

Decision Schedule

**Leader / Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Housing
Deputy Leader / Cabinet Member for City Services**

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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To achieve the full benefits of the proposal, the decision must be implemented immediately to ensure it is operational by the 30 November.

Therefore, this decision is too urgent to go through the Council's agreed consultation process and cannot await the usual call-in procedures.

The decision is not subject to the 'Call-in- Process.

In accordance with Standing Order 24 – Urgent Matters, this matter will be forwarded to the Governance and Audit Committee.

In accordance 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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Free Bus Travel – Christmas 2021

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

Changing travel patterns associated with the response to the Covid-19 pandemic has highlighted the need to promote a public transport system that is reliable, affordable and easy to use as a low carbon alternative to the motor car. Reduced public transport patronage has also necessitated a review of the way bus travel is funded in Wales.

Free bus travel throughout the Christmas period would underpin these objectives, support businesses in Newport as well as encouraging families to travel more sustainably now and in the future.

This proposal would apply to all operators (who wish to participate) currently operating a scheduled service, with the Council underwriting the revenue that the operators would have received from the paying passengers.

Decision

To seek approval from the Cabinet Members to introduce free bus travel for the period of 1–24 December 2021 for all journeys that start and terminate within the city boundary.

Consultation

Head of Law and Regulation, Head of Finance and Head of People and Business Change, Head of City Services

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

Implemented By: Strategic Director, Environment and Sustainability
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

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