

# Decision Schedule



## Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning

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### TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

#### Decision Schedule published on 11 March 2025

The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 11 March 2025. They will become effective at Noon on 19 March 2025 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 18 March 2025.

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found via [Democratic Services](#).

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#### H&P 02/25

#### Housing (Wales) Act 2014 – Test of Intentionality (Homelessness)

##### Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Housing (Wales) Act 2014 required the Council to consider and subsequently decide which household groups would be assessed as being intentionally homeless, in accordance with legislative requirements.

In June 2015, Newport City Council approved retaining the intentionality test for all 10 priority need categories (as set out in Housing (Wales) Act 2014). However, in December 2022, Welsh Government introduced legislation to add an eleventh priority need category relating to those who are 'street homeless'. The intention of this legislation was to ensure no-one in Wales was forced to sleep rough and continued the 'no-one left out' approach that was put into place as an emergency response during the pandemic.

This paper sought to add the eleventh priority need group to the household groups that would be assessed as being intentionally homeless, in accordance with legislative requirements.

##### Decision

The Cabinet Member for Housing and Planning approved an amendment to the policy to apply the test of intentionality to all household groups presenting as homeless.

##### Consultation

Head of Law and Standards, Head of Finance and Head of Policy, People and Transformation.

All members were consulted and provided with an opportunity to comment. Any comments received and response thereafter are set out in the report.

**Implemented By: Head of Environment and Public Protection**  
**Implementation Timetable: Immediate**

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COUNCILLOR S ADAN, CABINET MEMBER FOR HOUSING AND PLANNING

Date: 11 March 2025

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**DECISION NUMBER:** (eg lic sub 01/14)

**Subject: Housing (Wales) Act 2014 - Test of Intentionality (Homelessness)**

**Options considered**

**Reason for Decision:**

**Decision**

**Consultation**

**Implemented by:** 11 March 2025  
**Implementation Timetable**

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