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# Agenda

Name of meeting	<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>
Date	<b>WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY 2018</b>
Time	<b>6.00pm</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Members of the Committee	All Members of the Council

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PRAYERS led by Rev. Veronica Brown

1. **To elect a Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.**
2. **To elect a Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.**

*At this point the Chairman is likely to adjourn the meeting for 30 minutes to enable the guests to informally meet the council in Conference Room 5.*

3. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record and to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 21 March 2018 ([Paper A](#))

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

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

5. **[Chairman's Official Announcements](#)**



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Young people are welcome to attend Council meetings however parents/carers should be aware that the public gallery is not a supervised area.

6. **Appointments, Committee Structure and Constitutional Issues** ([Paper B](#))
7. **To approve the following programme of ordinary Council meetings for the ensuing year (all meetings to commence at 6pm unless otherwise stated):**

- 18 July 2018 – 6.00pm start
- 19 September 2018 – 6.00pm start
- 21 November 2018 – 6.00pm start
- 16 January 2019 – 6.00pm start
- 27 February 2019 (**Budget Council - 5.00pm start**)
- 15 May 2019 (**Annual Council**)

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

(i) By Councillor Geoff Brodie

Although a minority of Members opposed it, this Council last May voted to remove Cabinet accountability to Full Council in a public forum; a cornerstone of executive governance in a democracy. Research through the LGA has indicated that there is no other known example of this in other local authorities.

Council notes that even the British Prime Minister and their Cabinet are accountable to Parliament through PMQs and regular Ministerial Questions, with the media and public in attendance.

Council does not consider the provision of private Member briefings, written questions to Cabinet members behind the scenes, and questions to Cabinet members at Cabinet and Scrutiny - both relatively poorly attended by the public - to be an adequate alternative.

Therefore, Council agrees in the interests of open democracy to re-introduce an agenda item for Member questions to Cabinet members at Full Council from February 2018.

(ii) By Councillor Geoff Brodie

In the light of the most recent UK armed forces involvement in the Middle East, Council recalls the words of the late Rt Hon Tony Benn MP,

*"if we can find money to kill people, we can find money to help people"*

and calls upon HM Government to apply those wise words to the UK's, and particularly the Island's austerity-wrecked public services.

(iii) By Michael Lilley

IW Council resolves in accordance with the concept of Good Mental Health for All as promoted during the National Mental Health Awareness Week (14th-20th May 2018) to reaffirm the Council's commitment to the aims and objectives of the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge which IW Council signed up to in 2017. This reaffirmation to be an annual event until there is a time that there is clear improvement of mental health services on the Isle of Wight, a significant

reduction in suicides, suicide attempts and the numbers of children and adults attending secondary mental health services, and the Quality Care Commission judges IW Mental Health services to be outstanding and not deemed inadequate.

This motion is called in the light of the fact that after a year since the IW Council committed itself to the LA Mental Health Challenge, and the appointment of a Mental Health Champion, that although there is an acknowledgement there has been movement in the right direction of change, Island residents who are experiencing depression, anxiety and other mental health issues are still receiving a substandard and deemed inadequate service from the public sector. This reaffirmation motion reinforces the Full Council's commitment to not be complacent and side lined in the mission of seeing radical improvement of mental health services and good mental well-being for all its citizens.

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