



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2015 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, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, 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, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith
Apologies	Cllrs Charles Chapman, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Graham Perks, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

34. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [19 November 2014](#) be confirmed, subject to the removal of Mr Miller's question.

35. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillors Reg Barry, Alan Hollands, Julie Jones-Evans, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, Shirley Smart and Ivor Warlow declared a personal interest in Minute 41, Establishment of a Pension Board, as they were members of the pension fund.

36. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr Gary Dobson	Broadband.	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>PQ 05/15</u>)

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr Stuart George	Bus services.	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 06/15)
Mr Mark Chiverton of Ryde	Asked about the safety implications resulting in the removal of funding for school crossing patrols.	The Executive Member advised that was part of the budget proposals, no decision had been taken.
	Supplementary - Would there be discussion between the Isle of Wight Council and schools.	The Executive Member indicated he would take advice on how best to hold those discussions.

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

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

The Chairman reported on the death of Mrs Audrey Smith, a past councillor. He had written a letter of condolence.

38. **[Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue - Delivering Differently in Partnership](#)**

At its meeting in February 2014, Full Council agreed to explore options to ensure a safe, effective and efficient fire service for the Isle of Wight was maintained.

The business case recommended a strategic partnership with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority, which would have operational and financial benefits. It was anticipated there would be savings of approximately £1.2 m over three years.

It was noted that Hampshire would discuss the partnership at their meeting in February 2015.

There was some discussion around the Managing Director, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Public Protection and PFI being given delegated authority, to conclude on the precise wording of the agreement.

An amendment was proposed 'that the final wording of the agreement be brought to Full Council for approval'. A named vote was taken, the result of which was as follows:

For (6)

Councillors Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Alan Hollands, Julie Jones-Evans, Geoff Lumley, Daryll Pitcher

Against (25)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Matthew Price, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

The amendment was lost..

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

For (26)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Matthew Price, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Against (5)

Councillors Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Alan Hollands, Geoff Lumley, Daryll Pitcher

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT a strategic partnership agreement be entered into with Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority.
- (ii) THAT strategic leadership be provided as set out in the agreement. As a consequence of that, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Services Chief Fire Officer be appointed the Chief Fire Officer of the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service.
- (iii) THAT the Managing Director, be delegated the authority, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Public Protection and PFI, to conclude on the precise wording of the agreement, provided it remained within the broad terms as set out in the report (attached to and forming part of these minutes).

39. [Medium Term Budget Strategy and provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16](#)

Consideration was given to the medium-term budget strategy and provisional Local Government Finance Settlement 2015/16. The Leader outlined the key issues contained in the report and the financial pressures arising from the provisional local government finance settlement. This gave the Council a

projected budget gap of £14.5m in 2015/16 and a further £8.5m in 2016/17. A range of possible savings options had been compiled across all service areas.

An amendment was proposed as follows:

Add at end of Paragraph 75:

However, we also agree to option b) that specific further areas should be worked up for consideration next month that seek to mitigate the effects of some of the savings options detailed in Appendix H (even if only for a couple of years) by the imaginative use of the anticipated £20m capital receipt from Asda.

In particular, the savings options:

1. Community bus services;
2. Subsidised bus services;
3. The local discretionary addition to the concessionary fares scheme;
4. School crossing patrols;
5. Pedestrian charges on Cowes Floating Bridge;
6. Supporting People budget reductions;
7. Personal Budget payments;
8. Energy efficiency management.

A named vote was then taken on the amendment.

For (5)

Councillors Bob Blezzard, Alan Hollands, Geoff Lumley, John Nicholson, Matthew Price

Against (25)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Abstention (1)

Councillor Daryll Pitcher

The amendment was lost.

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

For (27)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Against (3)

Councillors Bob Blezzard, Richard Hollis, Geoff Lumley,

Abstention (1)

Councillor Alan Hollands

RESOLVED :

THAT the overall approach and strategy as set out in the report be used as the basis for developing the Budget Strategy for 2015/16 to 2016/17; and

- (i) THAT the vision, priorities and outcomes set out in Appendix A (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be used as the basis on which the detailed Corporate Plan be developed;
- (ii) THAT savings options set out in Appendix H (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be further developed for consideration by Full Council on 25 February 2015.

40. **Local Council Tax Support Scheme Consultation**

Members were advised that with effect from 1 April 2013 the previous Council Tax Benefit Scheme had been replaced by the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme.

At its meeting on 16 January 2013 Council agreed its local council tax support scheme, as the Government offered transitional funding for 2013/14 only. The Council agreed a transitional scheme for that year with the full scheme coming into operation in 2014/15. Members were asked that the current scheme continue for 2015/16.

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, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, 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, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT the current scheme be continued for 2015/16;
- (ii) THAT a further review of the scheme be undertaken by September 2015;
- (iii) THAT further public consultation be undertaken, with any proposed or potential changes for agreement by Full Council in January 2016 with implementation from 1 April 2016.

41. **The establishment of a Pension Board for the Isle of Wight Council**

The government had issued draft regulations which required local authorities who were pension scheme administering authorities to establish a pension board from 1 April 2015.

The board would assist the council, as a pension administering body, to ensure compliance with the Local Government Pension Scheme regulations and to review the decisions made by the Isle of Wight pension Fund Committee.

An amendment was proposed that one of the employer representatives should be a councillor, but not one who was already on the Isle of Wight Council Pension Fund Committee or an Executive member.

The Executive member indicated he would amend the proposal to read that one of the employer representatives should be either an elected member or an officer, but not one who was already a member of the Isle of Wight Council Pension Fund Committee or an Executive member.

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

For (30)

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

Abstention (1)

Councillor John Nicholson

RESOLVED :

- (i) THAT the Pension Board be established with effect from 1 April 2015;
- (ii) THAT the terms of reference be as set out in Appendix 1 of the report (attached to and forming part of these minutes), subject to one of the employer representatives being either an elected member, but not one who was already a member of the Isle of Wight Council Pension Fund Committee or an Executive member, or an officer..

42. [To elect a Chairman to the Scrutiny Committee](#)

The names of Cllrs Bob Blezzard and Dave Stewart were separately proposed and seconded.

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

Councillor Bob Blezzard

For (6)

Councillors Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Alan Hollands, Geoff Lumley, John Nicholson, Daryll Pitcher

Councillor Dave Stewart

For (25)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Matthew Price, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Dave Stewart be elected Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee for the remainder of the ensuing year.

43. **Executive**

Reports of the Executive Members

[The Leader](#)

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

The Leader advised Council he was resigning the post of Leader.

44. **Motion without Notice – Procedure Rule 13 (1e) and (2)**

The chairman, following advice from the monitoring officer and in line with Procedure Rule 13 (1e) and (2), proposed that a new Leader of the Council be elected.

Following a show of hands, the majority of members agreed that an election for a new Leader should take place.

The name of Cllr Jonathan Bacon was proposed and seconded.

The names of Councillors Richard Priest and Steve Stubbings were separately proposed but not seconded.

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

For (25)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Matthew Price, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Against (3)

Councillors Bob Blezzard, Richard Hollis, Julie Jones-Evans

Abstention (3)

Councillors Alan Hollands, Geoff Lumley, Daryll Pitcher

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Jonathan Bacon be elected Leader of the Council for the remainder of the ensuing year.

45. **Reports of the Executive Members continued**

(i) **The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing**

A written report had been circulated for information.

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

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

The Executive members reported that a seminar for members and officers with colleagues from Suffolk had been arranged for Thursday, 22 January 2015 in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Newport, commencing at 5.00 pm.

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

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

Written questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
CLlr Barry	Who is the Highway Authority on the Isle of Wight?	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 01/15)
	Supplementary - Why couldn't a road be closed for a community event?	The Executive Member indicated he didn't know about the specific event, but would speak to the councillor outside of the meeting.
CLlr Seely	CLlr Seely was not in attendance.	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (MQ 02/15)

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
CLlr Price	Asked about the recent flooding and the lack of ditch maintenance. Could a task force be established?	The Executive Member advised he was happy to speak about a task force.
CLlr Blezzard	PFI contract management, when would Tony Toynton's position be replaced. The position had been vacant since the end of 2015.	The Executive Member indicated there was funding for the post.

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

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

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

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

An oral question was put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Hollis	Marine conservation zones – were there any developments with tidal power on the Isle of Wight within the last month?	The Executive Member advised that came within the Executive Member for Economy and Tourism’s portfolio.

(vi) **Executive Member for Children’s Services and Corporate Governance**

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

The Executive member advised that the official launch of the consultation exercise relating to secondary schools and 6th form education was on 26 January 2015 at the Riverside Centre, Newport, commencing at 5.00 pm.

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

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

46. **Report of the Scrutiny Committee Vice Chairman**

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

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

(a) Councillor Bob Seely withdrew his motion prior to the start of the meeting.

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

Councillor Geoff Lumley withdrew his motion.

(c) [By Councillor Jonathan Bacon](#)

Councillor Jonathan Bacon withdrew his motion.

(d) [By Councillor Daryll Pitcher](#)

Councillor Daryll Pitcher withdrew his motion.

CHAIRMAN