



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 19 MARCH 2014 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
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, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Ivor Warlow

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1. **Suspension of Procedure Rule**

Council considered a motion to formally suspend Procedure Rule 14(4) for minutes 2, 3 and 6 which would enable the suspension of usual time limits for speeches.

**RESOLVED ;**

THAT Procedure Rule 14(4) in as far as it relates to the length of speeches be suspended for minutes 2, 3 and 6 for the duration of the meeting.

2. **Election of Chairman**

The name of Cllr Charles Chapman was proposed and seconded, but he declined to accept the nomination.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 1(3), Councillor Ian Ward was proposed and seconded as Chairman of the Council for a second year.

(Councillor Ward left the room for this item)

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

For (35)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (1)

Councillor Reg Barry

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Ian Ward be appointed Chairman of the Council for a second year in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1(3).

(Councillor Ward re-entered the room)

Councillor Ward thanked Members for their support and appointed Mrs Constance Cowley as his Consort and presented her with the badge of office. His nominated charity for the year was St Vincent's Care Home for Retired Service Men, Ryde.

Councillor Ward formally declared his acceptance of office and took the Chair.

3. **Election of Vice Chairman**

In accordance with Procedure Rule 1(3), Councillor Charles Chapman was proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman of the Council for a second year.

(Councillor Chapman left the room for this item)

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

For (36)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (1)

Councillor Reg Barry

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Charles Chapman be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Council for a second year in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1(3).

(Councillor Chapman re-entered the room)

[Councillor Chapman formally declared his acceptance of office and thanked Members for their support.](#)

4. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [26 February 2014](#) be confirmed.

5. [Declarations of Interest](#)

It was noted that the Monitoring Officer had exercised her delegated power given at annual Council in May 2013, to grant a dispensation allowing all members to participate in any debate, speak and vote on members' allowances, payments, indemnities and pensions. This dispensation has been given under the Localism Act 2011.

There were no declarations received at this stage.

6. **To elect the Leader of the Council who will also be the Chairman of the Council's Executive.** ([Recording 1](#) and [2](#))

Councillor Ian Stephens was proposed and seconded as Leader of the Council. There were no further nominations. 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, 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, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstentions (2)

Councillors Richard Hollis, Ian Stephens

## RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Ian Stephens be elected Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Executive until the next Annual Council.

Councillor Stephens thanked Members for their support and announced his intention to appoint the following to the Executive:

<b>Executive</b>	<b>Member</b>
Deputy Leader, and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing	- Cllr Steve Stubbings
Executive Member for Children's Services and Education	- Cllr Richard Priest
Executive Member for Corporate Governance, Planning and Regulatory Services	- Cllr Jonathan Bacon
Executive Member for Fire and Rescue Services and Public Health/ Safety	- Cllr Phil Jordan
Executive Member for Economy and Tourism	- Cllr Shirley Smart
Executive Member for Finance and PFI Contract	- Cllr Jonathan Gilbey
Executive Member for Human Resources, Organisational Change and Exchequer Services	- Cllr Gordon Kendall
Executive Member for Sustainability	- Cllr Luisa Hillard

## 7. Constitution, Committee Structure and Appointments

### (a) The Committee Structure and Constitution

Members were reminded that at the 30 November 2013 Council meeting it was agreed to adopt a hybrid committee system. A Constitution Review Working Party was established to prepare a revised constitution to incorporate the new governance arrangements.

There had been some discussion in relation to the Employment Committee being disbanded. After further consideration it was decided to retain this committee for the time being.

Amendments to the proposed changes to the constitution, submitted by Cllr Bob Blezzard had been circulated prior to the start of the meeting. It was suggested they be referred to the Constitution Review Working Party for consideration and a report be brought back to the May 2014 meeting of Full Council.

Some concerns were raised with regard to the Executive Advisory Panels and the loss of the Scrutiny Panels currently in place.

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

For (23)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Roger Whitby-Smith

Against (15)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Matthew Price, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT Executive Advisory Committees be established for :-
  - (a) Children's Services;
  - (b) Environment and Public Protection;
  - (c) Economy and Tourism;
  - (d) Adult, Health, Community and Wellbeing.
- (ii) THAT the existing structure of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee with three scrutiny panels be changed to one Scrutiny Committee supported by a Health Scrutiny Sub Committee with the power to refer health concerns to the Secretary of State.
- (iii) THAT the scheme of delegations be approved.
- (iv) THAT the revised Code of Conduct be adopted.
- (v) THAT council approves the changes to the Constitution arising from the above and as set out in Appendix 1 (attached to and forming part of these minutes).
- (vi) THAT appointments be made to the positions of chairman, and vice chairman where appropriate, of the committees as set out in Appendix 2 (attached to and forming part of these minutes).
- (vii) THAT appointments be made by group leaders to the seats on committees in accordance with political proportionality.

(viii) THAT the proposed changes to the constitution, previously circulated, be referred to the Constitution Review Working Party for consideration and a report be brought back to the next meeting of Full Council.

(b) Appointment of Chairmen

Executive Advisory Panels

<b>Executive Advisory Panel</b>	<b>Member</b>
Adult, Health, Community and Wellbeing Executive Advisory Committee	- Cllr Ivor Warlow
Children's Services Executive Advisory Committee	- Cllr John Howe
Economy and Tourism Executive Advisory Committee	- Cllr Roger Whitby-Smith
Environment and Public Protection Executive Advisory Committee	- Cllr John Medland

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

For (23)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Roger Whitby-Smith

Against (2)

Councillors Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstentions (12)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Matthew Price, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart

RESOLVED :

THAT the following be appointed as Chairmen of the Executive Advisory Committees:

- (i) Adult, Health, Community and Wellbeing Executive Advisory Committee - Cllr Ivor Warlow;

- (ii) Children's Services Executive Advisory Committee - Cllr John Howe;
- (iii) Economy and Tourism Executive Advisory Committee - Cllr Roger Whitby-Smith;
- (iv) Environment and Public Protection Executive Advisory Committee - Cllr John Medland

Other Committees :

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Member</b>
Appeals Committee	- Cllr Colin Richards
Audit Committee	- Cllr Reg Barry
Employment Committee	- Cllr Julia Baker-Smith
Health Scrutiny Sub Committee	- Cllr Bob Blezzard
Licensing Committee	- Cllr Colin Richards
Planning Committee (Chairman)	- Cllr Paul Fuller
Planning Committee (Vice Chairman)	- Cllr Julia Baker-Smith
Scrutiny Committee	- Cllr Geoff Lumley
Health and Wellbeing Board	- Cllr Ian Stephens
IW Pension Fund Committee	- Cllr Bob Blezzard

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

For (29)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (1)

Councillor Chris Whitehouse

Abstentions (7)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Julie Jones-Evans, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart

RESOLVED :

THAT the following be appointed as Chairmen or Vice Chairman of Committees :

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Member</b>
(i) Appeals Committee	- Cllr Colin Richards
(ii) Audit Committee	- Cllr Reg Barry
(iii) Employment Committee	- Cllr Julia Baker-Smith
(iv) Health Scrutiny Sub Committee	- Cllr Bob Blezzard
(v) Licensing Committee	- Cllr Colin Richards
(vi) Planning Committee (Chairman)	- Cllr Paul Fuller
(vii) Planning Committee (Vice Chairman)	- Cllr Julia Baker-Smith
(viii) Scrutiny Committee	- Cllr Geoff Lumley
(ix) Health and Wellbeing Board	- Cllr Ian Stephens
(x) IW Pension Fund Committee	- Cllr Bob Blezzard

8. [Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel on the Members Allowances Scheme – 2014/15](#)

The Chairman of the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), Mr Max Morrison, presented the report. Consideration was given to the recommendations made by the Independent Remuneration Panel with regard to the Members' Allowance Scheme.

(a) [Health Scrutiny Sub Committee](#)

It was noted there was no provision for the Chairman of the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee. Members believed this would be a significant role and a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) should be paid for this post. There was a proposal that as SRA's were now paid as a multiplier of the basic allowance, the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee should be paid an interim allowance of 0.4 of the basic allowance. This would be subject to review when the IRP next met and adjusted accordingly, with the proviso that any over payment be recovered or under payment remunerated.

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

For (29)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry,  
Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles,  
Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands,  
John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan,  
Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson,  
Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest,



Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings,  
Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (3)

Councillors Richard Hollis, Dave Stewart, Chris Whitehouse

Abstention (5)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Paul Fuller, John Hobart,  
Bob Seely

RESOLVED :

THAT the Chair of the Health Scrutiny Sub Committee be paid an interim allowance of 0.4 of the basic allowance, subject to review by the Independent Remuneration Panel and subject to any increase or decrease being backdated, if appropriate to the date of appointment.

(b) Recommendations from the IRP

In considering the recommendations to the Independent Remuneration Panels report, an amendment from Cllr Bob Blezzard was proposed, there being no seconder the proposal failed.

Members discussed various aspects of the reports and at the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (30)

Councillors Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (4)

Councillors Bob Blezzard, Paul Fuller, Bob Seely, Chris Whitehouse

Abstentions (3)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, John Nicholson, Steve Stubbings

**RESOLVED :**

- (a) THAT there be no general increase in the basic allowance for all elected members and that this remains at £7,903 for the sixth year running.
- (b) THAT the Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) for 2014/15 be as set out below:

Position	Multiplier of the basic	Special Responsibility Allowance
Leader	2	£15,806.00
Deputy Leader	1.25	£9,878.75
Executive Member	1	£7,903.00
Overview & Scrutiny Chair	1	£7,903.00
Audit Chair	0.4	£3,161.20
Employment Chair	0.3	£2,370.90
Planning Chair	0.8	£6,322.40
Planning Vice Chair	0.2	£1,580.60
Licensing Chair	0.6	£4,741.80
Pension Fund Chair	0.15	£1,185.45
Appeals Chair	0.2	£1,580.60
Executive Advisory Chairs	0.5	£3,951.50
Chairman of Council	0.7	£5,532.10
Vice Chairman of Council	0.2	£1,580.60
Leaders of Groups of 10 or more	0.2	£1,580.60

- (c) THAT the process for the distribution of the on island travel lump sum be left unchanged. This is currently based on the distribution of a lump sum divided between the members on the basis of a formula reflecting distance of county hall from their homes and office they hold. However, the panel will reconsider this as part of its next report with a view to simplifying the whole allowance scheme even further.
- (d) THAT all other allowances (for example those for co-opted members and child allowance) remain unchanged.

9. **Corporate Plan 2014 – 2017**

Members considered the Corporate Plan for 2014 – 2017. The corporate priorities would determine the council's focus. It was noted that each of the priorities were supported by a set of vision statements which articulated what the council intended the plan's outcomes to be.

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, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (1)

Councillor Chris Whitehouse

RESOLVED :

THAT the Corporate Plan 2014-2017 be approved.

10. [To approve the following programme of ordinary Council meetings for the ensuing year](#)

The proposed dates and times for future Council meetings, were considered.

RESOLVED:

THAT the following dates and times be approved:

- 21 May 2014 (6.00 pm)
- 18 June 2014 (6.00 pm)
- 16 July 2014 (6.00 pm)
- 17 September 2014 (6.00 pm)
- 15 October 2014 (6.00 pm)
- 19 November 2014 (6.00 pm)
- 21 January 2015 (6.00 pm)
- 25 February 2015 (**BUDGET COUNCIL**) (5.00 pm Start)
- 22 April 2015 (6.00 pm)
- 20 May 2015 (**ANNUAL COUNCIL**) (6.00 pm)

CHAIRMAN