategic Equality Plan. The Equality Act also required Local Authorities to publish staff equalities data contained within this report.

This report was the third Annual Report on progress towards meeting Equality Objectives in the Authority's third four-year Strategic Equality Plan (SEP), as approved by Council in July 2020.

## **Decision**

That Cabinet approved the attached final monitoring report and published it on the Council's website, in accordance with statutory deadlines.

## **Consultation**

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

**Implemented by: Head of People, Policy and Transformation**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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## **Leader 46/23**

### **Newport City Council Response to External Pressures Impacting Council Services**

#### **Options Considered/Reasons for Decision**

The report provided an update on the external pressures facing the council with the cost-of-living crisis continuing to be 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 was enabling a greater access for our 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**

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

**Implemented by: Head of People, Policy and Transformation**

**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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**Leader 47/23**

**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**

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LEADER OF THE COUNCIL, COUNCILLOR J MUDD

18 October 2023

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