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# Agenda

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date	<b>WEDNESDAY, 20 JANUARY 2016</b>
Time	<b>6.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Members of the Committee	All Members of the Council

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PRAYERS led by the Revd Canon Graham Morris.

1. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record and to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 25 November 2015 ([Paper A](#))

2. **[Declarations of Interest](#)**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

3. **To deal with any questions from members of the public - a maximum of up to 15 minutes for written questions, with up to a further 15 minutes for oral questions.**

Questions may be asked without notice but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting, the question must be delivered in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 6.00 pm on Monday, 18 January 2016. The [Procedure for asking oral questions](#) is set out below.



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4. [Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and correspondence for the Council.](#)
5. **Adoption of the revised Policy Statement of Principles Under Section 349 of the Gambling Act 2005** ([Paper B](#))
6. **Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2016/17** ([Paper C](#))
7. **Comprehensive Spending Review and Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2016/17 and impact on the Medium-Term Budget Strategy** ([Paper D](#))
8. **Executive Members to present a written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy:**
  - (i) [The Leader and Executive Member for Children's Services and Lead Member for Resources](#) (Cllr Jonathan Bacon)
  - (ii) [Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Adult Social Care, Integration, Human Resources and Corporate Governance](#) (Cllr Steve Stubbings)
  - (iii) [Executive Member for Sustainability and Organisational Change](#) (Cllr Luisa Hillard)
  - (iv) [Executive Member for Tourism, Culture and Heritage](#) (Cllr Ian Stephens)
  - (v) [Executive Member for Planning, Licensing, Public Realm and Local Engagement](#) (Cllr Paul Fuller)
  - (vi) [Executive Member for Public Health, Public Protection and PFI](#) (Cllr Phil Jordan)
  - (vii) [Executive Member for Regeneration, Economy and Public Transport](#) (Cllr Shirley Smart)

**To guarantee a full reply Members must submit a question in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 19 January 2016. A further period of 10 Minutes will be allowed for oral questions to each Executive Member.**

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

The Chairman of Scrutiny, Cllr Dave Stewart, to present his written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy.

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

- (a) [By Councillor Geoff Lumley](#)

**Housing and Planning Bill**

Council notes:

- That the Housing and Planning Bill is currently being considered by Parliament, and if passed would threaten the provision of affordable homes for rent and buy through:

- extending the right-to-buy to housing association tenants; and
- undermining section 106 requirements on private developers to provide affordable homes.
- That there is no commitment in the Bill that affordable homes will be replaced like-for-like in the local area.
- That whilst any measures to help first-time buyers are welcome, the 'starter homes' proposals in the Bill will be unaffordable to families and young people on ordinary incomes in most parts of the country, and particularly the Isle of Wight; will not preserve the taxpayer investment; and will be built at the expense of genuinely-affordable homes to rent and buy.
- That the Bill undermines localism by taking 32 new wide and open-ended powers for the Secretary of State over councils and local communities, including the ability to override local plans.
- That the Bill, whilst introducing some welcome measures to get to grips with rogue private sector landlords, does not help with the high rents, poor conditions and insecurity affecting many of England's 11m private renters – including one in four families with children – and does nothing to help arrest the recent rise in homelessness.

Council resolves:

- To analyse and report on the likely impact of the extension of right-to-buy, the undermining of Section 106 requirements, and the 'starter homes' requirement on the local availability of affordable homes.
- To analyse and report on any further likely impacts of the Bill on the local area.
- To use this information to:
  - support the Leader of the Council in writing to the Secretary of State with our concerns about the Bill;
  - set up an urgent meeting between the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive with the Island's MP to raise our concerns;
  - make public our concerns, including by publishing the above information on the council's website and through the local press.

(b) By Councillor John Medland

- (i) The Isle of Wight Council notes that on December 17<sup>th</sup> 2015 five zones of the Isle of Wight considered for oil and gas extraction were all granted as open for conventional exploration licences and do not preclude unconventional drilling in the form of fracking.

- (ii) The Council recognises that there is widespread public concern over the use of unconventional oil and gas extraction through fracking in terms of its potential environmental effects and implications on climate change in relation to the Eco-Island policy pursued by this Council since 2008, but also recognises that as a planning authority the council is unable to express opposition to the principal of fracking as this would suggest predetermination.
- (iii) Council notes that for any application relating to the operations identified above to be successful on the Isle of Wight it would be required to satisfy, and not negatively impact upon all relevant policy requirements of the Island Plan, including, but not limited to:
  - SP4- Tourism
  - SP5- Environment
  - SP6- Renewables
  - SP9- Minerals
  - DM2- Design quality
  - DM8- Economic development
  - DM11- Historic and built environment
  - DM12- Landscape, seascape biodiversity and Geodiversity.
  - DM13- Green Infrastructure
  - DM14- Flood Risk
  - DM16- Renewables
- (iv) Council further notes that fracking applications made in Lancashire and West Sussex have been refused by their principal authorities but before going to the planning inspectorate have been diverted to the Secretary of State for the Department of Communities and Local Government for a final decision. Lancashire County Council has in turn queried this process on the basis that the Government has a clear policy in favour of fracking and should therefore be unable to take such planning decisions as there is a clear issue of predetermination by the Secretary of State. This Council fully supports these concerns as raised by Lancashire Council.
- (v) Given the special circumstances of the Isle of Wight, the complex geological structure of the Island, the potential implications of the activities listed above, the extent and intensity of environmental conservation status on the landscape and coastline and importance of such to the wider tourism economy this Council resolves:
  - (1) To request that a planning performance agreement to be entered into by any developer wishing to undertake such activities including agreement to waive existing time limits for determination in order to ensure full consideration of impacts as required by the policies set out at (iii) above;

- (2) To require any application, and all elements of the application including all matters relating to the policies set out at (iii) above, to be determined by the Council's Planning Committee in accordance with the constitution as this Council deems that any such application would have Island-wide significance.
- (3) In the event of a refusal of any such application by the Planning Committee, to request that any Appeal that might follow be determined by a body that has not predetermined or could be seen as having predetermined any issues in relation to the application.

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