



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2010 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Ian Stephens (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Jonathan Bacon, Reg Barry, Peter Bingham, George Brown, Ivan Bulwer, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Roger Dixcey, Rodney Downer, Stuart Dyer, Paul Fuller, Edward Giles, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Heather Humby Tim Hunter-Henderson, Julie Jones-Evans, Patrick Joyce, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, David Pugh, Colin Richards, Susan Scoccia, David Stewart, Arthur Taylor, Gary Taylor, Margaret Webster, Chris Welsford, Jerry White, Wayne Whittle, David Williams
Apologies	Cllrs Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Andy Sutton, Ian Ward, David Whittaker

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43. [Minutes](#)

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [20 October 2010](#) be confirmed.

44. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations received at this stage.

45. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mr & Mrs McKenzie Freshwater	Mr and Mrs McKenzie were not in attendance to ask their question in relation to Westminster House.	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#"><u>PQ 51/10</u></a> )
Mr D Miller, Cowes	Asked a question in relation to capital works required for the school reorganisation and where the current forecast cost of these differ by more than 10%	The Cabinet Member provided a response to both the question and the supplementary question which was available on the following link ( <a href="#"><u>PQ 52/10</u></a> )

Name	Subject	Comment
	A supplementary question relating to the current Forecast Cost At Completion for Northwood Primary.	
Mrs V Basford, Cowes	Asked a question in relation to Northwood Park.	The Cabinet Member provided a response to both the question and the supplementary question which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">PQ 53/10</a> )
	A supplementary question relating to a strategic decision to cease responsibility for the maintenance of Northwood Park.	

46. [Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and correspondence for the Council.](#)

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information. He gave oral updates on the celebrating age event he had attended at the Riverside Centre and correspondence following on from the visit he had taken to China earlier in the year.

47. [Report from the Council's Returning Officer](#)

The vacant Chale, Niton and Whitwell seat of the Isle of Wight Council had been filled by David Stewart following a by-election held on 11 November 2010. The Chairman welcomed Cllr Stewart to his first Full Council meeting.

48. [Constitutional Issues](#)

[Changes to Contract Standing Orders](#)

During the debate Councillor Roger Mazillius declared a personal interest as his son was a Director of ERMC Ltd who provided an Architectural related service to the Isle of Wight Council and he abstained from voting.

Councillor Patrick Joyce also declared a personal interest as he was a Director of F W Marsh, who undertook work for the Isle of Wight Council, he abstained from voting.

Members were told that Contract Standing Orders formed part of the Council's constitution and had last been reviewed and revised in November 2007.

A number of revisions had been drafted which included the threshold level above which a full competitive process was operated should be raised from £10,000 to £20,000. It was essential that best value was demonstrated

whenever council monies were spent, but if that could be achieved without a formal process to obtain three quotations then the procurement process would be more efficient without loss of value. The Requests for Quotations process was also to be simplified.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the revisions to Contract Standing Orders be approved.

**49. Reports of the Cabinet Members**

(i) **The Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Governance and School Improvement**

A written report had been circulated for information and an oral update relating to the current financial situation was given.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Councillor Reg Barry	A referendum relating to the One Island campaign to be run on the same day as the national referendum scheduled for May 2011.	The Cabinet Member indicated that he would not support this proposal as such a referendum would be non binding and would incur additional costs.
Councillor Colin Richards	Relating to existing ancillary staff in schools.	The Cabinet Member advised it was an HR issue which would be a matter for the schools' Governing Body to decide.
Councillor Geoff Lumley	Concern that only 73% of forms had been returned for the Register of Electors, could this number be improved.	The Cabinet Member shared the concern and would arrange for this to be discussed at the next Group Leaders meeting.
Councillor John Howe	Which Cabinet member was responsible for the school lift in the coming months.	The Cabinet Member advised it was a shared responsibility between three cabinet members.
Councillor Patrick Joyce	Was there sufficient accommodation in primary schools as Holy Cross were using their school hall.	The Cabinet Member indicated that Holy Cross was a voluntary aided school, so it was a matter for the diocese.

(ii) [The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Economy, Tourism, Leisure, Planning and Property](#)

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Councillor Colin Richards	Under the Agriculture Prior Notification for a building, within 3km of an airfield, a planning application has to be applied for, what happens if the airport is closed?	The Cabinet Member indicated he would provide a written response.

(iii) [Cabinet Member for Children's Services](#)

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information and an oral update relating to anti-bullying week was given.

A written question was put as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Councillor John Howe ( <a href="#"><u>MQ 27/10</u></a> )	Asked a question in relation to the Isle of Wight Health Authority's supply of contraceptives to young people from the age of 13?	The Cabinet Member had provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#"><u>MQ 27/10</u></a> )

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Councillors Reg Barry, Roger Mazillius, Chris Welsford and Geoff Lumley	All asked questions relating to the supply of contraceptives to young people from the age of 13.	The Cabinet Member indicated suggested holding a member seminar on the subject.

(iv) [Cabinet Member for the Environment, Transport and Corporate Services](#)

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Councillor David Knowles	Consideration being given to purchasing the two properties	The Cabinet Member indicated he would

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	for sale at the junction of St John's Road/High Street, Ryde to improve the junction.	discuss the issue with highways officers and respond.
Councillor Heather Humby	What was the possibility of doctors on call having the same parking rights as blue badge holders?	The Cabinet Member advised he would investigate the matter and respond.
Councillor Reg Barry	When would the Traffic Regulation Order for Seaview be signed off?	The Cabinet Member advised that as he had a personal and prejudicial interest in that item and had passed it to the Leader to deal with.
Councillor Chris Welsford	Could the Council ensure that public slipways were kept clear?  A supplementary relating to restrictions with regard to leaving vehicles on slipways.	The Cabinet Member advised that if there was a specific slipway let him know. The Cabinet Member indicated that he would get advice and respond.
Councillor Geoff Lumley	Could details be given as to what sort of measures were in place for employees who would be looking for alternative employment?	The Cabinet Member indicated that appropriate support mechanisms were in place and the Council would do all it could as a responsible employer to mitigate.
Councillor Jonathan Bacon	Why had it taken so long for the Council to realise they could use the Proceeds from Crime Act legislation?	The Cabinet Member indicated that he would ensure that if sources of income were available they would be used.
Councillor Arthur Taylor	What was the policy relating to signs indicating a new road layout ahead that had been in place for over a year?	The Cabinet Member indicated he would take the issue up with highways.

(v) **Cabinet Member for Fire and Community Safety**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Councillor Julie Jones-Evans	What was the Isle of Wight Council doing to raise awareness of Domestic Abuse?	The Cabinet Member indicated that on 25 November 2010 a Reclaim the Night event was to be held.
Councillor Geoff Lumley	Asked why support for the Isle of Wight Women's Refuge was being withdrawn.	The Cabinet Member indicated due to the financial situation the Council had to look at how they delivered services.

(vi) **Cabinet Member for Major Projects, Performance and Customer Services**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Councillor Paul Fuller	Could the Councillors Register of Interests be put on line?	The Cabinet member indicated he would provide a written response.
Councillor Reg Barry	What was the difference between the sum of money applied for and the sum of money granted in relation to PFI?	The Cabinet Member advised he did not know what the final amount was to be. But that the £364m applied for was what had got. The Council had been notified that the PFI could go ahead but was subject to discussion between officers and the DfT about the affordability.
Councillor Chris Welsford	Was the build for Ventnor Fire Station still going ahead?	The Cabinet Member advised that no decision had yet been made.

(vii) **Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

(viii) **Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Housing**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows :

Councillor Arthur Taylor declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the question relating to Westminster House, as a close family member worked there and left the room during the question on this item.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Councillor John Howe	When would people from the Gouldings have their say in the consultation relating to the closure of Westminster House?	The Cabinet member indicated that the Advocacy Trust and senior council officers had visited the Gouldings. He would ask the Director of Community Services to write to Councillor Howe relating what steps had been taken.
Councillor Chris Welsford	Could the Cabinet Member confirm he understood people with other needs could be problematic to some users.	The Cabinet Member advised he would ensure the best possible result was delivered.

CHAIRMAN