



EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SERVICES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 22ND APRIL 2025

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF MOTION – FAST TRACK GWENT

REPORT BY: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the Notice of Motion as set out in paragraph 5.1 of the report and make an appropriate recommendation. In accordance with Rule 11(3) of the Constitution.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 A Notice of Motion has been received from Councillor E. Forehead and Councillor C. Andrews and is supported by Councillors: A. Hussey, A. McConnell, T. Heron, M. Adams, L. Whittle, J. Simmonds, M. Chacon-Dawson, G. Johnston, K. Woodland, S. Morgan,
- 2.2 The Notice of Motion meets the criteria set out in the Council's Constitution and in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure is now referred to Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee for consideration, prior to its consideration by Council if supported.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Education and Social Services Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the Notice of Motion as outlined in paragraph 5.1 and make an appropriate recommendation.

4. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 In accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5. THE REPORT

5.1 Notice of Motion

In her notice of motion Councillor Forehead asks Caerphilly County Borough Council to become a Member of Fast Track Gwent.

Councillor Forehead advises that becoming a Member of Fast Track Gwent under the umbrella of Fast Track Cymru and part of Fast Track Cities across Wales. Members are working to collectively reach the UNAIDS targets in all Welsh cities, towns and seven local Health Boards. Fast Track Cymru is committed to achieving the UNAIDS 95/95/95 targets aiming for:

- 95% of people who are living with HIV to know their HIV status,
- 95% of people who know that they are living with HIV to be on lifesaving antiretroviral treatment, and
- 95% of people who are on treatment to be virally suppressed,

as well as reaching zero new transmissions of HIV in Wales by 2030 and the goals of the Wales HIV Action Plan.

Fast Track Cities is a global initiative whose core partners include the International Association of Providers of AIDS Care (IAPAC) and the joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

Newport became a Fast Track city on 20th November in 2023, forming a coalition between Newport City Council, Pride in the Port and Aneurin Bevan Health Board, along with other key organisations and individuals. The aim is now to extend Fast Track Newport into a regional Fast Track Gwent. The Steering group has agreed three priorities for the initiative which will be adopted by Fast Track Gwent:

1. Stigma – We will challenge and eliminate stigma by raising awareness of HIV/AIDS, living with HIV/AIDS, true risk of transmission, PrEP and PEP, through community events, training, education, social, digital and printed media.
2. Testing – We will raise awareness, encourage, and provide opportunities for testing both at home and with clinical support, and provide advice, guidance and signposting for treatment options.
3. Underserved communities – We will work with partners and communities to ensure we reach and support traditionally underserved communities to ensure we reach and support traditionally underserved communities continuing the focus on the first two priorities whilst acknowledging and challenging additional barriers to stigma, testing, treatment, and support.

The work undertaken so far by Fast Track Newport has included:

- Development of promotional materials to raise awareness of living with HIV/AIDS in the 21st century and to challenge stigma
- Disseminated home testing kits
- Facilitated information sharing stands at events and venues
- Contributed to and shared Fast Track Cymru promotional campaigns including 'Stop HIV Stigma Cymru'

Future work will include targetting groups at risk of new HIV transmission, including women.

By becoming part of Fast Track Gwent, Caerphilly County Borough Council will commit to supporting actions in Caerphilly and across Gwent to meet the Fast Track targets and goals.

6. ASSUMPTIONS

- 6.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter and must be dealt with in accordance with Council's Constitution, no assumptions have been made.

7. SUMMARY OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 This report does not require an Integrated Impact Assessment as it relates to a procedural matter under the Councils Constitution.
- 7.2 The procedural rules regarding a Notice of Motion are contained within Council's Constitution as adopted in May 2002. The Council's Constitution sets out the framework for the decision-making roles and responsibilities.
- 7.3 However the outcome of the Notice of Motion and any subsequent reports arising from it may require an Integrated Impact Assessment.

8. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter there are no financial implications associated with this report, however the outcome of the Notice of Motion and any subsequent reports arising from it may have financial implications.

9. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 As a notice of motion is a procedural matter there are no personnel implications associated with this report, however the outcome of the Notice of Motion and any subsequent reports arising from it may have personnel implications.

10. CONSULTATIONS

- 10.1 As this is a procedural notice of motion, there has been no consultation undertaken.

11. STATUTORY POWER

- 11.1 Local Government Act 2000

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Appendices: Appendix 1 Signed copy of Notice of Motion.