



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2015 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Charles Chapman (Vice Chairman in the Chair), Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, 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, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Graham Perks, Ian Ward

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34. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [21 January 2015](#) be confirmed, subject to the following ;

Minute 44 to show Councillor Steve Stubbings declined the proposal.

Minute 45 (iii) – question from Councillor Blezzard should read 2014 not 2015.

35. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Phil Jordan declared a pecuniary interest as he operated a domiciliary care service on the Isle of Wight.

36. **Public Question Time**

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Mrs Sarah Dover of East Cowes	Cowes Floating Bridge	The Leader provided a written response which was available on the following link ( <a href="#">PQ 07/15</a> )
Mark Chiverton of Ryde	Uncertainty caused to council staff re possible externalisation of services.	The Leader recognised the uncertainty and indicated it was the same across all councils.
Stuart Blackmore of Freshwater	If the Isle of Wight Council was to establish a taskforce, what were the chances of obtaining government money, and how much would be required to fund it?	The Leader asked if Mr Blackmore could provide his question in writing and he would provide a written response.

37. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had not attended any civic functions since the last meeting of full council.

38. **Recommendation from the Executive**

**Medium-Term Budget Strategy 2015/16 to 2016/17 and Council Tax Setting 2015/16**

Council had received a report from the Leader of the Council and the Executive Member for Resources on the 2015/16 - 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.

All parties then summed up.

The following motion was moved and seconded:

THAT COUNCIL

- (a) Considers the Equality Impact Assessments set out in Appendix K (attached to and forming part of these minutes) and Appendix O (attached to and forming part of these minutes) and considered

whether the budget proposals were consistent with those and that any potential adverse impacts were understood and that appropriate mitigating actions were proposed to be taken. Recommends to Council that it also considers all of these when making its decisions.

- (b) Considers the outcome of budget consultation set out in Appendix J (attached to and forming part of these minutes) and the consultation on the review of charges on the Cowes ferry set out at Appendix O (attached to and forming part of these minutes).
- (c) Considers the overall financial and budget position facing the Council in 2015/16 and 2016/17 and recommends an overall budget and Council Tax strategy and in particular to agree:
  - a) The vision and priorities set out in Appendix A (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
  - b) The overall structure of the Council set out in Appendix B (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
  - c) The overall Capital Programme as set out in Appendix F (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
  - d) The Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy, Borrowing Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision and Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix L (attached to and forming part of these minutes) to this report;
  - e) Not to accept the council tax freeze grant for 2015/16 and to increase the Isle of Wight element of council tax by 1.99%;
  - f) Consider and approve the overall budget requirement and level of Council Tax for 2015/16 being:
    - (i) that element agreed by Council for the Isle of Wight Council for 2015/16; plus
    - (ii) the notified precept for 2015/16 from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire; plus
    - (iii) the notified precepts for 2015/16 from Parish and Town Councils.
  - g) Agree the formal Budget and Council Tax resolutions as set out in Appendices Q(i), Q(ii) and Q(iii) (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
  - h) The schedule of savings set out in Appendix I (A) (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
  - i) The additional use of reserves and balances in 2015/16 of £2 million.
  - j) The setting aside from reserves and balances a contingency of £2.07m in respect of any slippage in implementation of savings and any potential match funding or pump priming needed in 2015/16 to facilitate transfer of services to enable them to have a sustainable future from 2016/17 without council funding subject to an achievable service and business plan;
  - k) That the proposed level of fees and charges for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix M (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be agreed.

- l) That passenger charges be introduced on the Cowes floating bridge as set out in O (attached to and forming part of these minutes).
  - m) That the service and budget review steering group be tasked with undertaking a continuous process of monitoring the achievement of the 2015/16 and 2016/17 budget savings and monitoring of the achievement of the corporate plan.
  - n) Members approve the transitional business rate relief scheme, to be included in the Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy as an addendum as set out in Appendix P (attached to and forming part of these minutes).
- (d) The Constitution Working Party considers terms of reference and membership of a Committee to effectively ensure the monitoring of capital receipts, reserves and investments and their use and to review and make recommendations to the Executive or Full Council as appropriate in respect of the following:
- (i) uses of Capital budget, Capital resources and Capital receipts with the aim of maximizing long term income generation.
  - (ii) use of the Reserves of the council to ensure the best possible long term return.
  - (iii) use of the Human and Physical resources of the council to identify income generation potential.
  - (iv) Fees and Charges in order to rationalize them and maximize income generation for the benefit of the Isle of Wight and its residents.
- (e) The following amendment to the motion was then moved by Councillor Daryll Pitcher and duly seconded :

#### THAT COUNCIL

Change the existing two tier Chain Ferry foot passenger charging proposal of 40p and 70p return to a flat rate of 50p return.

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

#### For (4)

Councillors Ray Bloomfield, Richard Hollis, Julie Jones-Evans, Daryll Pitcher

#### Against (33)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, 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, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards,

Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

The amendment fell.

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

THAT COUNCIL

Set up an online anonymous suggestion box so that staff, councillors and members of the public can suggest ways of saving and generating money.

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

For (32)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (4)

Councillors Reg Barry, Alan Hollands, Stuart Hutchinson, Geoff Lumley

Abstention (1)

Councillor Rodney Downer

It was agreed this be included as part of the substantive motion.

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

THAT COUNCIL

Undertakes to reduce the use of agency workers and consultants to the lowest possible level using them only in times of absolute need.

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

For (26)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Bob Blezzard, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Against (10)

Councillors Reg Barry, Ray Bloomfield, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Geoff Lumley, Dave Stewart, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (1)

Councillor Paul Bertie

It was agreed this be included as part of the substantive motion.

(Councillor Alan Hollands declared a pecuniary interest in the following item and left the room).

- (h) The following amendment to the motion was then moved by Councillor Geoff Lumley and duly seconded :

THAT COUNCIL

Agrees to reduce its subsidy to the Destination Management organisation for 2015/16 to £130,000 saving £200,000. Council agrees to re-direct those savings to restoring the following proposed cuts for 2015/16

- (i) Community Bus Services - cost 2015/16, £50,000;
- (ii) Subsidised Bus Services – cost £120,000 (partial restoration);
- (iii) Energy efficiency management reductions – cost £30,000

Total costs - £200,000

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

For (3)

Councillors Bob Blezzard, Geoff Lumley, John Nicholson

Against (33)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles,

Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

The amendment fell.

(Councillor Alan Hollands re-entered the room).

- (i) The following amendment to the motion was then moved by Councillor Geoff Lumley and duly seconded :

THAT COUNCIL agree the following statement as a preface to the substantive motion

Given that any real democratic and local say over budgetary matters has been effectively removed by the Conservative and LibDem Coalition Government's slashing of our grants over the last five years, to the tune of £60m for the Isle of Wight, leaving local Councils with little real choice in budget-setting.

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

For (22)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, 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

Against (14)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Dave Stewart, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (1)

Councillor Bob Seely

It was agreed this be included as part of the substantive motion.

- (j) The following amendment to the motion was then moved by Councillor Geoff Lumley and duly seconded :

THAT COUNCIL

Considers the pedestrian charges on the Cowes Floating Bridge are most unlikely to produce the savings suggested within the budget proposals (£100k next year and £160k in a full year) and agrees to withdraw the proposal.

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

For (9)

Councillors Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, Geoff Lumley, John Nicholson, Matthew Price

Against (28)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Reg Barry, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

The amendment fell.

- (k) The following amendment to the motion was then moved by Councillor Dave Stewart and duly seconded :

THAT COUNCIL

During the course of the forthcoming financial year (with an initial 6 month timeframe being set to achieve this objective) the parking strategy for the Island be fully and thoroughly reviewed (or created if one still does not currently exist) with recommendations then being brought back to full council for consideration and approval.

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

For (36)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, 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, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart,



Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (1)

Councillor Reg Barry

It was agreed this be included as part of the substantive motion.

- (l) The following amendment to the motion was then moved by Councillor Dave Stewart and duly seconded :

THAT COUNCIL

Notwithstanding the proposals at Appendix 1 (Heritage Education Funding) (attached to and forming part of these minutes) should the 'buy back' from schools not be achieved the council undertakes to maintain this service until it can do so.

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

For (36)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, 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, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (1)

Councillor Reg Barry

It was agreed this be included as part of the substantive motion.

- (m) The following amendment to the motion was then moved by Councillor Dave Stewart and duly seconded :

THAT COUNCIL

Whereby during the course of the forthcoming financial year the council enters into discussions with Unison regarding future payment of the salary of the full time union representative.

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

For (16)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (19)

Councillors Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Abstention (2)

Councillors John Medland, Matthew Price

The amendment fell.

(n) **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.

(o) The following amendment to the motion was then moved by Councillor Bob Blezzard and duly seconded :

THAT COUNCIL

Delete (c) (v) and replace with the following:

(c) (v) Not to accept the council tax freeze grant for 2015/16 and to increase the Isle of Wight element of council tax by 5%, the additional income over and above that arising from a 1.99% increase amounting to approximately £2Million to be used during 2015/16 and 2016/17 to avoid making the following cuts detailed in Paper B APPENDIX I (A) (attached to and forming part of these minutes):

Reduction in Maintenance Standards across Public Realm (Grounds Maintenance and Beach Cleaning);  
Community Bus Services;  
Subsidised Bus Services;  
Public Toilets;  
Potential reductions in the Library Services;

School Crossing Patrols;  
Heritage Education;  
Cowes Ferry Pedestrian Charges.

To hold the necessary referendum to support the 5% council tax increase on Thursday, 7 May 2015 to coincide with the General Election.

To make it clear that the decision to hold a referendum in order to exceed the council tax cap limit will be once only within the life of this council if the referendum vote is in favour of the increase and will be for the purpose of protecting local services which are highly valued by residents and are vital elements in the Island's Tourist offer."

Add the following to the end of (c) (vi) "subject to the necessary amendments being made to the appendix to reflect a council tax increase of 5%."

Add the following to the end of (c) (vii): "subject to the deletion of those savings items referred to in (c) (v)"

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

For (10)

Councillors Bob Blezzard, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, Julie Jones-Evans, Geoff Lumley, John Nicholson, Matthew Price, Steve Stubbings, Chris Whitehouse,

Against (26)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Daryll Pitcher, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (1)

Councillor Bob Seely

The amendment fell.

- (p) The following amendment to the motion was then moved by Councillor Julia Baker-Smith and duly seconded :

## THAT COUNCIL

Floating bridge charges - to undertake a procurement exercise to secure advertising revenue. This is to be taken account of as part of a review of charges six months after implementation. If at such time projected advertising revenue exceeds charging revenue then provision of charging to be reconsidered by full council with a view to being used to offset a reduction in charging or total cessation of charging.

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

### For (33)

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

### Against (3)

Councillors Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, Geoff Lumley

### Abstention (1)

Councillor Daryll Pitcher

It was agreed this be included as part of the substantive motion.

- (q) A named vote was taken on the substantive motion 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, 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, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

### Against (5)

Councillors John Nicholson, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Bob Seely, Chris Whitehouse

Abstention (1)

Councillor Dave Stewart

RESOLVED :

THAT Council

- (a) Given that any real democratic and local say over budgetary matters has been effectively removed by the Conservative and LibDem Coalition Government's slashing of our grants over the last five years, to the tune of £60m for the Isle of Wight, leaving local Councils with little real choice in budget-setting.
- (b) Considers the Equality Impact Assessments set out in Appendix K (attached to and forming part of these minutes) and Appendix O (attached to and forming part of these minutes) and considered whether the budget proposals were consistent with those and that any potential adverse impacts were understood and that appropriate mitigating actions were proposed to be taken.
- (c) Considers the outcome of budget consultation set out in Appendix J (attached to and forming part of these minutes) and the consultation on the review of charges on the Cowes ferry set out at Appendix O (attached to and forming part of these minutes).
- (d) Considers the overall financial and budget position facing the Council in 2015/16 and 2016/17 and recommends an overall budget and Council Tax strategy and in particular to agree:
  - a) The vision and priorities set out in Appendix A (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
  - b) The overall structure of the Council set out in Appendix B (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
  - c) The overall Capital Programme as set out in Appendix F (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
  - d) The Treasury Management Strategy, Investment Strategy, Borrowing Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision and Prudential Indicators as set out in Appendix L (attached to and forming part of these minutes) to this report;
  - e) Not to accept the council tax freeze grant for 2015/16 and to increase the Isle of Wight element of council tax by 1.99%;
  - f) Consider and approve the overall budget requirement and level of Council Tax for 2015/16 being:
    - (i) that element agreed by Council for the Isle of Wight Council for 2015/16; plus
    - (ii) the notified precept for 2015/16 from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire; plus

- (iii) the notified precepts for 2015/16 from Parish and Town Councils.
  - g) Agree the formal Budget and Council Tax resolutions as set out in Appendices Q(i), Q(ii) and Q(iii) (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
  - h) The schedule of savings set out in Appendix I (A) (attached to and forming part of these minutes);
  - i) The additional use of reserves and balances in 2015/16 of £2 million.
  - j) The setting aside from reserves and balances a contingency of £2.07m in respect of any slippage in implementation of savings and any potential match funding or pump priming needed in 2015/16 to facilitate transfer of services to enable them to have a sustainable future from 2016/17 without council funding subject to an achievable service and business plan;
  - k) That the proposed level of fees and charges for 2015/16 as set out in Appendix M (attached to and forming part of these minutes) be agreed.
  - l) That passenger charges be introduced on the Cowes floating bridge as set out in O (attached to and forming part of these minutes).
  - m) That the service and budget review steering group be tasked with undertaking a continuous process of monitoring the achievement of the 2015/16 and 2016/17 budget savings and monitoring of the achievement of the corporate plan.
  - n) Members approve the transitional business rate relief scheme, to be included in the Council's Discretionary Rate Relief Policy as an addendum as set out in Appendix P (attached to and forming part of these minutes).
- (e) The Constitution Working Party considers terms of reference and membership of a Committee to effectively ensure the monitoring of capital receipts, reserves and investments and their use and to review and make recommendations to the Executive or Full Council as appropriate in respect of the following:
- (i) uses of Capital budget, Capital resources and Capital receipts with the aim of maximizing long term income generation.
  - (ii) use of the Reserves of the council to ensure the best possible long term return.
  - (iii) use of the Human and Physical resources of the council to identify income generation potential.
  - (iv) Fees and Charges in order to rationalize them and maximize income generation for the benefit of the Isle of Wight and its residents.

- (f) Set up an online anonymous suggestion box so that staff, councillors and members of the public can suggest ways of saving and generating money.
- (g) Undertakes to reduce the use of agency workers and consultants to the lowest possible level using them only in times of absolute need.
- (h) During the course of the forthcoming financial year (with an initial 6 month timeframe being set to achieve this objective) the parking strategy for the Island be fully and thoroughly reviewed (or created if one still does not currently exist) with recommendations then being brought back to full council for consideration and approval.
- (i) That notwithstanding the proposals at Appendix 1(B43) (attached to and forming part of these minutes) should the 'buy back' from schools not be achieved the council undertakes to maintain this service until it can do so.
- (j) Notwithstanding the proposals at Appendix 1 (Heritage Education Funding) (attached to and forming part of these minutes) should the 'buy back' from schools not be achieved the council undertakes to maintain this service until it can do so.
- (k) Floating bridge charges - to undertake a procurement exercise to secure advertising revenue. This is to be taken account of as part of a review of charges six months after implementation. If at such time projected advertising revenue exceeds charging revenue then provision of charging to be reconsidered by full council with a view to being used to offset a reduction in charging or total cessation of charging.

39. **Establishment of a Local Fire Fighters Pension Board**

The government had issued draft regulations which required fire and rescue authorities to establish a local pension board for the Fire Fighters Pension Scheme from 1 April 2015.

The board would assist the council, as the local pension administering body and scheme manager, to ensure compliance with the Fire Fighters Pension Scheme regulations and to review the decisions made by the Council in its role as the fire authority.

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

For (36)

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

**RESOLVED :**

THAT a Pension Board be established from 1 April 2015 with the terms of reference as set out in the appendix (attached to and forming part of these minutes) and the Head of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Executive member for Public Protection and PFI be delegated to make amendments required as the result of requirements contained in the final regulations when issued.

**40. Reports of the Executive Members**

(i) **[The Leader and Executive Member for Children's Services](#)**

A written report had been circulated for information.

(ii) **[The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing](#)**

A written report had been circulated for information. The deputy leader updated members on work that had been undertaken with town and parish councils.

Oral questions were put to the Deputy Leader as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Blezzard	Would parking for district nurses in Sandown be looked into?	The Deputy Leader acknowledged the question
Cllr Gauntlett	Possibility that Ryde Town Council could help towards community buses and keeping public toilets in Ryde open.	The Deputy Leader indicated he was not persuaded that cross servicing would work.  However, should the Town Council have resources available, he would welcome the opportunity to speak to them.



<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Priest	Could the level of detail around the transfer of services to town councils be provided	The Deputy Leader said he would provide this.
Cllr Lumley	Reaction from Isle of Wight Council to savings that could have been made in 2014-2015	The Deputy Leader agreed that the council was in a very difficult position to try and encourage all 33 Town and Parish Councils to engage with the process.
Cllr Price	Commitment of Newport Parish Council to assist in Beach Cleaning	The Deputy Leader acknowledged the commitment.

(iii) **Executive Member for Public Protection and PFI**

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Blezzard	What was the cost of consultants for PFI and when was it anticipated someone would be in post.	The Executive Member indicated he was not sure of the cost as the consultants were only on a temporary basis.
Cllr Lumley	How was the decision made to appoint Aitkins outside the public realm?	The Executive Member advised it was an officer delegated decision.

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

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Pitcher	Ventnor Haven - how many of the six monthly update reports had been received in the last 18 months?	The Executive Member indicated she would provide a written response.
Cllr Hollis	Problems with silting since the breakwater at Cowes had been installed.	The Executive Member indicated she was aware of the issue.

(v) [Executive Member for Sustainability, Environment and Public Realm](#)

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Blezzard	The tender for the Car Parking Strategy, in particular how was it conducted and what was the cost.	The Executive Member advised that the council approached Portsmouth City Council as to how a strategy would best be acquired and was advised by them who best to approach. Details of cost could not be supplied as it was depended on the amount of work required.
	Supplementary - status of the Smilegov initiative	The Executive Member advised that it was progressing with regular discussions and that the next workshop would be held in Madeira
Cllr Lumley	Car Parking Strategy and the officer decision to go out to tender.	The Executive Member advised that it was an officer decision made in conjunction with the relevant Executive Member. The advice received was that there was not sufficient capacity in house to develop a strategy.
Cllr Stewart	Could the Car Parking Strategy be referred to the Environment and Transport Select Committee for review before any final decision is taken.	The Executive Member responded by expressing concerns that there could be a number of pecuniary interests by members when discussing parking issues.
Cllr Hollis	Could the issues around parking at both Quay Street car parks be revisited with the possibility of reinstating a long term parking facility in both be looked at.	The Executive Member responded by stating that they would be the subject of the Car Parking Strategy.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Stephens	Could some of the Car Parking Strategy be referred to the Environment and Transport Select Committee?	The Executive Member agreed it could once any initial proposals had been made.
Cllr Stewart	Requested final clarification that the Car Parking Strategy would be referred to the Environment and Transport Select Committee.	The Executive Member confirmed assistance from the Select Committee would be welcomed.
Cllr Richards	Length of time to deliver wheelie bins to residents.	The Executive Member would provide a response after the meeting.

(vi) **Executive Member for Resources**

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Blezzard	Concerns around level of details for some contracts given the financial challenges the council's faced.	The Executive Member agreed that all contracts would be monitored in the appropriate manner and should any problems arise, those responsible would be taken to task.

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

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

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Bloomfield	Who would be responsible for Planning enforcement?	The Executive Member responded by stating that he would be working with officers to ensure that powers would be robust in the coming year.

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

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

Oral questions were put to the Leader of the Council as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Blezzard	Concerns around the resignation of the Executive Member for Organisational Change and Human Resources	The Leader of the Council acknowledged the concerns

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

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CHAIRMAN