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Agenda

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| Name of meeting | FULL COUNCIL |
| Date | WEDNESDAY, 20 SEPTEMBER 2017 |
| Time | 6.00 PM |
| Venue | COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT |
| Members of the Committee | All Members of the Council |

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PRAYERS led by Revd Veronica Brown

1. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record and to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 19 July 2017 ([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 September 2017. The [Procedure for asking oral questions](#) is set out below.



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4. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

To receive the Chairman's official announcements ([Paper B](#))

5. **Commercial Property as Investment**

To formally approve the property investment strategy ([Paper C](#))

6. **Motions previously submitted and now considered by Cabinet**

The following two motions stood adjourned without discussion at the meeting of Full Council on Wednesday, 19 June 2017, Cabinet would consider them at its meeting on 14 July 2017 and consider whether it desired to report thereon back to the Full Council.

(i) By Councillors Julie Jones-Evans and Karl Love

That Full Council recommends to Cabinet that the Isle of Wight Council suspend, in light of the ongoing issues of the floating bridge, foot passenger charges for the foreseeable future and until such time that all the current issues have been fully resolved. This should be reviewed again after the recommendations of the public enquiry are submitted for reflection and discussion at full council.

(ii) By Councillor Julia Baker-Smith

Charging pedestrians on the floating bridge has had a significant impact upon many user groups but a particularly unfair impact on parents with children choosing healthy routes to school who are now being charged up to £3 per day in order to walk their children to school. This presents a potential and unnecessary barrier to low income families to maintaining school attendance. This Council resolves to ask the Cabinet to provide free travel for parents escorting their children to school where they live on the opposite side of the river to the school their child attends.

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

(a) By Councillor Rodney Downer

Full council recognises the benefits of the Rights of Way network on the Isle of Wight. The Rights of Way are a vital resource for the Island which both support the local economy, through their popularity with tourists, and also provide health benefits through residents being able to walk for pleasure as well as being able to walk to school or work, which can also have the effect of reducing traffic congestion and pollution.

(b) By Councillor Rodney Downer

To further support the Rights of Way network, Full Council requests that Cabinet reconsider the budget allocation being made to maintain and support Rights of Way and considers proposing an increase in financial support to enable the network to be at a standard necessary to provide the benefits to the local economy through tourists, and the health benefits to residents.

(c) By Councillor Wayne Whittle

The Isle of Wight Council is the landlord for Ryde Arena. In 2001 it agreed a 125 year lease for the use of the building which included a clause that required the tenant to, use its 'reasonable endeavours' to ensure the building is occupied and used at all times (save during periods of redevelopment) in accordance with current planning permission. The clear intent of that clause being to ensure a key landmark building at a main gateway to the Island presented a lively and warm welcome to the Island.

Ryde Arena closed to the public on 6 October 2016, following its acquisition by BNY Mellon Trust and Depositary (UK) Ltd. The property is managed by AEW. Despite the efforts of the local community and the Isle of Wight Council; AEW have not shown any urgency in reopening the building and simply offered it for sale at £3.5 million or rent at £140,000 per annum. It is apparent that these values are based on AEW's assessment of the potential for other uses of the site, other than for leisure activities. Any redevelopment of the site would, however, require the assistance of the council as the owner of all of the adjacent land to the arena .

Therefore; this council:

1. Confirms its intention, as landlord, that Ryde Arena should be in use at all times given its key position at a main gateway to the Island.
2. Deplores AEW's failure to keep Ryde Arena in use at all times and its lack of attention to or concern for the needs of the local community.
3. Agrees not to allow BNY Mellon Trust and Depositary (UK) Ltd, or any successor to its interest in the building, use of the council's adjacent land for any purposes (including redevelopment) until and unless Ryde Arena has been occupied and used at all times, in accordance with its current planning permission for a minimum of five years or some suitable agreement is reached as to how this can be achieved within a reasonable time frame.

(d) By Councillor Dave Stewart

At full Council in March 2016, members resolved:

"Council believes that mental health should be given equal priority with physical health, to Support 'Time to Change' - the mental health anti-stigma campaign and to request our Health and Wellbeing Board to explore the adoption of the 'Time to Change' pledge, better workplace practices, and encourage others to do so as well."

The new administration wishes to re-affirm its commitment to this proposal by the following motion:

This council resolves:

To sign up to the local authorities' Mental Health challenge

To appoint Councillor Clare Mosdell as the nominated elected member as mental health champion across the council.

To authorise Councillor Clare Mosdell to seek the practical support of other elected members who are experienced in this area to support her to implement the Mental Health Challenge and report back to this Council on the progress achieved in six months and one year's time.

(e) By Councillor Debbie André

This Council congratulates the organisers of the Pride Event which took place in Ryde in July this year and welcomes the support for the event shown by the Isle of Wight community.

The Isle of Wight Council pledges to support next year's Pride Event, due to take place on 21st July 2018, and to encourage support for Diversity on the Isle of Wight.

(f) By Councillor Debbie André

The Isle of Wight benefits from many excellent beaches which attract visitors to the Island and are a major part of the Island's tourist economy. To maximise this benefit to all parts of the community this Council recommends to Cabinet that it undertakes a feasibility study to include costings of the practicable steps that could be taken to facilitate and improve disabled access to beaches wherever possible across the Isle of Wight and what would be required to secure this. Such steps may include the hire of wheelchairs suitable for use on beaches as well as improving access to beaches by ramps (including portable ramps) and slipways. This would enable the Isle of Wight to compete with other tourist destinations in the UK that already provide such facilities.

(g) By Councillor Julia Baker-Smith

This Council is concerned at the level of volatility in the organisation of Secondary Schools on the Isle of Wight. This concern is also present amongst students at those schools, parents of those children and amongst the wider Isle of Wight Community.

To ensure that such concerns can be properly aired and considered, and to further assist the process of improving educational standards on the Isle of Wight, this Council requests that a regular public information session is held at which the Leader of the Council, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and relevant Officers can provide an update to the public and receive and answer questions on issues of concern in relation to secondary education.

(h) By Councillor Julia Baker-Smith

This Council acknowledges that between May 2017 and October 2017 it has been necessary to call two extraordinary meetings of the full council and that as such the reduction in regular full council meetings has resulted in unnecessary administration and inconvenience to the public, officers and members.

To ensure good planning and attendance at meetings this council resolves to reinstate the cycle of 10 full council meetings a year.

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Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer
12 September 2017