



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 20 JULY 2016 COMMENCING AT 6.00 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, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Jonathan Gilbey, Richard Hollis, John Howe, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Colin Richards, Ian Stephens

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RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [15 June 2016](#) be confirmed.

22. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Bob Blezzard declared a non pecuniary interest in Minute 36 (a), as he had friends who were European nationals.

23. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Jon Platt	Mr Platt was not in attendance to ask his question.	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link <u>(PQ 13/16)</u>
Diana Conyers of Ryde	Would the consultation documents (on the Mayoral Combined Authority) include additional information on the likely financial and other implications of the proposal;	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link <u>(PQ 14/16)</u>

Name	Subject	Comment
	and use the consultation as a means of promoting a constructive debate, in which the public is able to suggest modifications to the proposal, conditions for its acceptance and possibly even alternative ways forward.	
Lee Wilson	Mr Wilson was not in attendance to ask his question.	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 15/16)
Iain McKie of Totland Bay	Mr McKie was not in attendance to ask his question.	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 16/16)
Rachel Brown of Newport	Asked a question in relation to the conduct of councillors at meetings.	The Chairman provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 17/16)

24. **[Chairman's Report](#)**

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

25. **[To consider the recommendations of the Employment Committee held on 11 July 2016](#)**

The Chair of the Employment Committee advised members that at its meeting on 11 July 2016, consideration was given to the Revised Operating Model: Part One - Senior Management Structure. He told members the posts were to be paid for from the ASDA capital receipt money following a review of how that money could be used for revenue purposes. The Chair of the Employment Committee indicated there was a welcome but unexpected change of approach.

The Chair of the Employment Committee then moved the recommendations of the Employment Committee as follows:

- (a) Support the appointment of a Director of Regeneration and related support staff and recommend its recruitment to Full Council and that this increase in transformational capacity should be funded by allocating £2.0m from the ASDA capital receipt across the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18.

- (b) Support the replacement of the post of Deputy Managing Director and Head of Place with a Head of Place and recommend to Full Council that it is ring fenced to the service managers in that area.
- (c) Agree and recommend to Full Council that it delays any changes to the operating model at this time in order to sustain the organisation's capacity to change and that the cost of this action is funded by £6.0m from the ASDA capital receipt across the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18 to defer any changes that would have the effect of diminishing the council's capacity to transform or regenerate the Island Economy.

The following amendment to recommendation (a) was then moved by Councillor Stewart and duly seconded :

The word 'staff' be removed and replaced with 'capacity'

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

For (24)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (6)

Councillors Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Alan Hollands, Geoff Lumley,

Abstention (2)

Councillors John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox

RESOLVED:

That the amendment be agreed.

Members then discussed the substantive proposal and at the conclusion of the debate, the Chairman indicated he would take the named vote on each recommendation separately, the results of which were as follows:

Recommendation (a) THAT the appointment of a Director of Regeneration and related support capacity be supported and that the increase in transformational capacity should be funded by allocating £2.0m from the ASDA capital receipt across the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18.

For (31)

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

Against (1)

Councillor Reg Barry

Abstention (0)

Recommendation (b) THAT support be given to the replacement of the post of Deputy Managing Director and Head of Place with a Head of Place and that the post be ring fenced to the service managers in that area.

For (32)

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

Against (0)

Abstention (0)

Recommendation (c) THAT any changes to the operating model be delayed at this time in order to sustain the organisation's capacity to change and that the cost of this action be funded by £6.0m from the ASDA capital receipt across the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18 be agreed and any changes that would have the effect of diminishing the council's capacity to transform or regenerate the Island Economy be deferred.

For (32)

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

Against (0)

Abstention (0)

RESOLVED:

- a) THAT the appointment of a Director of Regeneration and related support capacity be supported and that the increase in transformational capacity should be funded by allocating £2.0m from the ASDA capital receipt across the financial years 2016/17 and 2017/18.
- b) THAT support be given to the replacement of the post of Deputy Managing Director and Head of Place with a Head of Place and that the post be ring fenced to the service managers in that area.
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26. **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. The Leader indicated that with the changing approach with regard to the ASDA receipt money a review of some of the budget items would take place as part of the mid-term budget review at the 21 September 2016 meeting of full council.

The Leader, Councillor Ian Ward and Andrew Turner MP would be meeting with Paul Maynard, Rail Minister on Thursday, 21 July 2016 to discuss the Islandline.

Oral questions were put to the Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Bloomfield	Was Mr Garnett's name the only one put forward to head the Transport Infrastructure Taskforce?	The Leader read the response to the question submitted from Mr McKie (PQ 16/16)
	Supplementary – petition re keeping Islandline within the franchise which appears to have been ignored.	The Leader indicated the question should be asked of the Department for Transport.
Cllr Jones-Evans	Asked a question re budget funding for school crossing patrols and giving two schools a terms breathing space to January 2017.	The Leader advised that the crossing referred to were in the process of being taken on, he would speak to the councillor outside of the meeting.
Cllr Stewart	What consultation and negotiations had been held with the Leader, of Chief executive of Hampshire CC regarding devolution	The Leader indicated that Hampshire had stepped out of process late February early March 2016 and were no longer part of any process. They were consulting on re-organisation and were not part of the devolution process.
Cllr Gauntlett	Could you confirm a review of school crossing patrols has been undertaken in accordance with the Road Safety GB School Crossing Patrol Groups advisory guidelines as published in 2012?	The Leader confirmed that fact.
	Supplementary - Could a copy of the findings be circulated to all members of the council?	The Leader believed that had already been made available, but reminded members that school crossing patrols was not a statutory service.
Cllr Blezzard	Could we take a show of hands to the question submitted by Mr Platt?	The Chairman said no.

The Leader declared an interest in the following item as he had a link with two of the youth offer providers, Brading Youth Club and Vectis radio.

	Supplementary – A report on the youth offer and the outcomes from it, what funding had been put in place to make funding available?	The Leader believed it was part of the process the Children’s Committee were considering. In discussion held so far, a transitional process was being looked at. But could be taken on by Community Action isle of Wight.
Cllr Lumley	Could the leader have an extended time limit as he had three portfolios?	The Chairman agreed to an extension of time to allow Cllr Lumley’s questions to be put and answered.
	Why had the Bernardo’s presentation on the Early Year’s Services, to a recent Children’s Committee been arranged as a secret session?	The Leader advised it was matter that should be raised with the chairman of the Children’s Committee. Sometimes where children are involved there has to be caution on what was public.

(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 Jones-Evans	Would you explain how and if accessibility would form part of the consultation in relation to the Vanguard Programme?	The Deputy Leader indicated it would be a far reaching consultation.

(iii) **[Executive Member for Public Transport, Tourism, Recreation and Heritage](#)**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Bertie	The D-Bid consultation had primarily been aimed at businesses, should supermarkets also be contributing?	The Executive Member advised that D-Bid had not been organised by the Isle of Wight Council, she understood that a number of businesses throughout the island would be prepared to make contributions, including supermarkets and many of the islands smaller shops.
Cllr Bloomfield	Who else was considered for the Transport Infrastructure Taskforce?	The Executive Member indicated it was partly funded by government, she did not know who else had been asked.
Cllr Stewart	Did the Executive Member agree that the taskforce should include representation from both customers and users of ferries, buses and railway?	The Executive Member felt sure the Chief executive had heard the comment.
Cllr Jones-Evans	A friends of bid scheme should be brought forward at the earliest possible time.	The Executive Member agreed and would feed that through.
Cllr Seely	What would the Executive Members' role on the new Visit IOW board be?	The Executive Member advised that she was the council's representative on the Board.
Cllr Hollands	Did you think it was a pre-determined decision by government on the future of Islandline?	The Executive Member understood a decision would be available in February 2017.

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

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information. The Executive member was not present.

An oral question was put as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Jones-Evans	Was the any information on where the business hub would be located?	The Leader indicated he did not know but would ask the executive member to respond.

(v) **Executive Member for Planning and Housing**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information. The Executive Member provided an update on the three parcels of land for Spectrum Housing.

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Whitehouse	If the Spectrum Housing development was to go ahead consideration be given to key worker housing for teachers?	The Executive Member recalled that the Director of Spectrum Housing had offered to look into this.

(vi) **Executive Member for Environment (Sustainability) and Local Engagement**

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Stewart	How would town and parish councils, contacted in a pre-consultation exercise with regard to devolution be acknowledged?	The Executive Member indicated that if consultation took place it would be interesting to see what town and parish councils would wish to add.
Cllr Whitby-Smith	Amey were creating of a job for a Waste Champion, how was that progressing?	The Executive Member advised it would be like district stewards and liaise with town and parish councils.
Cllr Blezzard	There appeared to be problems with leases relating to the transfer of conveniences, would the executive member meet with me and representatives of Sandown Town Council?	The Executive Member agreed he would.

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Jones-Evans	How had the Isle of Wight Council shown and calculated social value when calculating the leases for public conveniences.	The Executive Member indicated he had spoken with and listened to town and parish councils.
Cllr Price	Why was there a proposed closure of Lynnbottom tip in the busiest month of the year? What penalties would be taken if the works overran?	The Executive Member had been advised by Amey that August was not the busiest month.

(vi) **Executive Member for Public Health, 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 Stewart	Update on negotiations with Island Roads on the future management of the PFI contract and any significant financial implications for the council.	The Executive Member advised the management of the contract was ongoing. Currently engaging on the process that Island Roads adopt when programming their work.
Cllr Priest	Potential funding for the Undercliff project through the PFI rather than from the Isle of Wight Council.	The Executive Member indicated it was not as clear cut as that, money left under the geo-technical scheme could be used.
Cllr Jones-Evans	Was there a timetable of when the development of the parking strategy would be taken to the Executive?	The Executive Member could not give a firm date.
Cllr Seely	Would the executive member agree that West Wight Sports Centre was important for the West Wight?	The Executive Member supported what the sports centre did and had to find ways to support it.
Cllr Lumley	Did the executive member believe Island Roads have a conflict of interest in	The Executive Member was aware of their work outside the PFI contract;

Name	Subject	Comment
	managing the highways network if they were adding to the problems on the island with a contract they had secured to redesign the highway system relating to the ASDA development?	he suggested he meet with Councillor Lumley outside of the meeting.

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

A [written report](#), along with one on Councillor Stewart's role on the Police and Crime Commissioner Panel had been circulated for information.

35. **Reports of Committee Chairmen**

(i) **Audit Committee**

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

(ii) **Employment Committee**

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

(iii) **Health and Wellbeing Board**

None submitted.

(iv) **Economy and Tourism Select Committee**

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

(v) **Environment and Transport Select Committee**

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

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

(a) **[By Councillor Dave Stewart](#)**

Before moving the motion Councillor Stewart indicated that he would be happy to accept the suggested amendment that had been notified by Cllr Blezzard. Accordingly Councillor Stewart then moved the following:

"This council condemns the recent increase in racism, xenophobia and hate crimes that have taken place across the country following the EU Referendum result and wishes to re assure all people legitimately living and working on the Island that they are valued members of our community.

This council further undertakes to support those in authority whose responsibility it is to tackle such criminal behaviour so as to send a clear message that it will not be tolerated on our community."

"Council also notes with concern the uncertainty about future residency rights being caused to European nationals living in the UK and specifically the Isle of Wight where a number of local industries and services depend on migrant labour.

Council therefore agrees to write urgently to the Prime Minister, and the Home Secretary with a copy to the Island MP strongly urging the Government to give an early guarantee of indefinite leave to remain in the UK to European nationals living in the UK and allowed to be here by reason of the free movement of people in the EU and the European Economic Area."

A further amendment was then moved by Councillor Hillard and duly seconded :

The word 'legitimately' be removed from paragraph 1.

Councillor Stewart advised that he accepted the amendment to his motion.

A further amendment was then moved by Councillor Lumley and duly seconded :

The words 'and working' be removed from paragraph 1.

Councillor Stewart advised that he accepted the amendment to his motion.

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

For (29)

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

Against (1)

Councillor Daryll Pitcher

Abstention (2)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield

RESOLVED:

THAT this council condemns the recent increase in racism, xenophobia and hate crimes that have taken place across the country following the EU Referendum result and wishes to re-assure all people living on the Island that they are valued members of our community.

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(b) [By Councillor Geoff Lumley](#)

Councillor Lumley withdrew his motion.

(c) [By Councillor Bob Seely](#)

This motion expresses concern at the limited timeframes being offered to debate devolution options for the Isle of Wight, welcomes this opportunity to discuss the Isle of Wight's role in the Solent Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA), and calls for establishment of an All-Party Group of County Councillors to examine the benefits and risks of the MCA for the Isle of Wight, to report in a timely way prior to any decision on the Isle of Wight's membership of such a group.

The following amendment was then moved by Councillor Stewart and duly seconded :

The words 'establishment of an All-Party Group of County Councillors' be removed and replaced with 'the Economy and Tourism Select Committee'.

Councillor Seely advised that he accepted the amendment to his motion.

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

For (31)

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

Against (0)

Abstention (0)

RESOLVED:

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CHAIRMAN