

## Annual Report 2019

### Councillor Chris Quirk – Shanklin South Ward

The greatest achievement of the current administration, and for me as part of that administration, is the setting of a legal budget, and then working within that budget achieving savings through efficiencies and revenue generation with minimal reduction in front line services.

At a ward level the completion of the transition of Sandown Bay Academy to joining with the Bay C of E School to create a through school is a significant achievement in which I played a key role in the early stages.

Myself and Cllr Michael Beston have been key members of the steering group working with Southern Water on improving bathing water quality in the Bay, which has already led to the Bay achieving both bathing water quality awards and the Countryfile Best Beach award.

As a Member I proposed the Council Motion to accept the 'SWR Costed Option' and as a KILF Committee Member I have worked for the last four years to keep Island Line and to have it modernised. A major success here is that the Government have committed the funds to restore the railway pier at Ryde.

In terms of my role as Chair of Planning, my Committee has approved major regeneration programmes in Cowes, East Cowes and the Medina Valley, major tourism developments, and made a significant contribution towards approving appropriate numbers of affordable homes for Islanders.

Chris Quirk  
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