

Decision Schedule

Cabinet Member for Education and Skills

TO ALL MEMBERS OF NEWPORT CITY COUNCIL

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The Cabinet Member took the following decisions on 6 August 2019. They will become effective at Noon on 14 August 2019 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 13 August 2019.

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

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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Post-16 Home to School Transport Costs

Options Considered/Reasons for Decision

A decision by a previous Cabinet Member for Education and Young People in June 2013 approved implementation of an amended charging mechanism for Post-16 Transport Costs on contracted services on a phased approach, which would achieve full removal of the existing subsidy by September 2017.

This decision was implemented in September 2014 when the parental contribution in respect of this provision was increased from £45 per annum to £347 per annum in line with the same costs charged to students using the local bus network. Further increases were due in September 2015, September 2016 and September 2017 to achieve full removal of the subsidy.

In June 2015, however, a decision was made to suspend the proposed September 2015 increase and instead amend the sharing mechanism to align the additional top-up fee with the cost of a season ticket on the local bus network, setting the fee at £370 per academic year.

In 2016, the same decision was made to suspend the planned increase for September 2016, maintaining the current level of charges. This would not reduce the subsidy but maintain the current position. The costs charged to all students using contracted services would remain equal. This decision was also agreed for 2017 and 2018.

Decision

To suspend the further price increase planned for September 2019 and therefore maintain the current level of charges.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer and Chief Education Officer

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: Chief Education Officer
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

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School Reorganisation Proposal – Expansion of Ysgol Bryn Derw

Options Considered/Reason for Decision

Formal consultation has concluded on the school reorganisation proposal “to expand the Ysgol Bryn Derw site and therefore provide additional pupil places by increasing the capacity of the school from 48 to 68”.

This formal consultation was carried out between 1 May 2019 and 11 June 2019. Following conclusion of this process a consultation report, which described the consultation process and feedback received, has been drafted and is attached at Appendix 1. The report has also been published on the Newport City Council website and shared with stakeholders as outlined in the statutory School Organisation Code.

This report referenced those findings, the result of which recommended that the Council move to publish a statutory proposal. During this statutory proposal period, legal objections could be lodged by any stakeholder, and would need to be considered before any final determination was taken.

The original report to the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills, which sought permission to take forward the proposal, suggested an implementation date of September 2019. Delays however in confirmation of the capital grant investment via the Integrated Care Fund meant that this date was now longer achievable. As a result, it was recommended that the proposed implementation date be modified to January 2020.

Decision

To move to the publication of a statutory notice for a period of 28 days in respect of the proposal “to expand the Ysgol Bryn Derw site and therefore provide additional pupil places by increasing the capacity of the school from 48 to 68 with effect from January 2020”.

Consultation

Monitoring Officer and Chief Education Officer

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: Chief Education Officer
Implementation Timetable: Immediate

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Date: 6 August 2019
