



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2016 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Charles Chapman (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Richard Hollis, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Shirley Smart

34. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [21 September 2016](#) be confirmed.

35. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

36. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr A Cuthbertson of Shanklin	Asked a question relation to devolution.	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>PQ 22/16</u>)
Steve Ray of Shanklin	Asked a question relation to Island Line	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>PQ 23/16</u>)

Name	Subject	Comment
Dr Iain MacLennan of Alverstone	20 mph speed limit for Alverstone	The Executive Member advised there was a motion on that subject which would be discussed later in the meeting.

37. **Chairman's Report**

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

38. **Medium Term Financial Strategy 2016/17 to 2020/21 and Efficiency Plan**

Members were provided with an update by the Leader of the council of the Authority's overall budget and financial position and the development of the administration's priorities which set out the broad framework for achieving an updated Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2016/17 and subsequent future years.

It was proposed that the Council accepted the Government's 4 Year Funding Settlement Offer. Whilst, the offer related to just 20% of the Council's overall funding base (falling to 13% over the 4 Year period), it was still a meaningful proportion. The alternative was to accept annual funding settlements which were likely to be more exposed to a reduction. In order to take advantage of the offer, the Council must publish an Efficiency Plan by 14 October 2016. It was made clear that the Plan, in itself, did not guarantee that both the cost pressures facing the Council and funding reductions from Government could be achieved through efficiencies alone without significant detriment to service provision.

Approval of the proposed new Medium Term Financial Strategy with its associated Savings Requirements, the underpinning Financial Framework and the Efficiency Plan would provide the Council with the direction necessary to maximise the opportunity to meet the financial challenge that it faced as well as putting the Council's Budget on a sound footing for the future.

Concerns were raised around the Director of Regeneration and related support staff being made permanent, rather than for the two years originally agreed by full council at its meeting on 11 July 2016. Some members indicated they would also like to see the post linked to performance.

An amendment was proposed and seconded that the post reverted to two years and be taken back to the Employment Committee.

A question was raised around a previous decision being brought back to council within a six month period. The Monitoring Officer advised members that Procedure Rule 16 only applied if a decision was being reversed, Council was being asked to amend the decision not rescind it.

After some discussion it was suggested that performance related management should be included and that the wording 'related support staff' be replaced with 'related resources'. The Leader accepted the amendment.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (35)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (0)

Abstention (1)

Councillor Chris Whitehouse

RESOLVED:

THAT Council approved the following:

- (i) The Medium Term Financial Strategy attached at Appendix 1 (attached to and forming part of these minutes).
- (ii) The Financial Framework described in paragraph 26 of the report (attached to and forming part of these minutes), which includes:
 - ❖ The removal of all revenue and capital ring-fencing (except where required by statute)
 - ❖ The creation of a Transformation Reserve
- (iii) The creation of a £1m Transformation Reserve to be used in accordance with the criteria set out in paragraph 27 of the report (attached to and forming part of these minutes).
- (iv) Any Revenue underspendings at year end (after approved carry forwards) be transferred into the Transformation Reserve as a mechanism to replenish the Reserve and ensure that it remained available for future Spend to Save and Invest to Save initiatives.
- (v) To re-build General Reserves to a reasonable level above the minimum from 2018/19, or earlier if opportunities arise.

- (vi) The Annuity Method, as the methodology for setting aside a "prudent amount" for the provision for debt repayment, known as the Minimum Revenue Provision, from 2016/17 in order to secure savings commencing at £2m per annum and provide the ability to release £39.6m of "overprovision" to support the Councils new Medium Term Financial Strategy.
- (vii) To take a "Debt Repayment holiday" for the next 5 years in order to draw down on the "overprovision" for funding debt liabilities at sums between £7m to £8m per annum with the consequent effect of leaving intact the ASDA receipt of £17.5m.
- (viii) All contractually uncommitted capital schemes which are relying on non ring-fenced capital funding (as defined by regulation) are withdrawn from the Capital Programme and the associated funding pooled and considered alongside all other competing priorities for Capital Investment as part of the forthcoming budget process, including the ASDA Capital Receipt.
- (ix) The Adjusted Budget for 2016/17 and Financial Forecasts for 2017/18 to 2020/21 as set out in paragraph 46 of the report (attached to and forming part of these minutes) which includes the proposals set out in paragraph 50 of the report (attached to and forming part of these minutes) to ensure that the Budget for the current year and forecasts for future years are robustly based.
- (x) The appointment of a Director of Regeneration to include performance related management and related resources (currently approved for a 2 year period only) is made permanent.
- (xi) The proposal to remove the £3m saving to the Council's Operating Model (currently approved for a 2 year period only) is made permanent.
- (xii) The new Savings Requirements as set out below and described in paragraph 48 of the report (attached to and forming part of these minutes)

New Savings Requirements - 2016/17 to 2020/21						
Financial Year	Current Year	2017/18	Forecast 2018/19	Forecast 2019/20	Forecast 2020/21	Total
	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Original Savings Requirement	12.8	12.5	6.1	3.8	?	35.2
New Savings Requirement	8.7	7.5	7.5	5.0	4.0	32.7

- (xiii) The acceptance of the 4 Year Settlement to 2019/20 by Central Government announced on 17 December 2015.

(xiv) The Efficiency Plan attached at Appendix 3 (attached to and forming part of these minutes).

39. **Suspension of Council Procedure Rule 14(4)**

A proposal to suspend Council Procedure Rule 14(4) was proposed and seconded, which would extend the time limit on speeches from the Leader of the Council and Group Leaders. Following the vote it was

RESOLVED:

THAT Procedure Rule 14(4) be partially suspended for the duration of the following item of business to increase the time limit on speeches from the Leader of the Council and Group leaders to up to 5 minutes.

40. **Solent Combined Authority Governance Review and Scheme**

E-mails had been sent to all members from various mainland councils which could be pertinent to some of the ensuing debate. Members were asked if they were aware of the content or would they like a short adjournment to consider them. Members did not want an adjournment.

Consideration was given to the report that was due to be considered by the Executive at its meeting on 24 October 2016.

Council was told that the decision before them was whether to take the next step, which was to formally ask the Government to form a Combined Authority. Members were advised that if the recommendations were rejected or altered it could halt the process. It was not the final step in the process, that would not happen until Government responded to a request for a combined authority and offered a devolution deal; there was a need to look at the deal in its entirety.

It was re-emphasised that the Government regarded a directly elected mayor was an essential part of any deal that was to be made. The Government Minister had made it very clear what the financial package was. There was a need to raise the economic output of the island's economy to support the viability of the Island's financial position.

The following motion was moved by Councillor Jonathan Bacon and seconded by Councillor Steve Stubbings:

Council notes the report in Paper C and the recommendations to Executive on 24 October 2016 set out at paragraph 2.

In the absence of any other devolution proposal and recognising the potential benefits accruing from the devolution of powers and funds from central government, Council supports the Executive submitting a request to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government to establish a Solent Combined Authority in accordance with the Governance Scheme that has been consulted upon.

There was some discussion around the order in which motions should be heard and there was a short adjournment whilst clarification was sought. Upon reconvening

An amendment to the motion was moved by Councillor Geoff Lumley and seconded by Councillor Alan Hollands as follows:

Delete the words “in accordance with the Governance Scheme that has been consulted upon” and replace these words with “but with the proposed governance arrangements amended so as not to include a Directly Elected Mayor, nor voting powers for the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.”

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

For (12)

Councillors Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Conrad Gauntlett, Alan Hollands, Julie Jones-Evans, Geoff Lumley, Matthew Price, Bob Seely, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (21)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Bob Blezzard, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith,

Abstention (2)

Councillors Daryll Pitcher, Ian Stephens

The amendment therefore fell.

There was discussion around the offer and whether it was right for the Island. Members were reminded that this was only the first step of the journey, there was no other offer.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (16)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Colin Richards, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Against (17)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (2)

Councillors Rodney Downer, Ian Stephens

The motion therefore fell.

41. **Procedure Rule 26**

A proposal to extend the meeting by up to thirty minutes was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting be extended by up to thirty minutes.

42. **Reports of the Executive Members**

(i) **The Leader and Executive Member for Resources, Organisational Change and Children's Services**

A written report had been circulated for information.

(ii) **The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Integration**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Deputy Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Lumley	Asked a question relating to the short time scale requested by NHS England for responses to the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP), which was being rushed through with little public awareness and contained a major threat to the provision and delivery of NHS services to the Isle of Wight. Would the Deputy Leader commitment that	The Deputy Leader indicated he would be happy to give that undertaking if he knew what the expectations of the people of the Isle of Wight were in terms of delivery of service. Those who had been delegated responsibility to make the response to the STP would take into account the impact it could have on the people of the Island.

Name	Subject	Comment
	this authority will not sign up to the STP when it's eventually finalised?	
Cllr Lumley	Would the Deputy Leader confirm the administration did not endorse making delegated decisions?	The Deputy Leader indicated that delegated decision making by one member would not be endorsed. But due to the challenging timescale Cllr Priest, Chair of Health Scrutiny and Cllrs Bacon, Jordan, and Stubbings, all of whom had some involvement with Transformation within their portfolio; along with the Chief Executive would all be part of the delegated decision.
Cllr Priest	The Deputy Leader had indicated that the members of Scrutiny and Health Scrutiny would also have sight and input into the response to the STP.	The Deputy Leader reminded members that NHS England was expecting a response by 21 October 2016. If members put forward their views in a timely manner they would be taken into account.
Cllr Hollands	Asked if the deputy leader was aware of the cuts that pharmacies had to make and if he would do everything within his power to limit the effects of those cuts?	The Deputy Leader shared those concerns and would do everything he could.

(iii) **[Executive Member for Planning and Housing](#)**

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

(iv) **[Executive Member for Environment \(Sustainability\) and Local Engagement](#)**

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

(v) **Executive Member for Public Health, Public Protection and PFI**

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

Written questions were put to the Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Seely	Asked a question on 20 mph zones around schools.	The Leader provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 05/16)

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Jones-Evans	Asked about the potential loss of revenue due to parking meters being out of order.	The Executive Member advised that the contract allowed parking meters to be out of order for 28 days.
Cllr Jones-Evans	When was the draft parking strategy expected to be on the forward plan?	The Executive Member indicated the strategy would appear in due course.
Cllr Blezzard	What was the number of FTE staff in Environmental Health and Trading Standards?	The Executive Member would find out and forward the information on.
Cllr Pitcher	Was concerned about the quality of statistics getting from the Police.	The Executive Member was aware and had raised the issue, he would raise it again.

(vi) **Executive Member for Public Transport, Tourism, Recreation and Heritage**

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

Written questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Medland	Asked questions relating to the investment of £880,000 in the Medina Leisure Centre which had caused widespread anger among people in the West Wight	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 04/16)

Name	Subject	Comment
	who faced the prospect of the closure of the West Wight Sports Centre as it struggled to cope with the withdrawal of all IW Council financial support.	
Cllr Seely	Asked questions relating to Medina Leisure Centre and West Wight Sports Centre.	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 06/16)

(vii) **[Executive Member for Regeneration, Economic Sustainability and Development](#)**

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Bertie	When the IYWAC property and land was marketed would there be any covenants or restrictions on the use land?	The Executive Member advised that the contracts were still being worked on.

43. **Procedure Rule 26**

A proposal to extend the meeting by up to thirty minutes was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting be extended by up to thirty minutes.

44. **[Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman](#)**

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

Councillor Barry had been appointed to the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel as the Liberal member.

The Police and Crime Commissioner was due to visit the Isle of Wight on 3 November 2016

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

(a) [By Councillor Julia Baker-Smith](#)

To provide housing that meets the local community's needs, this Council resolves to add to its key corporate priorities an additional objective to promote and prioritise the delivery of affordable rented housing. In accordance with adding this objective:-

That Full Council supports the Executive member in asking the Executive:-

- (i) To continue to work with key stakeholders and partners to enable delivery.
- (ii) To explore options for the formation of a Limited Liability Partnership or such other structure as may be appropriate to facilitate the delivery of housing.
- (iii) To explore options for the formation of a housing revenue account.
- (iv) To agree to a capital investment programme to support the delivery of housing.
- (v) To take a strategic approach to land release to enable the delivery of affordable housing.
- (vi) To take any such other steps as may be necessary to ensure the delivery of appropriate affordable rented housing.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (33)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (0)

Abstention (0)

RESOLVED :

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- (i) To continue to work with key stakeholders and partners to enable delivery.
- (ii) To explore options for the formation of a Limited Liability Partnership or such other structure as may be appropriate to facilitate the delivery of housing.
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- (iv) To agree to a capital investment programme to support the delivery of housing.
- (v) To take a strategic approach to land release to enable the delivery of affordable housing.
- (vi) To take any such other steps as may be necessary to ensure the delivery of appropriate affordable rented housing.

(b) [By Councillor Julie Jones-Evans](#)

Councillor Alan Hollands declared an interest in the following item of business and left the room.

20mph areas are proven to contribute to reducing road traffic accidents, increased active travel and other public health benefits. This Council therefore asks the Executive to consider introducing a policy for a 20mph speed limit in areas across the Island in residential streets, town and village centres and where people work and learn.

An amendment to the motion was moved and seconded as follows :

20mph areas are proven to contribute to reducing road traffic accidents, increased active travel and other public health benefits. This Council therefore asks the Executive to consider introducing a policy for a 20mph speed limit in areas agreed with Town and Parish Councils across the Island in residential streets, town and village centres and where people work and learn.

The amendment was accepted.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (25)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (2)

Councillors Phil Jordan, Ian Stephens

Abstention (3)

Councillors John Howe, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Steve Stubbings

RESOLVED :

THAT 20mph areas are proven to contribute to reducing road traffic accidents, increased active travel and other public health benefits. This Council therefore asks the Executive to consider introducing a policy for a 20mph speed limit in areas agreed with Town and Parish Councils across the Island in residential streets, town and village centres and where people work and learn.

CHAIRMAN