



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER 2014 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Ian Ward (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Conrad Gauntlett, Richard Hollis, Graham Perks

45. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [15 October 2014](#) be confirmed.

46. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Bob Blezzard declared an interest in Minute 56, report of the Scrutiny Committee chairman, as he was a member of the IW NHS Trust and his partner was employed by the Health Service.

Councillor Chris Whitehouse declared a personal interest in Minute 50, Cowes Enterprise College, as the Chief Executive of Ormiston Academies Trust was a family friend.

Councillor John Nicholson declared a pecuniary interest in Minute 50, Cowes Enterprise College. He was not present during the discussion and voting thereon.

Councillor Julie Jones-Evans declared an interest as she was the Chair of the Isle of Wight Small Business Association.

Councillor Paul Fuller declared a personal interest in Minute 50, Cowes Enterprise College, as he had a child at the school.

Councillor Julia Baker-Smith declared a personal interest in Minute 50, Cowes Enterprise College, as she had a child at the school.

Councillor Wayne Whittle declared an interest in anything related to business or tourism.

47. **Public Question Time**

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
<u>David Walter of Wellow</u>	I understand that a significant sum of money has been anticipated from the sale of Council-owned land to the developers of the proposed ASDA in Newport. What is the expected net receipt? Supplementary - If the anticipated funds do not materialise, what plans does the Council have to plug the shortfall?	The Leader provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>PQ 24/14</u>)
David Miller of Cowes	Question relating to Cowes Enterprise College.	The Executive Member provided a written response.
Simon Cooke of Ryde	Asked a question relating to staffing at residential care homes.	The Executive Member would provide a written response.
Brenda Connery of Shanklin	Asked a question relating to Rush Close, Shanklin.	The leader indicated he would take legal advice and provide a written response. It was possible a report would be considered at the December 2014 Executive.

48. **Chairman's Report**

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

49. [Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Board 2013/14 Annual Report](#)

Maggie Blyth, independent chair of the Children's Safeguarding Board (LCSB) presented the annual report.

Questions were raised regarding the arrangements for the prevention and identification of the risks around child sexual exploitation. Members were advised that practices were in place and working well.

An Ofsted report relating to Single Inspection of Local Authority Children Services and the review of LSCB had been received earlier in the day. Concerns were raised that the positivity regarding improvements could deflect from the fact that significant improvements were still required. It was noted that the designated doctor for the Child Death Panel was an interim post on the Isle of Wight.

Members questioned why the budget for serious case reviews was underspent whereas that relating to administration and refreshment's was significantly overspent.

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, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (1)

Councillor Geoff Lumley

RESOLVED :

THAT the report be noted.

50. [Cowes Enterprise College - completion of works update](#)

(Councillor John Nicholson declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and left the room.)

Members were told that Ormiston Academies Trust had taken over the Cowes Enterprise College building on 16 July 2014.

The cost of the outstanding works and that fact that the Council was not in a position to fund additional costs, was noted. As part of the transfer, all liabilities would be taken on by Ormiston. There was some discussion around the erroneous payment of £431,565, although it was noted that ongoing legal proceedings could recover the sum at a hearing scheduled for 12 December 2014.

The Council still had an interest in ensuring facilities at the college were the best they could be in order to support the educational attainment of the college's pupils. It was therefore appropriate that support be given to Ormiston Academies Trust in securing additional funding from the Education Funding Agency (EFA) and that the Council commit the remaining budget allocated to the project.

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, 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, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED :

THAT no additional funding be allocated above that already agreed as part of the budget framework.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE :

THAT the commission with Hampshire County Council Property Services be concluded at the end of December 2014 and all further involvement with the capital project, other than making direct payments in respect of agreed work up to the budget figure as set out in Table 1 of the report (attached to and forming part of these minutes) cease, net of any further costs arising from the administrators and/or non-recovery of the amount paid in error, and supporting Ormiston Academies Trust in their bid to the EFA for additional resources. Ormiston Academies Trust were then free to commission Hampshire County Council Property Services to continue with the remaining elements of the work if they so wished.

(Councillor John Nicholson re-entered the room.)

51. Constitutional amendments

Authority was sought to make constitutional changes to remove executive advisory committees and to form three select committees, which would meet on a quarterly basis. The chairmen of those Select Committees would supply written reports to Full Council on a regular basis.

Councillor Blezzard had circulated an addendum rewording the first paragraph of the membership details of the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee to read as follows :

‘9 members appointed on a politically proportionate basis (who do not have to be members of the Scrutiny Committee) with a representative from the local Healthwatch as a non-voting member.’

It was also suggested that the following sentence on page C - 6, paragraph 5 of the report (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be removed to ensure that the Select Committees were not undertaking the same function as the Scrutiny Committee :

‘Select Committees should not however consider reports that are to be submitted to the executive.’

It was noted that the scrutiny function relating to adult social care now sat within the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee. It was proposed to change the title of the scrutiny sub committee to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee to reflect the wider remit.

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, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (1)

Councillors Daryll Pitcher

RESOLVED :

THAT the constitution be amended as follows:

- (i) THAT a Children's Services Select Committee, an Economy and Tourism Select Committee and an Environment and Transport Select Committee be created, with the terms of reference at Appendix 1 (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
- (ii) THAT the title of the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee be changed to Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee;
- (iii) THAT references to executive advisory committees be removed;
- (iv) THAT minor changes be made to the constitution as identified in Appendix 1 (attached to and forming part of these minutes), to take account of the decisions in (i), (ii) and (iii) above;
- (v) THAT paragraph 1 of the membership details of the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee be amended to read '9 members appointed on a politically proportionate basis (who do not have to be members of the Scrutiny Committee) with a representative from the local Healthwatch as a non-voting member';
- (vi) THAT the following sentence be removed from page C - 6, paragraph 5 of Appendix 1 (attached to and forming part of these minutes) 'Select Committees should not however consider reports that are to be submitted to the executive'.

52. [Review of political proportionality and allocation of seats on committees](#)

An amendment to the committee seat allocation was circulated.

Group leaders would forward their nominations to the Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring officer to fill the seats allocated to their groups.

For those members not within a group the Monitoring Officer would approach them in order to find which post they would be interested in and report back to the next meeting of Full Council.

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

For (36)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson,

Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT the report and the legal requirements with regard to membership of committees be noted;
- (ii) THAT members be appointed to serve on those committees in accordance with the agreed scheme of committee places until the next occasion membership is reviewed under the provisions of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989;
- (iii) THAT in accordance with the constitution group leaders to be invited to send their nominations to the Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer to fill the seats allocated to their groups;
- (iv) THAT the Monitoring Officer approach those members not within a group to find which posts they would be interested in and report back to the next meeting of Full Council.

53. Dependent on the outcome of the above to elect Chairmen to the following :

- (a) [Chairman to the Children Services Select Committee](#)

The names of Councillors John Howe and Conrad Gauntlett were proposed and seconded.

A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

Councillor John Howe

For (19)

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

Councillor Conrad Gauntlett

For (17)

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

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor John Howe be elected Chairman of the Children Services Select Committee for the ensuing year.

(b) [Chairman to the Economy and Tourism Select Committee](#)

The names of Councillors Roger Whitby-Smith and Wayne Whittle were proposed and seconded.

A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

Councillor Roger Whitby-Smith

For (21)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith,

Councillor Wayne Whittle

For (14)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (1)

Councillor Charles Chapman

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Roger Whitby-Smith be elected Chairman of the Economy and Tourism Select Committee for the ensuing year.

(c) [Chairman to the Environment and Transport Select Committee](#)

The name of Councillor Jonathan Gilbey was proposed and seconded.

A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (32)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman,

Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (2)

Councillors Luisa Hillard, Geoff Lumley

Abstention (2)

Councillors Alan Hollands, Steve Stubbings

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Jonathan Gilbey be elected Chairman of the Environment and Transport Select Committee for the ensuing year.

54. [To elect a Vice Chairman to the Planning Committee](#)

The name of Councillor Bob Blezzard was proposed and seconded.

A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (33)

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

Against (1)

Councillor Daryll Pitcher

Abstention (2)

Councillors Ray Bloomfield, Gordon Kendall

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Bob Blezzard be elected Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee for the ensuing year.

55. **Executive**

Reports of the Executive Members

(i) **The Leader**

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

Written questions were put to the Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Bloomfield	Did this Council and Leader welcome the new 'Local Government Transparency Code 2014'?	The Leader provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 32/14)

Oral questions were put to the Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Lumley	Executive member reports should be published at least 24 hours prior to the meeting; only five reports had been published. The content of those reports should focus on budget, planning and strategic issues.	The Leader confirmed that executive member reports should be published 24 hours prior to the meeting and he was looking at the possibility of moving publication to 48 hours prior to the meeting.
	Supplementary - executive members should take responsibility for writing their own reports rather than relying on officers.	The Leader indicated that was currently being reviewed, although officers did provide some background information.
Cllr Jones-Evans	What was being done to ensure local businesses had access to the information and workshops on Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (SLEP) funding?	The Leader advised that previously information had come through the Chamber of Commerce. There was a possibility of arranging a visit from SLEP.
Cllr Blezzard	What was the situation with the community bus scheme and which executive member had responsibility?	The Leader indicated the scheme was under review within the budget round.

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Stewart	Would the Leader agree there was a problem within the council of dysfunctionality, disorganisation and lacking in leadership as reflected in the recent capital fund report, the unexpected departure of the senior officer responsible for elements of the Island Roads contract, page 1 of the Childrens Services Ofsted report and oversight of the problem that allowed some £400k to be erroneously paid, the recovery of which now relied on legal proceedings?	The Leader advised he did not agree but any issues would be addressed by internal enquiry. Good working practices would be introduced.
Cllr Seely	Did the Leader recognise the consistent trend of criticism of senior cohesion and senior leadership	The Leader indicated he did not.
Cllr Hollands	Did the leader believe the lack of funds was the fault of the previous administration?	The Leader believed there was a lack of funding and capacity.

(ii) **[The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing](#)**

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

Disappointment was expressed with the Isle of Wight NHS Trust regarding the lack of information provided to the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee.

Oral questions were put to the Deputy Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Blezzard	A meeting of the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee had been held the previous week and the fact that the Isle of Wight NHS Trust had signed a Strategic Estates Partnership had not been mentioned. Did the executive member believe that an extra-ordinary meeting of the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee should be held?	The Deputy Leader believed it should.

(iii) **Executive Member for Planning and Licensing**

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Jones-Evans	There didn't appear to be a policy relating to advertising boards on the highway, what was being prepared?	The Executive Member advised there was a policy in draft form which was currently with Island Roads for comment.
Cllr Whitby-Smith	Asked that the site for Pluto oil pipeline controls was considered in the planned new build of the Grand Hotel?	The Executive Member indicated it would.
Cllr Whitehouse	Why had charging for pre-planning advice for commercial applicants not happened yet?	The Executive Member advised talks were being held with planning officers to ensure the planning office and IT were fit for purpose.
Cllr Stewart	Clarification had been given by another authority regarding pre-planning advice, would the executive member give an assurance that charging for that advice would be moved forward?	The Executive Member agreed that talking to other authorities and sharing good practice was a way forward.

(iv) [Executive Member for Organisational Change and Human Resources](#)

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Blezzard	How was the expert from the Local Government Association (LGA) going to develop new income possibilities? Who was the expert and what was their expertise? Wasn't the information regarding income streams part of last year's root and branch review?	The Executive Member advised the LGA was to be used due to funding issues.

(v) [Executive Member for Public Protection and PFI](#)

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Nicholson	Was there an update on road safety for horses?	The Executive Member indicated he had held a meeting with the Horses Forum and some developments had come from that. Further meetings would be held to help develop policy.
Cllr Richards	Could an assurance be given that a meeting would be held with residents of Blackwater as well as those from Alverstone with regard to flooding?	The Executive Member agreed he would, although flooding was an issue across the Island.
Cllr Hollands	Would the executive member expedite any programme of works for Shanklin?	The Executive Member advised there was no further movement on that until the report was finalised.

(vi) **Executive Member for Economy and Tourism**

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Whitby-Smith	Asked for an assurance that the record office would remain open and on the Isle of Wight?	The Executive Member indicated there were no plans to close the record office and she anticipated that a report would be taken to the December 2014 meeting of the Executive.
Cllr Whittle	A lower priced off peak day return ferry ticket was urgently needed.	The Executive Member advised that cross Solent travel operators were private companies who could not be compelled to introduce off peak day return tickets.
	Supplementary - Why was there to be free parking in commuter car parks?	The Executive Member stated that the half day free parking had been to boost business in local shops and that the limited duration meant it would not encourage trips to the mainland.

(vii) **Executive Member for Sustainability, Environment and Public Realm**

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

(viii) **Executive Member for Children's Services and Corporate Governance**

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

The Executive Member advised he had attended the careers and jobs fair at the Isle of Wight College on 30 October 2014, which had been attended by approximately 750.

With regard to the £400,000 overpayment, as it was erroneous it was likely to be recovered.

The Ofsted inspection ‘Single Inspection of Local Authority Children Services and the review of LSCB’ report had been received earlier in the day. The outcomes indicated improvement was required, but that needed to be put into context.

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Whitehouse	What was the timescale with regard to the consultation exercise for schools?	The Executive Member indicated the consultation would start as soon as possible after the executive decision was taken. The consultation period would be for six weeks, with a break over the Christmas period.

56. **Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Councillor Blezzard told members the Isle of Wight NHS Trust was the only non-foundation Trust going into private partnership. He asked the Proper Officer to call an extra-ordinary meeting of the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee.

Oral questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Stewart	What was the policy on ward members speaking at the Scrutiny Committee?	The Chairman advised he had not taken representations from the ward member as it had been a Task and Finish Group report.

57. **Motion submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council’s Constitution**

(a) **By Councillor Jonathan Bacon**

Councillor Bacon asked that his motion be deferred to the next meeting of full council to enable members to read the Ofsted report that had been issued earlier in the day.

(b) **By Councillor Steve Stubbings**

The Isle of Wight Council understands the contribution an integrated and coherent transport system can make to the overall economic well-being of the Island and appreciates the work of the Leader of the Council and the Island’s MP in raising the urgency of having such a

system with Government, the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (SLEP) and partner agencies.

It therefore welcomes the support of the Minister of State for Transport for the development of a task force to consider how the Island could plan and develop a multi modal transport system that is secure, accessible and affordable and which underpins the social, economic, and environmental well-being of the whole community.

The Council offers its full support to the creation and work of the task force and looks forward to working closely with the Island's MP, Government, SLEP, transport operators, the Chamber of Commerce through its MOU and all other stakeholders to secure the necessary external funds for its operation and in ensuring its success.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken to note the report, 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, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED :

THAT The Isle of Wight Council understands the contribution an integrated and coherent transport system can make to the overall economic well-being of the Island and appreciates the work of the Leader of the Council and the Island's MP in raising the urgency of having such a system with Government, the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (SLEP) and partner agencies.

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the necessary external funds for its operation and in ensuring its success.

CHAIRMAN