



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2019 COMMENCING AT 5:00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs George Cameron (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Reg Barry, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, Stephen Hendry, John Hobart, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Karl Love, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse.
Apologies	Cllrs Michael Lilley, Stuart Hutchinson, Michael Murwill, Graham Perks, Wayne Whittle.

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21. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2019 be confirmed.

22. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations received at this stage.

23. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Tanja Rebel of Cowes	Would the Isle of Wight Council put a Ban on 5G in line with other authorities?	The Leader responded as Ms Rebel had been advised before the Isle of Wight Council had no plans to introduce 5G on the Island.
	The same question was asked as a supplemental	The leader responded that the council was very

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	question as the industry had, and government was preparing for permitted development .	supportive of health and wellbeing in all its forms and active in many areas to ensure the Island is a good place to grow up, live and work.

24. [Chairman's Official Announcements](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

25. [Leaders Update report \(20 mins\)](#)

The Leader presented his report which set out key points of information for each portfolio area within the Cabinet, progress against the corporate plan and highlighted key issues. Members were also advised funding had been secured to upgrade the Island Line.

Questions asked included a request for an update regarding regeneration of the Camp Hill site and progress on the Newport to Ryde rail line.

26. [Fire and Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan and Consultation.](#)

Members received a report which sought approval to create a fully aligned Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) for both the Isle of Wight Council (IWC), acting as the Fire Authority, and Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority (HFRA). The report also proposed the appointment of Isle of Wight Council Cabinet member for Community Safety and Public Protection to the shadow combined fire authority on behalf of Isle of Wight Council, when created in April 2020.

At the conclusion of the debate a vote was taken, and it was:

RESOLVED:

- (i) THAT a consultation be undertaken on the fully aligned IRMP as attached at appendix B
- (ii) THAT the IWC Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection be appointed to the Combined Fire Shadow Authority when it is created April 2020.

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

(a) [Polling Places and Districts Review 2019](#)

The leader presented a report which detailed the consultation carried out, and responses received, during the recent statutory Polling Districts and Places Review and the subsequent recommendations to Full Council regarding the scheme of polling districts and places.

Cllr Paul Fuller declared a pecuniary interest and left the room as his wife worked in the finance department of one of the proposed sites. He also declared a personal interest as he held surgeries at two of the sites.

Cllr Brodie also declared a personal interest due to his involvement with Pan Together who managed one of the sites.

At the conclusion of the debate a vote was taken, and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Isle of Wight Council adopts the scheme of polling districts and polling places as set out in Appendix B (attached). This resolution is to be effective for the purposes of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held after 1 December 2019. This scheme includes the amalgamation of the Nettlestone (R1) and Seaview (R2) polling districts into one single district.

(b) [Appointment of Monitoring Officer](#)

Members considered the recommendation of the Appointments Committee in relation to the appointment of a monitoring officer with effect from 1 October 2019 and a recommendation to amend the constitution to reflect proposed minor changes to Article 17 - finance, contract and legal matters - to transfer delegated authority from the current designated post of assistant director of corporate services to that of strategic manager for legal services.

At the conclusion of the debate a vote was taken, and it was resolved:

- (i) THAT the recommendation from the Appointments Committee for the appointment of Geoffrey Wild as interim monitoring officer be approved.
- (ii) THAT the proposed constitution changes be agreed and move the delegations within Article 17 currently assigned to the assistant director of corporate services to the strategic manager for legal services.

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

The Chairman informed the meeting that the motions would not be dealt with in the order published and that Cllr Whitehouse would be offered the opportunity to move his motion first:

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

Councillor Whitehouse moved the following amended motion which was accepted by the chairman and duly seconded:

*To Move that: this Council notes the impact upon the Island of growing levels of vehicular traffic and observes that whilst the proposed*

*redevelopment of Saint Mary's roundabout, Newport, will inevitably have a short-term impact upon local traffic flows, the overall benefits of this essential scheme will, in the long run, out-weigh that disruption.*

Following debate a named vote was taken and the outcome was:

For (18):

Cllrs George Cameron, Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford,  
Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Charles Chapman,  
Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, Stephen Hendry,  
John Hobart, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, John Nicholson,  
Tig Outlaw, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse.

Against (14):

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer,  
Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans,  
Karl Love, John Medland, Matthew Price, Shirley Smart,  
Ian Stephens, Lora Peacey-Wilcox.

Abstain (1):

Cllrs Brian Tyndall.

RESOLVED:

*THAT this Council note the impact upon the Island of growing levels of vehicular traffic and observes that whilst the proposed redevelopment of Saint Mary's roundabout, Newport, will inevitably have a short-term impact upon local traffic flows, the overall benefits of this essential scheme will, in the long run, out-weigh that disruption.*

(ii) By Cllr Geoff Brodie (Referred from Full Council - 24 July 2019)

Councillor Brodie withdrew the following motion:

*The Isle of Wight Council resolves to publicly recognise that local mental health services, that have previously been recognised as inadequate and needing transformation, are in 2019 still not adequate for the urgent needs of residents who are experiencing:*

*Suicidal ideation, crisis, trauma, depression, anxiety and other mental health issues.*

*Council resolves to reaffirm its commitment to the Local Authority Mental Health Challenge and calls on the IW Health and Wellbeing Board, IW Healthwatch, and the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care to host a review of the current IW Mental Health transformation blueprint and its implementation. This to include:*

- *enabling the voice of service users, families, staff, and careers, to be listened to and involved;*
- *the setting of a more vigorous effort that produces positive outcomes in 2020.*

(iii) [By Councillor Debbie Andre \(Referred from Full Council - 24 July 2019\)](#)

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

*This Council notes that on 19th June 2019 the UNESCO MAN Biosphere Committee approved the application, led by the Isle of Wight Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, for the Isle of Wight to become a UNESCO Biosphere.*

*The wording of the proposal put before the Committee is set out below for information.*

*“This Council takes the view that the award of Biosphere status has the potential to create and access major opportunities to support and develop a sustainable economy on the Island, in particular by supporting and protecting key elements of the landscape and environment.”*

*In order to maximise these opportunities this Council therefore requests that the Administration takes and/or supports the following actions:*

1. *The formation of an appropriate Management Committee to bring together appropriate bodies to maintain and preserve Biosphere Status in line with the current partnership based Steering Committee which oversees the Isle of Wight Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.*
2. *To review and, if necessary, amend the current draft Island Plan in order to recognise and thereafter support and maintain the status of the Isle of Wight as a UNESCO Biosphere.*
3. *To encourage and develop awareness of the Biosphere amongst businesses, residents and relevant agencies.*
4. *Directly, or through any body set up in accordance with subparagraph 1 above, to make links and liaise with any potential partners, including other relevant Biosphere areas, in order to access information and assistance in order to harness and maximise the benefits of biosphere status.*

Following debate a vote was taken and it was:

RESOLVED:

*THAT this Council notes that on 19th June 2019 the UNESCO MAN Biosphere Committee approved an application, led by the Isle of Wight Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and supported by both the Isle of Wight Council and the Island's MP, for the Isle of Wight to be awarded the status of a UNESCO Biosphere.*

*The wording of the proposal put before the Committee is set out as follows:*

*"This Council takes the view that the award of Biosphere status has the potential to create and access major opportunities to support and develop a sustainable economy on the Island, in particular by supporting and protecting key elements of the Island landscape and environment."*

*In order to maximise these opportunities Council therefore recommends that the Administration now take the following actions:*

- 1. Direct the maintenance and preservation of the Biosphere status to the now appropriate body of the Environment and Sustainability Forum (ESF) which has a revised terms of reference following the recent declaration of Climate Emergency and in line with the current partnership based Steering Committee, which oversees the Isle of Wight Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.*
- 2. To recognise the status of the Isle of Wight as a UNESCO Biosphere in the Island Plan, and link this status to the mechanism of the ESF to manage it going forward.*
- 3. The ESF is to be Chaired by the relevant officer and attended by Relevant Cabinet Members, Town and Parish Councillors, representatives of the AONB, Environmental Groups and other outside bodies.*
- 4. To encourage and develop awareness of the Biosphere amongst businesses, residents and other relevant agencies and interested parties.*
- 5. Make links and liaise with any potential partners through the ESF, including other relevant Biosphere areas, in order to access information and assistance that may harness and help maximise the benefits of biosphere status.*

29. Member Question time of the Leader

Questions were put to the Leader as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Chris Whitehouse	To ask the Leader of the Council what steps he will be taking in the near future to continue to deliver on his administrations excellent record of attracting investment to the island and growing its economy?	The written response MQ 08/19 was provided.
Cllr Geoff Brodie	<p>In response to my recent public questioning of the delivery of the Island Roads original 'core investment programme' promises, the Cabinet member (Cllr Ward) told the local media;</p> <p><i>“Although the plan was for all our roads to be resurfaced, this changed when government funding for the highways PFI project was reduced by 30 per cent in 2010.”</i></p> <p>However, research shows that there was an “urgent” IW Council cabinet report of 29 May 2012, just weeks before the PFI contract was signed in August 2012.</p> <p>This report’s paragraph 8 states: “The scope of the project...has broadly remained the unchanged since December 2009, despite the reduction in grant funding. The project team... has focused on improving value for money... the consequence of which has been to achieve the same scope.”</p> <p>Paragraph 18 adds: “The project covers the Island’s</p>	The written response MQ 09/19 was provided.

entire adopted highways network encompassing all forms of highway maintenance.....”

Paragraph 22 adds: “The project scope includes refurbishment of 818 kilometres of publicly maintained adopted road networks... which requires considerable upgrade within the seven-year Core Investment Programme (CIP).”

According to Cllr Ward’s recent media statement, just 463km of Island roads have been resurfaced as the CIP draws to a close; uncomfortably close to only 50 per cent of the works promised back in 2012.

Can you explain why your administration is allowing Island Roads off the hook of delivering on the original promises to Islanders, made during a previous Conservative administration, to resurface all of the highway network during the seven-year core investment period?

Cllr Karl Love

Will the Isle of Wight Council now suspend its planning applications to develop large housing complexes Which the people of this island overwhelmingly object to in all towns and communities?

The written response MQ 11/19 was provided.

CHAIRMAN