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Agenda

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| Name of meeting | FULL COUNCIL |
| Date | WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2016 |
| Time | 6.00 PM |
| Venue | COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT |
| Members of the Committee | All Members of the Council |

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PRAYERS led by Revd Canon Graham Morris

1. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record and to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 May 2016 ([Paper A](#)).

2. **[Declarations of Interest](#)**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

3. **To deal with any questions from members of the public - a maximum of up to 15 minutes for written questions, with up to a further 15 minutes for oral questions.**

Questions may be asked without notice but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting, the question must be delivered in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 6.00 pm on Monday, 13 June 2016. The [Procedure for asking oral questions](#) is set out below.



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4. [Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and correspondence for the Council.](#)
5. **Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Partnership Annual Report 2016** ([Paper B](#))
6. **Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the Members' Allowances Scheme 2016/17** ([Paper C](#))
7. **Pension Fund - Pooling of Investments** ([Paper D](#))
8. **Executive:**

- (a) At its meeting on 16 March 2016 full council received the following motion from Councillor Pitcher:

Council agrees that a referendum of Islanders will be held on any agreed or imposed devolution deal with Hampshire local authorities, once the details are known - particularly the financial redistribution and governance elements.

In accordance with procedure rule 11, as this item would have the effect of materially increasing the expenditure upon a service, the motion was adjourned without discussion until the next ordinary meeting of the council, for the Executive to consider and report back to the Full Council.

This matter will be considered by the Executive at its meeting on the 9 June 2016 and a copy of the report entitled: **Considerations for a Referendum on Devolution** is available at ([Paper E](#)).

The recommendations of the Executive will be circulated prior to the council meeting thus enabling council to formally consider Councillor Pitcher's motion as above.

- (b) Executive Members to present a written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy:
 - (i) [The Leader and Executive Member for Resources, Organisational Change and Children's Services](#) (Cllr Jonathan Bacon)
 - (ii) [Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Integration](#) (Cllr Steve Stubbings)
 - (iii) [Executive Member for Public Health, Public Protection and PFI](#) (Cllr Phil Jordan)
 - (iv) [Executive Member for Public Transport, Tourism, Recreation and Heritage](#) (Cllr Shirley Smart)
 - (v) [Executive Member for Planning and Housing](#) (Cllr Julia Baker-Smith)
 - (vi) Executive Member for Regeneration, Economic Sustainability and Development (Cllr Ian Stephens)
 - (vii) [Executive Member for Environment \(Sustainability\) and Local Engagement](#) (Cllr Paul Fuller)

To guarantee a full reply Members must submit a question in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 14 June 2016. A further period of 10 Minutes will be allowed for oral questions to each Executive Member.

9. **[Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman](#)**

The Chairman of Scrutiny, Cllr Dave Stewart, to present his written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy.

10. **Motion submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution**

(a) **By Councillor Conrad Gauntlett**

Following the outcome of the High Court hearing on 13th May 2016 concerning the enforcement of school attendance, it was made clear in the statement issued on behalf of the council's administration on 13th May 2016 that the administration would be pressing the Department for Education to urgently consider creating clear legislation on this matter for the benefit of parents, schools and local authorities alike.

The decision to challenge the magistrates' ruling in the Platt case by taking proceedings in the High Court has only resulted in greater uncertainty and has brought into question the policies of schools and local authorities across the country.

In view of the outcome of the high court hearing council recommends that the Executive take the following action:

1. Request the DfE to refund the Council's legal expenses and awarded costs in the Platt case as the appeal was made in an effort to clarify the legal position for the benefit of schools and local authorities throughout England.
2. Request the DfE to urgently introduce new legislation which defines 'regular' attendance whilst allowing head teachers greater flexibility in respect of approving term time absence where attendance has been 'regular' and attainment is good, recognising the link between attendance and educational attainment, but also the importance of family holidays and acknowledging that experiences outside school can also have an educational benefit and can be made more inclusive for the financially disadvantaged
3. Arrange with all Island School Governors and Head Teachers to review the current school terms on the Island and explore whether these could be changed to provide opportunity for all parents to take holidays outside the current national timeframe which would be less expensive and could be beneficial for Island parents, teachers and most importantly children.

(b) By Councillor Dave Stewart

This council recognises the importance of Mental Health to the overall Wellbeing of our Island Community and acknowledges the need to prioritise this subject as a key area of work for the council.

This council therefore requests that the Children's Committee and the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee considers terms of reference of a role for a specific member to be appointed as Mental Health lead for Scrutiny. The expectation being that the role of the member would be to include reporting to Full Council on progress in this area of work in liaison with the Executive.

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