

TO: ALL MEMBERS OF THE NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL
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Cabinet Member for Leisure & Continuing Learning

The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 24 September 2008. They will become effective at Noon on 1 October 2008 with the exception of any particular decision(s), which is (are) the subject of a valid "call-in".

Information relating to the 'Call-in' process can be found under [Standing Order 27](#), within Part 4, Appendix 1 of the Council Constitution.

The deadline for submission of a ['Call-in' request form](#) is 4.00 pm on 30 September 2008.

Reports relating to staffing issues are not circulated to all members of the Council as part of the consultation / call in processes.

LCL 07/08

[Read a Million Words Together in Wales Grant](#)

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Cabinet Member considered an invitation from Basic Skills Cymru to bid for a small grant as part of the Read a Million Words campaign.

Basic Skills Cymru is making a sum of money available to public libraries and education authorities as part of the Read A Million Words Together in Wales campaign. This new campaign is aimed at boys aged 9-14 who are reluctant and/or failing readers with the grant for libraries being available to support activities targeted at boys aged 12-14.

In addition to the monies earmarked for libraries Local Education Authorities will be invited to bid for various grants to help schools work more effectively to improve boys' literacy. This element of funding is for the 9-11 age range.

The Community Learning and Libraries service would seek to work in partnership with the literacy advisors within the Authority to maximise the impact that could be made with this client group.

Decision

To approve the submission of a bid to Basic Skills Cymru for a small grant to support Read a Million Words Together in Wales

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Human Resources & Policy.

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

Implemented By: Community Learning & Libraries Manager
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Part 2

Exempt or Confidential Items

The following items contain confidential or exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Reports and background papers relating to these decisions are therefore not for publication and are subject to the provisions of the Act as they relate to circulation to the press and public.

LCL 08/08

[Proposed Public Toilets at the Glebelands Sports Ground to be provided as part of the PFI Agreement to develop the Glan Usk Primary School.](#)

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Cabinet Member considered a proposal to build new public toilets at the Glebelands Sports Ground.

The report highlighted the additional resources that would be required to operate and maintain the facility.

The new PFI funded Glan Usk Primary School is now under construction on the old centre pitch area of the Glebelands Sports Ground and as part of the PFI plans to build new public toilet facilities in the park were included. The developer has now submitted a planning application for the construction of the facility and has brought forward revised designs for approval by Council. The previous public toilet provision was removed during 2006 together with the financial and human resources. This was reallocated to facilitate better and safer working practices within the Parks service across the City. The development of new public toilets at Glebelands will cause an increase in pressure upon the revenue budget that would make services unsustainable and result in the reduction in service provision and or quality of Parks provision in the City unless additional revenue funding was to be made available to the service.

Decision

To reject the development of the proposed new public toilets at the Glebelands Sports Ground, thereby creating a saving on the PFI scheme for Newport City Council and avoiding further revenue budget pressure for the Council.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Human Resources & Policy, Ward Members.

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

Implemented By: Parks and Outdoor Recreation Manager
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

LCL 09/08

[Proposed Craft Fair – Tredegar House – September 2009](#)

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Cabinet Member considered a report on a proposal to apply for Arts Council Wales Grant Funding to support the development of an annual Craft Fair at Tredegar House.

The report reflects on a past Ceramics Fair at Tredegar House and draws conclusion regarding improvements to the business model that would have made it viable. The report contrasts this event with a very successful annual event at Bovey Tracey and examines the strengths in the organisation of the latter. The report also

notes the interest of the Art Council Wales in developing a major Welsh Craft Event and their encouragement to submit a bid for funding through their main grants programme to support such an event.

Decision

To permit officers to submit a grant application to the Arts Council Wales to support the development of an annual craft fair at Tredegar House.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Human Resources & Policy, Ward Members.

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

Implemented By: Museums & Heritage Officer
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

LCL 10/08

Newport Medieval Ship Project – Fees & Charges

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

The Cabinet Member considered a report seeking approval for a fees and charges policy for activities at the Newport Ship Project.

The report notes a number of services undertaken for external organisations. Prices have been set for each activity that account for the cost of equipment, officer time and the commercial rate charged by other organisations for similar services. The number of requests for such services is increasing and to meet audit requirements the project is required to have these charges approved by the Cabinet Member for Leisure and Continuing Learning.

Decision

To approve the charges for services set out in the report.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer, Chief Financial Officer, Head of Human Resources & Policy.

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

Implemented By: Museums & Heritage Officer
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

Councillor Mike Hamilton, Cabinet Member for Leisure & Continuing Learning

Date: 24 September 2008
