



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2019</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Lora Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle.
Apologies	Cllrs Julia Baker-Smith, John Medland, Shirley Smart.

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33. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 November 2018 be confirmed.

34. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Cllrs Dave Stewart, Paul Brading and Michael Lilley declared a pecuniary interest in the item regarding the Pay Policy as their spouse/partner worked for the local authority and left the chamber during this item.

Cllr Debbie Andre declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item relating to The Law Centre as a trustee of the centre.

Councillor Julie Jones-Evans declared an interest in the item relating to parking in Newport as vice chairman of Newport Business Association and a local business owner.

Cllr Rodney Downer declared a pecuniary interest in the item regarding the Pay Policy as his wife worked at Wroxall Primary School and left the chamber during this item.

Cllr Adrian Axford declared an interest in the items relating to parking in Newport as he owned property on Node Hill and left the chamber during this item.

35. **Public Question Time**

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Tanja Rebel of Cowes	The impact of working wirelessly and if the Council is aware that RF-EMF had been classified by WHO as a 2B carcinogen and that it has been linked in numerous studies to increased risk of diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer + disturbance of the navigational compass of birds and bees.	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 05/19)
	A supplemental question was asked requesting the council look into the matter first to protect its employees.	
Nick Stuart	If there is a policy to look at investment on the Island in relation to the £90m borrowed for commercial investment.	The Cabinet Member for Resources responded that all opportunities considered had to meet a very strict criteria. An opportunity on the Island had been explored but had not met the criteria.
	A supplemental question was asked regarding if there was a policy.	The Cabinet Member for Resources responded that the opportunities on the Island would need to meet the same criteria as any other opportunity but would be a priority if they did.
Willerby Mathews	If the Leader recognised the link between recent disturbances involving children as young as 12 and cuts to the youth service.	The Leader responded that he was not aware of a specific link and provided reassurance the police and appropriate services were responding to the incidents proactively.

Name	Subject	Comment
	A supplemental question was asked asking the Leader to confirm he did not recognise the link between the instances and children having nowhere to go.	The Leader responded he did not consider it a specific link but that the community safety team and appropriate services were taking action in response to the disturbances.

36. [Petition – Newport Parking](#)

Members considered a petition of over 2,500 Island residents which had been received in relation to parking charges in Newport.

The organiser of the petition John Mclaughlin gave a brief outline of the petition, highlighting several points of interest. Members discussed various aspects of the issues raised including the impact on the surrounding residential areas.

Following the debate, a named vote was taken, the result of which was as follows and it was:

For (36)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle.

Against (0)

Abstained (0)

RESOLVED:

THAT the chamber requests the cabinet reconsider the implementation of changes to parking in Newport and follow the Isle of Wight Council Parking Strategy to produce a local parking policy for Newport, to improve signage, carparks and work with local business to help improve usage of Isle of Wight Council Carparks.

37. [Petition - Cross Solent Travel for NHS Patients](#)

A petition of over 2,500 Island residents which had been received in relation to Cross Solent Travel for NHS Patients was considered by members.

Steve Gibbs, as the organiser of the petition, outlined key aspects of the petition and several points of interest. Discussion took place regarding the potential

impact of reducing funding for Cross Solent Travel for NHS Patients and how it was funded in other areas of the country.

Following the debate, a named vote was taken, the result of which was as follows and it was:

For (37)

Cllrs Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle.

Against (0)

Abstained (0)

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the chamber requests the cabinet reconsider the proposal to cut £60,000 funding for Cross Solent travel for NHS patients who suffer from dialysis chemotherapy and radiotherapy be withdrawn and that the funding be continued and kept the same level within the council budget.

38. **[Petition – Isle of Wight Law Centre Funding cuts](#)**

Members considered a petition of over 2,500 Island residents which had been received in relation to funding cuts for the Isle of Wight Law Centre.

The organiser of the petition Colleen Brannon provided context for the petition highlighting the centre's role within the community and statistics relating to the work undertaken. Discussion took place regarding the procurement process of the service and the importance of ensuring value for money.

Following the debate a named vote was taken, the result of which was as follows and it was:

For (35)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle.

Against (1)

Cllr Stuart Hutchinson

Abstained (0)

RESOLVED:

THAT the chamber request the cabinet review the funding to the law centre.

39. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

The Chairman provided a verbal update for information.

40. **Leaders Update report**

The Leader presented his report which set out key points of information for each portfolio area within the Cabinet and highlighted the various challenges the council faced over the short and medium term. Members were advised that the rating following the recent Ofsted inspection of Children's services had been "Good" in all areas and that the service was now one of the top performing services in the country. It was also noted that Adult Social Care had been shortlisted with nine other local authorities for an award from the Local Government Chronicle despite being up against larger authorities with greater resources.

A question was asked in relation to improvements already delivered in the waste management services of the Island with particular reference to reduction, re-use and recycling.

Prior to consideration of the next item the Chairman agreed to a short adjournment.

41. **Reports of the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection**

(a) **[Proposed Creation of a New Combined Fire Authority for Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton](#)**

The views of full council were sought on the proposed creation of a new combined fire authority for Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, Southampton and Hampshire which would be considered by Cabinet on 24 January 2019. The report included the outcomes of the formal public consultation exercise on the proposed creation of the combined authority.

Following the debate a named vote was taken, the result of which was as follows and it was:

For (23)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle.

Against (10)

Cllrs Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Julie Jones-Evans, John Howe, Karl Love, Michael Lilley, Ian Stephens,

Abstained (1)

Cllr Debbie Andre

**RESOLVED:**

- (i) THAT it be noted that the outcomes of the consultation exercise do not suggest significant public concern or objection to the creation of the proposed CFA.
- (ii) THAT Council recommend to cabinet that they agree to proceed with the submission of a proposal to the secretary of state for the creation of a new combined fire authority covering the Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, and Southampton area on the basis of the previously published business case and delegate authority to prepare and submit the formal submission, to the Chief Fire Officer and the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Community Safety and Public Protection.

42. **Procedure rule No. 25**

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the meeting be extended for up to one hour.

43. **Reports of the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection**

- (a) **Adoption of the Revised Policy Statement of Licensing Policy Under Section 5 of the Licensing Act 2003**

Cllrs Perks and Whitehouse declared a pecuniary interest as licensees and left the chamber during the item.

Members received a report which recommended the adoption of the authority's draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy and that if adopted the policy remain in place for a period of five years from 31 January 2019.

A vote was taken, the result of which was as follows and it was:

For (30)

Against (0)

Abstained (0)

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the draft revised Statement of Licensing Policy 2019 – 2024, be adopted to come into effect from 31 January 2019.

(b) **Adoption of the Revised Policy Statement of Principles Under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005**

Consideration was given to a report which asked members to adopt of the authority's draft revised Gambling Policy Statement of Licensing Principles and agree that if adopted the policy remain in place for a period of five years from 31 January 2019.

A vote was taken, the result of which was as follows and it was:

For (33)

Against (0)

Abstained (0)

**RESOLVED**

THAT the draft revised Gambling Policy Statement of Licensing Principles 2019 – 2022 be adopted and come into effect from 31 January 2019.

**44. Reports of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources**

(a) **Pay Policy**

A report which considered annual updates to the pay policy reflecting any changes in the pay and conditions of Council staff. The policy set out the council's approach to the pay of its workforce for the financial year 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2020.

A vote was taken, the result of which was as follows and it was:

For (28)

Against (0)

Abstained (0)

**RESOLVED**

THAT the pay policy is adopted as drafted.

(b) [Increase in Long Term Empty Property Premiums](#)

Members received a report regarding the reduction of long term empty properties through long term empty properties premiums. In 2013 the Government had introduced legislation enabling a 50% premium to be charged on domestic properties that remained empty for two years or more as a means to encourage property owners to return their property to occupation and thereby assist with the shortage in housing. The Isle of Wight had 152 properties which could attract the premium.

Following the debate, a vote was taken, the result of which was as follows and it was:

For (34)

Against (0)

Abstained (0)

**RESOLVED**

THAT from the 1 April 2019 the long term empty property premium be increased to 100%, from 1 April 2020 the empty property premium be increased to 200% for those properties which have been empty for 5 years or more and from 1 April 2021 the premium be increased to 300% for those properties which have been empty for 10 years or more in order to encourage long term property owners to return their properties to occupation.

**45. Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 9 of the Council's Constitution**

(i) [By Councillor Chris Whitehouse](#)

Councillor Whitehouse moved the following motion:

*"To move that this Council notes the impact upon the Island of the Local Government Act 2000"*

The proposer deferred the motion.

(ii) [By Councillor Geoff Brodie](#)

Councillor Brodie moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

*“Council notes the funding threat to the future of the IW Law Centre from 1 July 2019 due to the unreported decision to roll-up all 'Information, Advice and Guidance' services into one contract with one provider.*

*Council recognises the immense benefits the IW Law Centre brings to hard-pressed Islanders, at great saving to the IW Council. Particularly in the specialist field of successfully preventing evictions for rent and mortgage arrears (98% in 2017), saving the IW Council between £1.5 - £1.9 million per annum in homelessness costs. Additionally, Council recognises that the Isle of Wight is now effectively a Legal Aid desert, with the IW Law Centre the only local organisation with significant and free expertise in preventing evictions for rent and mortgage arrears.*

*Council also recognises that the specialist services provided by the IW Law Centre do not easily fit into a generic 'Information, Advice and Guidance' model of service delivery.*

*Council resolves to urge the administration to undertake a separate tendering process for the specialist services currently provided by the IW Law Centre, open to all relevant providers”*

An amendment to the motion was proposed, and duly seconded, as follows:

*“Delete paragraphs 1, 2 and 3; and in paragraph 4, delete “undertake” to end and replace with: “ensure that its procurement practices are open, transparent and lawful, delivering value for money for islanders and ensuring that the necessary range of legal and other advice is available to those who have access to it currently through the Law Centre and other providers.”*

Following debate a named vote was taken on the amendment the result of which was as follows and the amendment was accepted:

For (20)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, Gary Peace, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle.

Against (9)

Cllrs Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, Ian Stephens.

Abstained (1)

Cllr John Nicholson.

Following debate on the revised motion, a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows and it was:

For (21)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Gary Peace, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle.

Against (7)

Cllrs Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love,

Abstained (2)

Cllrs Rodney Downer, Ian Stephens.

RESOLVED:

THAT Council resolves to urge the administration to ensure that its procurement practices are open, transparent and lawful, delivering value for money for islanders and ensuring that the necessary range of legal and other advice is available to those who have access to it currently through the Law Centre and other providers”

(iii) [By Councillor Debbie Andre](#)

Councillor Debbie Andre moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

*“THAT in respect of the Government consultation in respect of the Fair Funding Review, and the December 2018 publication of the document, ‘A review of local authority needs, relative resources and transitional arrangements’, this Council welcomes the success of the lobbying efforts of the Island MP and the Leader of Council in persuading Ministers to include in that document a specific and historic statement that ‘the Isle of Wight is a uniquely isolated and remote authority as it is only possible to reach a major town or city from households on the island via a ferry journey. The Government therefore considers it necessary to take account of the additional time taken by ferry transport in any measure of remoteness, including the time taken on board the ferry and at embarkation and disembarkation’; further welcomes the additional inclusion in that document of an acceptance that some local authorities experience unique pressures in relation to their geography and isolation, including islands and coastal areas, resolves to continue to work in constructive dialogue with the current sympathetic Minister to ensure that this acceptance in principle is reflected in the final funding formula, and*

*calls upon all members of the Council to get actively and supportively behind the Leader's work in this regard."*

Following debate a vote was taken and it was:

**RESOLVED:**

THAT in respect of the Government consultation in respect of the Fair Funding Review, and the December 2018 publication of the document, 'A review of local authority needs, relative resources and transitional arrangements', this Council welcomes the success of the lobbying efforts of the Island MP and the Leader of Council in persuading Ministers to include in that document a specific and historic statement that 'the Isle of Wight is a uniquely isolated and remote authority as it is only possible to reach a major town or city from households on the island via a ferry journey. The Government therefore considers it necessary to take account of the additional time taken by ferry transport in any measure of remoteness, including the time taken on board the ferry and at embarkation and disembarkation'; further welcomes the additional inclusion in that document of an acceptance that some local authorities experience unique pressures in relation to their geography and isolation, including islands and coastal areas, resolves to continue to work in constructive dialogue with the current sympathetic Minister to ensure that this acceptance in principle is reflected in the final funding formula, and calls upon all members of the Council to get actively and supportively behind the Leader's work in this regard.

For (28)

Against (0)

Abstained (0)

(iv) [By Councillor Geoff Brodie](#)

The following motion from Councillor Brodie was withdrawn:

*"Council requests that the Cabinet reconsider the proposed new parking charges in Newport in their 2019-20 Budget recommendation to Full Council"*

(v) [By Councillor Michael Lilley](#)

Councillor Michael Lilley moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

*"Isle of Wight Council resolves that 20.7% of Island Children living in poverty (Public Health Outcomes Framework 2017) is unacceptable; welcomes the commitment in the Administration's Corporate Plan 2017 to 2020 that it will tackle this issue so that child and family poverty on the*

*Island reduces significantly in the next five years and achieve a situation in which “All young people will have the best start in life so that they can fill their potential”; further welcomes the Plan’s existing target of reducing children in poverty on the Island to 16% by 2027; but encourages the Cabinet and Lead Member for Children Services to explore with officers additional ways of being even more ambitious in bringing down rates of child poverty further and more rapidly. ”*

Following debate, a vote was taken, and it was:

For (28)

Against (0)

Abstained (0)

**RESOLVED:**

THAT Isle of Wight Council resolves that 20.7% of Island Children living in poverty (Public Health Outcomes Framework 2017) is unacceptable; welcomes the commitment in the Administration’s Corporate Plan 2017 to 2020 that it will tackle this issue so that child and family poverty on the Island reduces significantly in the next five years and achieve a situation in which “All young people will have the best start in life so that they can fill their potential”; further welcomes the Plan’s existing target of reducing children in poverty on the Island to 16% by 2027; but encourages the Cabinet and Lead Member for Children Services to explore with officers additional ways of being even more ambitious in bringing down rates of child poverty further and more rapidly. ”

**46. Member Question time of the Leader**

The following written questions were put to the leader. It was agreed that written responses would be provided:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Chris Whitehouse	If he will make a statement on his vision for making the Island an attractive location for digital business investment; if he will set out the benefits to the Island of achieving that vision; if he will clarify what progress has so far been made towards meeting his objectives; and if he will outline the future actions that are planned in this regard?	The Leader provided a written response which is available on the following link <a href="#">MQ 01/19</a>

Cllr Tig Outlaw

Will the Leader make a statement on the improvements already delivered in the waste management services of the Island with particular reference to reduction, re-use and recycling?

The Leader provided a written response which is available on the following link [MQ 02/19](#)

CHAIRMAN