



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 24 FEBRUARY 2016 COMMENCING AT 5.00 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, 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, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllr David Eccles

46. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [20 January 2016](#) be confirmed subject to :

Councillor Bob Blezzard's name being added to Minute 39 as voting in favour of the amendment. Therefore the total of those who voted for the amendment was 13.

Minute 35 - Councillor Julie Jones-Evans declaration of interest being amended to remove 'as she was a private landlord'.

47. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Dave Stewart declared a personal interest in Minute 51, as he had a business consultancy, although he did not have clients on the Isle of Wight, and family members working in education on the Island.

Councillor Graham Perks declared an interest in Minute 51, as he was a local businessman in Ventnor.

Councillor Wayne Whittle declared an interest in Minute 51, as he was a local businessman in Ryde.

48. **Public Question Time**

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Esme Mutter, Stroke Association	Stroke Initiative reduction in funding	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 01/16)
David Pugh, Shanklin	The Future of Island Line - Options Report. Mr Pugh wasn't in attendance to ask his question.	The Leader provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 02/16)
Mark Chiverton, Ryde	Was the council aware of the mounting concern with regard to the serious number of cuts?	The Executive Member indicated he was aware.
	Supplementary – what detailed studies had been undertaken in terms of ascertaining additional costs?	The Executive Member advised there were proposals for a full consultation which would involve staff.
Mary Barton	Stroke Initiative reduction in funding.	The Executive Member provided a response.

49. **Chairman's Report**

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

50. **Suspension of Council Procedure Rule 14(4)**

A proposal to suspend Council Procedure Rule 14(4) was proposed and seconded, which would extend the time limit on speeches from the Leader of the Council and Group Leaders. Following the vote it was

RESOLVED:

THAT Procedure Rule 14(4) be partially suspended for the duration of the following item of business to increase the time limit on speeches from the Leader of the Council and Group leaders (or their nominees) to up to 15 minutes.

51. [2016 - 2017 Isle of Wight Council Budget and Council Tax Setting](#)

Council had received a report from the Leader of the Council and the Executive Member for Resources on the 2016/17 Budget Strategy and Council Tax Setting Report. A number of amendments were received from other members and these were all debated.

The Leader spoke on the budget proposals recommended by the Executive.

The Leaders of the other groups then spoke in turn on the budget proposals.

Other members of the council also made comment on the budget proposals.

The leader and all other group leaders summed up.

(1) The following motion was moved and seconded:

THAT COUNCIL

- (a) To agree the Equality Impact Assessment as set out in Appendix H and whether the budget proposals are consistent with it and that appropriate mitigating actions are proposed to be taken;
- (b) To agree the outcomes of the budget consultation as set out in Appendix G;
- (c) To agree the recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee at its meeting on 9 February 2016.
- (d) To agree to the overall financial and budget position of the Council for 2016/17 and future years as set out in the report and in particular to agree:
 - (i) In principle the Medium Term Financial Plan set out in Appendix A;
 - (ii) The overall Capital Programme as set out in Appendix B to this report;
 - (iii) The Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy, Borrowing Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision and Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix I;
 - (iv) A general increase in the Isle of Wight Council element of council tax for 2016/17 of 1.99 per cent;
 - (v) A further additional increase in the Isle of Wight Council element of council tax for 2016/17 of 2 percent in relation to adult social care;
 - (vi) The use of £4 million of available reserves and balances towards bridging the budget gap in 2016/17;

- (vii) The schedule of previously agreed savings set out in Appendix C;
 - (viii) The preferred further savings required to balance the budget as highlighted in Appendix D;
 - (ix) That subject to the final conditions set by the Government the use of up to £5 million of capital receipts to fund the revenue costs of transformation and to fund regeneration schemes as set out in paragraph 19;
 - (x) The Fees and Charges set out in Appendix L and that all fees and charges are kept under constant review and increased where appropriate during 2016/17;
 - (xi) The council tax resolutions for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix K;
 - (xii) To ring fence the sum of £166,000 in 2016/17 as a top up for the targeted hardship support element of the Local Tax Support Scheme if required;
 - (xiii) The recommendations of the Employment Committee in respect of the recruitment of a Section 151 Officer and Director of Communities and Well Being;
- (e) That in the event that all precepts are not notified by the time of the council meeting on 24 February 2016, agreeing to set up a council tax setting committee with the delegated authority to consider and approve the overall budget requirement and level of council tax for 2016/17 being that element agreed by Full Council for the Isle of Wight Council for 2016/17 plus the notified police precept plus the notified parish and town council precepts.

A short adjournment was held and was extended to enable the Group Leaders to agree how the motions were best put to the chamber. Upon reconvening

(2) **Procedure Rule 26**

A proposal to extend the meeting by up to one hour was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting be extended by up to one hour.

Councillor Jordan declared a pecuniary interest in the proposal submitted by the Individual Members Group and left the room.

- (3) The following amendment to the motion was then moved by Councillor Priest and duly seconded :

	Cost/Saving	Proposal	Comments
(a)	£125,000	Re-provision of Mental Health Day Services	+ potential capital receipt of £200,000
	£125,000	Phased roll out of Dynamic Purchasing System	As described at briefing and cautious estimation by Matrix allows flexibility across the market (ref SP costs)
	£50,000	Recruit and regularise employment of senior social care managers for continuity.	2015/16 budget contained £450,000+ funding for 3 interim agency staff.
	£100,000	Reduce the number of Local Area Co-ordinators from 6 to 3 and review service.	Duplication of Age UK's Care Co-ordinators.

Minimum saving of £400,000

(b)	£30,000	Increase income from Isle of Wight Council services; (suggest in-line with council tax increase).	eg Dinosaur Island – 0% increase in 3 years.
	£100,000	Achieve saving from PFI contract efficiency	Saving of over £400,000 in 2015/16 enabling a £300,000 spend on consultants.
	£10,000	Deletion of Cabinet Secretary post;	No Cabinet Secretary has been in post since 2013.
		Reduce number of attendees at LGA annual conference	
		Consider reducing the number of Executive members as per the Leaders proposal in 2014 and BPLG discussion.	As part of the discussion about the constitution to meet future needs of a smaller council in the devolution debate.
	£100,000	Evaluate introduction of a £1.00 overnight parking fee (18:00 - 08:00).	To support Town and Parish Council transition project - as part of the Parking Strategy with increase in income to be shared to enable Town and Parishes to deliver additional services.

Cost/Saving	Proposal	Comments
£20,000	Efficiency in parking services	Review the increase in Whole Time Equivalents following increase in income.
£100,000	Review Senior Manager structure, including the Organisational Change team with a view to future devolution.	Develop a structure to meet needs of a commissioning authority.
Total £360,000		

Increase in savings/income generation achieved to be used to:

(c) Support reserves to mitigate against 2017/18 situation;

Support hardship fund;

Develop post of revenue development officer (to become self-funding within Place);

Secure and develop post of Community Safety Officer - all island (to include Environmental and Enforcement duties);

Reinstate education support, if identified as needed, following 3 year review against DfE agreed targets as set out in 2014.

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

For (17)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (18)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Abstention (1)

Councillor John Nicholson

The amendment fell.

Councillor Jordan then re-entered the room.

- (4) The following amendment to the motion was then moved by Councillor Pitcher and duly seconded :

Remove the following from the list of proposed savings:

Ref	Activity	Cost 2015/16	Comments
4	End support for Wednesday Club	6,000	Although attendance is currently low the Wednesday Club provides a useful service.
14	Reduce grant for carer's training	10,000	Carer's training is very important and can help keep people supported in the community for longer.
16	Benefits team - reduction in staffing	50,000	The increased times for processing benefits claims under this proposal is unacceptable. There are claimants who need very quick activation of their claim if they are not to become reliant on emergency relief elsewhere in the system. Lengthening the time taken for processing benefits is therefore shortsighted.
17	Contact Centre - reduction in staffing	50,000	The Contact Centre is the primary way in which most people contact the council. The very fact that most callers ask about something that is already on the website shows that moving towards a web based approach will not work. People need to be able to talk to the council and they should be able to do so promptly and efficiently.
Total			£116,000

Add in the following list of additional savings:

Ref	Activity	Saving 2015/16	Comments
56	Reduce (rather than cease) grant funding for youth offer contract	25,000	We want to keep this service however we feel that a saving can be made without impacting on delivery.

Ref	Activity	Saving 2015/16	Comments
52	Supporting People	100,000	We recognize the vital importance of this work in reducing pressure further down the system but feel that a further small (compared to budget size) saving is appropriate. A saving of £100,000 reduces the budget from £2.5m to £2.4m.
Total			£125,000

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

For (3)

Councillors Julie Jones-Evans, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher,

Against (24)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (10)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Richard Hollis, John Nicholson, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse

The amendment fell.

(5) Voting was taken on the substantive motion as follows:

- (a) the recommendations of the Executive held on the 11 February 2016 and in particular: the Equality Impact Assessment set out in Appendix H and whether the budget proposals are consistent with it and that appropriate mitigating actions are proposed to be taken;
- (b) the outcomes of budget consultation as set out in Appendix G.
- (c) the overall financial and budget position of the Council for 2016/17 and future years as set out in the report and in particular to agree:
 - (iv) A general increase in the Isle of Wight Council element of council tax for 2016/17 of 1.99 per cent;

- (v) A further additional increase in the Isle of Wight Council element of council tax for 2016/17 of 2 percent in relation to adult social care;
 - (vi) The use of £4 million of available reserves and balances towards bridging the budget gap in 2016/17;
 - (vii) The schedule of previously agreed savings set out in Appendix C to this report;
 - (viii) The preferred further savings required to balance the budget as highlighted in Appendix D;
 - (ix) That subject to the final conditions set by the Government the use of up to £5 million of capital receipts to fund the revenue costs of transformation and to fund regeneration schemes as set out in paragraph 19;
 - (x) The Fees and Charges set out in Appendix L and that all fees and charges are kept under constant review and increased where appropriate during 2016/17;
 - (xi) The council tax resolutions for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix K;
 - (xii) To ring fence the sum of £166,000 in 2016/17 as a top up for the targeted hardship support element of the Local Tax Support Scheme if required;
 - (xiii) The recommendations of the Employment Committee in respect of the recruitment of a Section 151 Officer and Director of Communities and Well Being
- (d) that in the event that all precepts are not notified by the time of the council meeting on 24 February 2016 agreeing to set up a council tax setting committee with the delegated authority to consider and approve the overall budget requirement and level of council tax for 2016/17 being that element agreed by Full Council for the Isle of Wight council for 2016/17 plus the notified police precept plus the notified parish and town council precepts.

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, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (2)

Councillors Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher

Abstention (4)

Councillors Richard Hollis, Julie Jones-Evans, Bob Seely, Chris Whitehouse

- (6) (c) (i) In principle the Medium Term Financial Plan set out in Appendix A.

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, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (0)

Abstention (8)

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

- (7) (c) (ii) The overall Capital Programme as set out in Appendix B to this report;

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

For (33)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, 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, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (0)

Abstention (4)

Councillors Bob Blezzard, Richard Hollis, Bob Seely, Chris Whitehouse

- (8) (c) (iii) The Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy, Borrowing Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision and Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix I to this report;

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

For (34)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, 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, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (0)

Abstention (3)

Councillors Bob Blezzard, Bob Seely, Chris Whitehouse

RESOLVED :

- (a) THAT the recommendations of the Executive held on the 11 February 2016 and in particular: the Equality Impact Assessment set out in Appendix H (attached to and forming part of these minutes) and whether the budget proposals are consistent with it and that appropriate mitigating actions are proposed to be taken;
- (b) THAT the outcomes of budget consultation as set out in Appendix G (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
- (c) THAT the overall financial and budget position of the Council for 2016/17 and future years as set out in the report and in particular to agree:
- (i) In principle the Medium Term Financial Plan set out in Appendix A (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
- (ii) The overall Capital Programme as set out in Appendix B (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
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 - (vi) The use of £4 million of available reserves and balances towards bridging the budget gap in 2016/17;
 - (vii) The schedule of previously agreed savings set out in Appendix C (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
 - (viii) The preferred further savings required to balance the budget as highlighted in Appendix D (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
 - (ix) That subject to the final conditions set by the Government the use of up to £5 million of capital receipts to fund the revenue costs of transformation and to fund regeneration schemes as set out in paragraph 19;
 - (x) The Fees and Charges set out in Appendix L (attached to and forming part of these minutes) and that all fees and charges are kept under constant review and increased where appropriate during 2016/17;
 - (xi) The council tax resolutions for 2016/17 as set out in Appendix K (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
 - (xii) To ring fence the sum of £166,000 in 2016/17 as a top up for the targeted hardship support element of the Local Tax Support Scheme if required;
 - (xiii) The recommendations of the Employment Committee in respect of the recruitment of a Section 151 Officer and Director of Communities and Well Being;
- (d) THAT in the event that all precepts are not notified by the time of the council meeting on 24 February 2016 agreeing to set up a council tax setting committee with the delegated authority to consider and approve the overall budget requirement and level of council tax for 2016/17 being that element agreed by Full Council for the Isle of Wight council for 2016/17 plus the notified police precept plus the notified parish and town council precepts.

52. 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.

Oral questions were put to the Leader as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Jones-Evans	Asked for views on Children and Young Peoples survey.	The Leader provided a response.
Cllr Jones-Evans	There should be a member who could devote full time to children	The Leader provided a response.
Cllr Bloomfield	It was not the position of council to endorse the findings of the Garnett Report on Islandline	The Leader provided a response.
Cllr Stewart	Would the letter from the NHS with regard to the Budget setting be taken into account?	The Leader provided a response.

(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 there be a Phased roll out of Dynamic Purchasing System?	The Deputy Leader provided a response.

(iii) **Executive Member for Regeneration, Economic Sustainability and Development**

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Nicolson	Did the council recognise and support innovative and technical industries on the island?	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Perks	Could a list of all the properties the council owned be provided?	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Whittle	As council had not received SLEP funding did that mean further SLEP funding would not be sought?	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Jones-Evans	Why was the expression of interest for the Newport Traffic Modal turned down?	The Executive Member provided a response.

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Bloomfield	Were the minutes of SLEP published and where could they be found?	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Hollis	Did the Executive Member appreciate the marine industry in the Medina Valley? Could there be an assurance that a strong representation would be made on the Medina Valley Action Plan?	The Executive Member provided a response. The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Stewart	Was the Executive Member in charge of ISLE-PACT	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Lumley	Would the Executive Member be giving consideration to Brexit	The Executive Member provided a response.

(iv) [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 Whittle	Would the Executive Member attend the Flood Group meeting at the Simeon Arms?	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Bertie	Were Town and Parish Council getting the information they needed on taking over public conveniences?	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Blezzard	Would the Executive Member expedite the transfer of the freehold re the public conveniences in Sandown?	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Jones-Evans	Asked about the gull proof bags littering pavements.	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Pitcher	Understood that if a Christmas tree was collected by Amey a four page form had to be filled in.	The Executive Member provided a response.

(v) **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 Nicholson		The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Stewart	Asked a question on the future of the Undercliff as it was part of our heritage.	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Jones-Evans	Parking – how much had been spent on consultants fees?	The Executive Member provided a response.

(vi) **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	Was the Isle of Wight Council twinned with anywhere in France?	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Whittle	Funding D-Bid - any saving to be made by running at the same time as the referendum?	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Jones-Evans	How was the Council addressing the problems at Ventnor Harbour?	The Executive Member provided a response.

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

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Seely	Was the Executive Member concerned that Neighbourhood Plans were being ignored.	The Executive Member provided a response.
Cllr Hillard	Significant risk to the marine industry with regard to planning legislation	The Executive Member provided a response.

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

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

CHAIRMAN