



Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN BY THE CABINET ON
THURSDAY, 11 JULY 2019**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON
MONDAY, 22 JULY 2019**

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs Dave Stewart (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Paul Brading, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Clare Mosdell, Stuart Hutchinson, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle

Members also present (non-voting)

Cllrs Andrew Garratt, Stephen Hendry, Karl Love, Brian Tyndall

Apologies for Absence

Cllr Tig Outlaw

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken
Leader of the Council

Agenda item	<u>Minutes</u>
Decision reference	11 (19/20)
Decision Taken	That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 June 2019 be agreed.
Questions / Amendments	None.

Agenda item	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>
Decision reference	12 (19/20)

	None declared at this stage.
Agenda item	<u>Public Question Time</u>
Decision reference	13 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	<p><u>Written Questions</u></p> <p>East Cowes Town Council asked a question (PQ29/19) with regards to prior consultation with the Town Council, and a second question seeking assurance that the Town Council would be consulted at each stage of the development of the IW Council's strategic objectives. The Leader confirmed a written response would be given.</p> <p>Jaimie Jehu asked a question querying the legislative right to enforce the transfer to a new site, when it was not supported by the Governing Body (PQ30/19). The Cabinet member for Children's Services, Education and Skills provided a response.</p> <p>Helen Jones asked why the Council has chosen an option which does not reduce surplus places, which was the stated aim of the consultation (PQ31/19). The Cabinet member for Children's Services, Education and Skills provided a response.</p> <p>A supplementary question was asked regarding the reduction in the PAN at All Saints from Dec 2020. The Cabinet member for Children's Services, Education and Skills provided a response.</p> <p>Paul Mocroft asked a question regarding why the Council had ignored the fact that the proposal was not supported by 71% of the survey respondents and the majority of parents, governors and headteacher did not support the proposal (PQ33/19). The Cabinet member for Children's Services, Education and Skills provided a response.</p> <p>A representative of the governing body of Shalfleet & Yarmouth schools asked three questions (PQ34/19) relating to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The lack of support from the Board of Governors • The legal basis for moving Yarmouth School • The recommendation of an option that does not reduce the surplus places <p>The Cabinet member for Children's Services, Education and Skills provided a response.</p> <p>Ieuan Jehu had submitted a question regarding whether the council would consider delaying any decision until all the viable alternatives proposed in the consultation had been considered (PQ35/19). The Leader confirmed that a written response would be given.</p>

	<p>Kevin Shaw submitted a question regarding the negative impact of the proposal on children’s outcomes expressed by the governing bodies and the likely future effect on the ‘good’ rated schools (PQ32/19). The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills provided a response.</p> <p><u>Oral Questions</u></p> <p>Steve Cowley asked a question regarding whether the LA had identified a budget for expanding Yarmouth school, the refurbishment of All Saints and to fight a legal challenge. The Cabinet member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills provided a response.</p> <p>A supplementary question was asked whether it had been indicated the governors would have to request extra funds for expanding school. The Leader indicated would check and provide a response in writing.</p> <p>Jill Cowley asked whether the council would give educational justification for proposal rejected by 71% of survey respondents, to close Yarmouth school. The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services Education and Skills provided a response.</p> <p>A supplementary question was asked why the council was looking to close a small ‘good’ school. The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills provided a response.</p> <p>Helen Jones asked whether the author of the report had read the Equality Impact Assessment as it stated ‘no impact’ and concerns had previously been raised that there would be an impact. The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills provided a response.</p> <p>A supplementary question was asked whether the EIA would be kept up to standard as a working document. The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills provided a response.</p> <p>The Leader confirmed that all responses and information received during the consultation period would be taken into account before a final decision was made at the Cabinet meeting in October 2019.</p> <p>John Weeks asked what power the IW Council has to legally increase the PAN at Yarmouth. The Cabinet member confirmed that a written response would be sent.</p>
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Agenda item	Chairman’s Announcements
Decision reference	14 (19/20)

Summary of Discussion	<p>The Leader had attended the LGA National Conference with colleagues and officers and had discussed the Councillors guide to dealing with intimidation. The Leader would be directing all Members to the LGA website guidance.</p> <p>At Full Council meeting in July the Leader would be presenting the Annual Report of the IW Council.</p> <p>During recent traffic delays caused by the failure of traffic lights in Newport, the Cowes floating bridge had taken 1000 cars across the river Medina. The reliability figure from July 2018 to July 2019 was 94%.</p>
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Agenda item	<u>Corporate Plan</u>
Decision reference	15 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	The Scrutiny Committee had seen the Corporate Plan and it would now be used to update the Scrutiny Workplan. Cllr Mosdell indicated that the Corporate Plan linked on the website was not the final version as it contained errors in job titles and spelling mistakes. Cllr Mosdell indicated that she would support the Plan if the errors had been addressed. The Chief Executive confirmed that this had also been identified by Corporate Scrutiny and errors would be corrected prior to the next Full Council meeting.
Decision taken	THAT the Corporate Plan as set out in Appendix A to the report be approved and recommended for adoption by Full Council.
Options considered and rejected	<p>To propose and approve amendments to the corporate plan as set out at Appendix A and recommend its adoption by Full Council</p> <p>To not approve the corporate plan as set out at Appendix A.</p>

Agenda Item	<u>West Wight School Places (Outcome of Consultation)</u>
Decision reference	16 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills outlined his report which set out the reasons for the current proposal. The initial consultation with 5 options had attracted 11 new alternative suggestions. A further consultation had taken place with the full 16 options being considered. Public meetings had ben held and had been well attended. All comments had been evaluated and considered. The Cabinet Member had decided to bring the final decision to Cabinet rather than making a delegated decision. There

	<p>would now be a further 9-week consultation with the final decision being made by Cabinet on 10 October.</p> <p>Cllr Hutchinson, as the local member, spoke against the proposal. He had preferred the initial proposal and there had been a lot of support in Freshwater for the initial proposal to close All Saints. Cllr Hutchinson felt that people in Yarmouth did not respond in as great a number as they had not believed it would affect them and they had not believed their school was at risk. Letters were read out from Yarmouth and St Saviour's schools, both of whom did not support the current preferred option and were concerned that it did not deliver the best outcome for the reduction of places or educational excellence. It was believed that the overall attainment of children affected could be affected in the long term. The proposed extensive refurbishment of All Saints should not be driven to make long term educational decision by the availability of a site.</p> <p>Therefore, Cllr Hutchinson believed that the proposal should be reviewed and a better solution found. The report should be referred back for further consideration.</p> <p>The proposal was seconded by Cllr Ward who, after listening to Cllr Hutchinson, decided he was unable to support the proposal.</p> <p>Members voted on Cllr Hutchinson's proposal for the decision to be deferred and the proposal was rejected by a majority vote.</p> <p>Cllr Mosdell read a letter from Cllr Outlaw who was in support of the proposal.</p> <p>Cllr Price (non-voting) indicated his concerns for the future financial stability of Shalfleet school.</p> <p>Cllr Mosdell reminded members that Hampshire County Council Children's Services had received an Ofsted rating of 'good', and that the Corporate Scrutiny Committee had started the consultation had been carried out professionally by members and officers.</p> <p>The Leader reminded everyone that this would be a challenging decision.</p>
Decision taken	<p>THAT a public notice be published in accordance with Section 15 of the Education and Inspection Act 2006 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) discontinue All Saints' CE Primary School with effect from 3 April 2020; b) increase Published Admission Number at Yarmouth CE Primary School from 15 to 30 from 4 April 2020; c) that Yarmouth CE Primary School be permanently relocated to the All Saints' site once proposed building works are completed (estimated date of September 2021).

Reason for decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • manage the number of surplus school places in West Wight; • retain primary provision within Freshwater; • improve quality of local education offer; • bring significant external capital investment into the schools' estate; • make the Yarmouth site available for alternative use. <p>The decision aligns with one of the key activities in the Corporate Plan 2017 – 2020 and Educational Strategy Document namely “Delivering Educational Excellence”.</p>
Options considered and rejected	Option a) – Closure of All Saints' CE Primary School on 31 December 2019 and expansion of St Saviours' Catholic Primary School to one-form entry from 1 January 2020.

Agenda Item	<u>East Cowes Waterfront Site Acquisition</u>
Decision reference	17 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet did not decide to go into private session for this item as the confidential figure at Appendix 2 would not be discussed.</p> <p>Cllr Love pointed out something in the report which he believed was factually incorrect. The Leader believed that this had been addressed in the response to East Cowes Town Council's written question, and a copy of the response which was being sent to the Town Council was given to Cllr Love.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Business Development outlined the report and explained that the Council wanted to acquire the site detailed in the report in order to preserve the employment there. It was noted that the island's MP had been working with the council to secure jobs in the marine industry and it was proposed to continue to negotiate to purchase the land. The Leader and Deputy Leader were both in favour of the purchase at the right price.</p>
Decision taken	<p>THAT the Cabinet instruct officers to continue to negotiate with Homes England for the purchase of the four land parcels at Victoria Quays.</p> <p>THAT approval be delegated to the council's section 151 officer, Chief Executive and Director of Regeneration in consultation with Cabinet members for Regeneration and Business Development and Resources to acquire the sites, subject to acceptance of an agreed offer up to the figure detailed in confidential Appendix 2.</p>
Reason for decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To safeguard local marine sector jobs;</p> <p>To create an enabling project for the wider regeneration of East Cowes town centre</p> <p>To provide and bring forward a viable local housing scheme.</p>

	The council's Corporate Plan 2017 – 2020, and the “Inspiration Island” Regeneration Strategy (2019) support the development of economic growth and prosperity and the delivery of affordable homes.
Options considered and rejected	None

Agenda Item	<u>Developing a Strategic Partnership for Public Health between Hampshire County Council and IW Council</u>
Decision reference	18 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health presented the report and explained that there had been ongoing dialogue with Public Health England about the proposals in the report. The service would continue to be delivered from within the existing ring-fenced budget. The partnership approach was the culmination of 18 months of work led by Hampshire County Council, in conjunction with Cabinet Member and Chief Executive. As a result of the work which had been done, the Council was fulfilling many of its public health obligations. A strong foundation had been built and the council now had the opportunity to form a strategic partnership as recommended in the report.
Decision taken	<p>THAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) the council enter into a long-term public health strategic partnership with Hampshire County Council consistent with the terms of agreement set out in Appendix A, with appropriate reviews and break clauses, b) delegation be given to the chief executive in consultation with the Cabinet member for adult social care, public health and housing needs authority to determine the partnership outcomes, required performance outputs and resource requirements for the long-term strategic partnership agreement.
Reason for decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To align with one of the stated outcomes in the Corporate Plan 2017 – 2020, that community needs will be met by the best possible public services as well as for people to take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing. The proposal is considered to be of significant importance in delivering this corporate priority.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Strategy for the Isle of Wight (2018-2021) outlines the key local priorities for improving health and wellbeing on the Island. It is therefore essential that there continues to be robust arrangements in place for the strategic delivery of public health so that continued and sustained improvements can be maintained.</p>

Options considered and rejected	<p>To end the interim public health strategic partnership arrangement with Hampshire County Council and recruit a director of public health to lead the strategic delivery of the service,</p> <p>To end the interim public health strategic partnership arrangement with Hampshire County Council and seek another local authority willing to enter into a new long-term strategic partnership for the service.</p>
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Agenda Item	<u>Cabinet Members' Update</u>
Decision reference	19 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health recorded her thanks to Jamie Brenchley, Service Manager for Housing Needs and Homelessness, for the work he had done since December 2018 to address the issue of homelessness. Funding had been secured in March 19 through the Rough Sleeper Initiative grant part of which would be used to support single homeless people. A 'Housing First' initiative would shortly be launched as a pilot scheme on the Island.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Resources reported that budget preparation was being started early this year. Over the 3-year rolling review there would need to be £13.5 million found to address shortfall on top of £86 million saving already made. Telephone communication had improved in that the average waiting time for call to be answered had reduced to one minute. It would now be necessary to improve the council's website and this would be addressed over the next 12 months.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Procurement, Waste Management, Special Projects and Forward Planning reported that the green waste subscription service was now at capacity at 7,000 and there was currently a waiting list. A new vehicle was to be purchased in August 2019 which would fulfil the waiting list.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage reported that 12 new modern beach huts were being marketed at Colwell to be followed by others at St Helens. The Coastal path needed to be completed by February 2020 followed by an 8-week consultation.</p> <p>The council was still working with the National Archives office to create a Heritage Hub at Westridge.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport reported that the first meeting of the Newport Traffic Plan Project Board had been held and the official start date for work at St Mary's roundabout was 30 September 2019. There would be a preparation</p>

	<p>phase which would cause little, if any, disruption and a full briefing was planned for all members very shortly.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills reported that in respect of primary school results, reading had improved by 1%, writing had improved by 1% and maths was up by 8%. The previous year £150k had been secured with MP support for a maths project on the Island. Those schools which had supported improved their maths by 15%.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member had visited Cowes Enterprise College and had seen the new football pitch, which was a state-of-the-art sports facility and believed to be a great asset for the Isle of Wight.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing was concerned that the public were not aware of how the council was intending to get back into the housing market. The first modular homes were due to be delivered later in the year. Would be consulting in East Cowes and Nettlestone on schemes which the council had pledged to deliver for younger people. A press release would be considered.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health had been to Ryde Village with the Chairman of St Mary’s Trust and was pleased to see the 27 bungalows and 75 extra care units which were nearing completion.</p>
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Agenda Item	<u>Forward Plan</u>
Decision reference	20 (19/20)
	<p>Consideration was given to the Forward Plan.</p> <p>There were two items due to Full Council – the Corporate Plan and the Leader’s Annual Report.</p> <p>There was a Delegated Decision due to be made by Cllr Ward regarding traffic orders in Cowes.</p>

Agenda Item	<u>Members' Questions</u>
Decision reference	21 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	<p><u>Written Questions</u></p> <p>Cllr Love submitted a written question regarding whether the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport would seek an urgent resolution to the current state of Islandline and its rolling stock (<u>MQ07/19</u>)</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport provided a response.</p> <p>Cllr Tyndall asked whether the ward walks by Island Roads had been curtailed. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport would check with Island Roads. The leader would check and respond in due course.</p> <p>Cllr Tyndall asked whether there would be any funding available from the Council for Bembridge to install a charging station for electric vehicles. The leader responded that further information on this would become available and he would respond outside the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Hobart reported that Freshwater Library Volunteers had been awarded the Queens Award for Voluntary Service.</p>