



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 18 JULY 2018
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs George Cameron (Vice Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, , Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Lora Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), Vanessa Churchman, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Gary Peace.

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RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 May 2018 be confirmed.

5. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations received at this stage.

6. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr Bob Blezzard of Shanklin	The council's planned action in relation to the Stadt-Coburg celebrations in relation to the bi-centenary of the birth of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert.	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 21/18)

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	A supplementary question was asked regarding councillors coming forward to sit on the twinning committee.	The leader advised that since the request had been made in open council any member interested in sitting on the committee could contact Mr. Blezzard.
Mr Cameron Palin of East Cowes	Publication of the 2017 impact study into Undercliff Drive.	The Leader advised the impact study would be publicly available, subject to technology, within seven days.
	A supplemental question was asked regarding funding in relation to costal paths and cycle ways.	The Leader advised a written answer would be provided.

7. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

A written report had been circulated for information.

8. **Leaders Update report**

The Leader presented a report which set out key points of information for each portfolio area within the Cabinet.

An update on the Floating Bridge was also provided and members noted that the council would be working with Mainstay Marine and the Wight Ship Yard Co on remedial works to address the issues experienced since the new bridge became operational.

Members raised questions in relation to the report.

9. **Isle Of Wight Electoral Review**

Members received a report which contained the proposed recommendations from the Isle of Wight Council in relation to an electoral review of ward boundaries.

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

For (31)

Cllrs George Cameron (Vice Chairman), Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Karl Love, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Graham Perks,

Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (2)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Michael Lilley,

Abstain (1)

Cllr John Medland

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

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

Councillor Whitehouse presented the motion and an amendment to the motion was proposed as follows:

That the council also notes, for the sake of accuracy, that the improvements to date were largely achieved under the independent administration from 2013 – 2017 during which the mutual appreciation of the value of the relationship was fully recognised and the figure of 80% of schools becoming good or better was achieved. Council further acknowledges the contribution to the achievements made by other Hampshire County Council officers in addition to Mr Crocker, in particular John Coughlan, John Clarke, Steve Cottrell, Brian Pope and David Hardcastle, the last of whom remain in post alongside Mr Croker, continuing the work commenced under the Independent administration, to improve educational standards on the Isle of Wight.

Following debate on the amendment a vote was taken and the amendment fell.

The substantive motion was considered and at the conclusion of the debate a vote was taken and it was

RESOLVED:

THAT this Council congratulates its Director of Children's Services, Steve Crocker, on the Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours List; welcomes the improvements to education and children's social services that the partnership with Hampshire has delivered and will continue to deliver through its school improvement strategy, [Delivering Educational Excellence](#); notes that the Secretary of State has now lifted the requirement that such a relationship remains in place; observes that instead of compulsion, both partners to that relationship have expressed their mutual appreciation of the value it delivers for the Island's children; welcomes the Administration's determination to deliver the widest range of high-quality educational opportunities to Island children, with 80% of the Island's schools now "good", or better, according to Ofsted; looks forward to further investment in and

nurturing of opportunities for young people to benefit from an improved sixth form education, from high quality apprenticeships, vocational and T-Level courses, as well as the more traditional academic educational routes; welcomes the Administration's commitment to attract inward investment to create higher skilled and better paid jobs; believes these objectives would be further advanced by securing a greater presence on the island of enhanced higher education opportunities; and encourages the Administration to continue to work closely with the Island's Member of Parliament, Bob Seely, with Ministers and with mainland universities, especially those in the South of England, so that the Island offers its young people university and higher education choices of the highest quality, with courses in which, in time, the Island can be a national and international leader.

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

Councillor Brodie presented the following motion:

That Council notes the decision of the Chief Executive to commit nearly £400k per annum on a senior management re-structure. A re-structure that whilst deleting two existing posts, creates two Director level posts and 2 other senior posts, and gives significant salary boosts to a number of other existing senior officers.

Council reflects that many of its services have seen significant cuts and indeed curtailment over the last 7 years, with hundreds of staff losing their often lowly paid jobs.

Council urges the Chief Executive to reconsider this misguided restructure as it is evidently entirely inappropriate in these times of continuing service cutbacks despite the recent large Council Tax increases.

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

For (11)

Debbie Andre, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Michael Lilley, John Medland, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens,

Against (21)

Cllrs George Cameron (Vice Chairman), Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, , Charles Chapman, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstain (1)
Karl Love

The motion fell.

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

Councillor Lilley introduced his motion by stating:

That In light of the IW Council's support for the Isle of Wight's application for UNESCO Biosphere status and join the Isle of Man's as the 2nd British Isles' Island UNESCO Biosphere Reserve, isn't it time the IW Council received formal acknowledgement by HM Government that Isle of Wight is an Island in the context of other British Isle Islands such as Isle of Man, Shetlands, and Orkneys.

The Isle of Man in signing up to Biosphere Reserve status, has pledged to protect its natural resources, develop its economy in a sustainable way, support and promote its cultural heritage, make its environmental impact positive wherever possible, engage with local community, promote outstanding living landscape and seascape through active involvement with UNESCO and being a biosphere Island. The Isle of Man has developed an Island identity and brand around the above pledges.

The Motion asks:

That the Isle of Wight Council resolves that the County of Isle of Wight is a justifiable Biosphere Island and incorporates within its aim of supporting the application for biosphere UNESCO status writing to the HM Government for formal acknowledgement by HM Government that Isle of Wight is an accepted Island and have status as an Island.

That the Isle of Wight Council resolves that the Cabinet considers incorporation of the key pledges needed to become a Biosphere Reserve as stated in the pledges made by the Isle of Man in developing a unique Isle of Wight Island brand and community identity within the Corporate Plan.

An amendment to the motion was proposed as follows:

That "resolves that the Cabinet considers" be amended to "recognises the work of the administration in this area and that Cabinet considers incorporation of the key pledges needed to become a Biosphere Reserve".

Following the debate the amendment was accepted by the proposer and seconder. A vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED

- (i) THAT the Isle of Wight Council resolves that the County of Isle of Wight is a justifiable Biosphere Island and incorporates within its aim of supporting the application for biosphere UNESCO status writing to the HM Government for formal acknowledgement by HM Government that Isle of Wight is an accepted Island and have status as an Island.
- (ii) THAT the Isle of Wight Council recognises the work of the administration in this area and that Cabinet considers the incorporation of the key pledges needed to become a Biosphere Reserve as stated in the pledges made by the Isle of Man in developing a unique Isle of Wight Island brand and community identity within the Corporate Plan.

11. Procedure Rule 26

It was proposed and seconded by over half those members attending to extend the meeting by up to one hour .

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting be extended by up to one hour.

12. Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 9 of the Council’s Constitution

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

Councillor Whitehouse moved his motion incorporating an amendment to the motion that was accepted by the proposer and seconder. A vote was taken after the debate and it was:

RESOLVED

THAT parking all over the island is increasingly an issue of concern and frustration to residents and the council urges the administration to prioritise adoption and implementation of the Residents Parking Zone policy.

13. [Member Question Time of the Leader](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Chris Whitehouse	The Ofsted rating of schools on the Island and the deliverability of achieving 100% “good” or better.	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which is available on the following link (MQ 08/18)

Cllr Michael
Lilley

The statutory responsibilities of the council in relation to funding and the social impact of budget cuts given the Island's demographics.

The Cabinet Member provided a written response which is available on the following link (MQ 09/18)

CHAIRMAN