



Minutes

Name of meeting	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date and time	TUESDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Michael Lilley (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Debbie Andre, Reg Barry, Julie Jones-Evans, Brian Tyndall, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Chris Quirk
Co-opted (Voting)	Gill Kennett (IWALC)
Cabinet Members	Cllrs Paul Brading, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Clare Mosdell, Tig Outlaw, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward
Also Present	Cllr Karl Love Chris Ashman, Mark Howe, Dave Martin, John Metcalfe, Wendy Perera, Paul Thistlewood, Megan Tuckwell

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RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 August 2019 be confirmed.

27. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Gill Kennett declared an interest in item 30(b) as a governor at St Saviours School.

28. [Progress on outcomes and recommendations from previous meetings](#)

The chairman presented the report on outcomes from previous meetings and the Committee noted the progress against recommendations. It was advised that Cllr Garratt was working on budget scrutiny and was developing the corporate complaints process which would come to next meeting in October 2019. The Leader advised that no decisions had been made with regards to early budget proposals for Town and Parish Councils, and engagement would commence at the end of September 2019.

RESOLVED:

THAT progress on outcomes and recommendations be noted.

29. Comments on items due to be considered by Cabinet on 12 September 2019

a) Quarterly Performance Management Report – Quarter 1

The committee considered the Quarterly Performance Management Report for the period 1 April 2019 to 30 June 2019. Questions were raised regarding the level of resources available for the implementation of residential parking schemes and requested the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport confirm this. Discussion took place regarding the delivery of affordable housing, modular homes, targets set by government, the Island Plan, capacity for delivery (in terms of workforce and materials), the Disabled Facilities Grant, and the housing register. The committee indicated that it would be beneficial to visit the Ryde Extra Care Scheme under construction.

The committee queried how Town and Parish Councils could support progress with the Records Office and it was clarified that work was ongoing to secure funding from a number of partners. With regards to the proposed Newport to Yarmouth cycle track, the committee requested a briefing note on progress be circulated. Questions were raised regarding road safety, and members requested the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection to submit a report to it on the review being undertaken of Regulatory Services.

Discussion took place regarding the budget and the committee requested a report be submitted on income generation. The success of the Green Waste Scheme was noted. Questions were raised regarding income from car parking and it was clarified the council cannot generate income from residential parking schemes, so staff do not have targets. A strategic partnership for the Coroner Service was suggested to see if cost efficiencies could be achieved. It was clarified that this was not something the Chief Coroner was currently developing for the Isle of Wight.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport to confirm the level of resources available for the implementation of residents parking schemes.
- ii) THAT the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing make arrangements for members to visit the Ryde Extra Care Scheme currently under construction.
- iii) THAT the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection be requested to submit a report to the committee on the review being undertaken of Regulatory Services.
- iv) THAT the Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage provide a briefing note for the committee on progress with the proposed Newport to Yarmouth cycle track.
- v) THAT a report be submitted to the Committee on income generation subject to the scope of this being agreed by the Chairman and the Chief Executive.

b) West Wight School Places – Update

The committee noted that this was not published as an item on the Cabinet agenda. The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills, advised that a verbal update on the surplus primary school places in the West Wight would be presented to the Cabinet as planned and a final report would be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 10 October 2019.

RESOLVED:

THAT the update be noted.

c) Forward Plan

The committee considered the forward plan. It was noted that the Approval of the Commercial Strategy and the Commercial Trading Company would be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 10 October 2019. Members requested that the Committee’s Commercialisation Task and Finish Group be briefed on these proposals before being considered by the Cabinet.

Questions were raised with regards to the terms of the delegated decision on the Consultation on Public Spaces Protection Order (PSPO’S) and the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection agreed to seek clarification on whether cemeteries would be included in this. Questions were raised regarding the International Cycling Events item and the Leader clarified that a visit was arranged, and clarification would be provided in due course.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT the Leader brief members of the Commercialisation Task and Finish Group on the proposals on the establishment of a commercial trading company and commercial strategy, due to be included on its agenda for the 10 October 2019 meeting.
- ii) The Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection clarify whether cemeteries are included within the proposed Public Spaces Protection Order delegated decision.

30. Leader’s Update

The Leader advised that he was now a member of the Local Government Association’s Safer and Stronger Communities Board. The success of the Green Waste Service was highlighted, and it was advised that the Leaders report to Full Council on 18 September 2019 was available. Discussions had taken place with unions on the implementation of agile working and the benefits that this had achieved at a recent Joint Consultative Meeting but noted car parking remained an issue. It was noted that Cabinet on the Road would recommence from October 2019.

Questions were raised on Brexit preparedness and the Leader provided an update on the Council's involvement with the Local Resilience Forum on arrangements for a no deal Brexit. It was agreed that a briefing sheet be circulated to members on this rather than having a specific briefing event.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Leader circulate a briefing note on Brexit preparedness to members.

31. Committee's Workplan

The committee considered the workplan and discussed possible workplan items based on the identified key deliverables in the Corporate Plan for 2019/2022, as agreed by Full Council, which requiring monitoring by the committee.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee look at the inclusion of key activities/breakthrough projects contained within the Corporate Plan within its workplan.

CHAIRMAN