



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 27 FEBRUARY 2019 AT 5.00PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Lora Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Kilpatrick, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

47. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 January 2019 be confirmed.

48. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Cllr Dave Stewart declared an interest as a member of his family worked for the local authority in Education.

Cllr Michael Lilley declared an interest as a member of his family worked for the local authority in Children's Services

Cllr Paul Brading declared an interest as his wife worked for the local authority in Education.

Cllr Ian Stephens declared an interest as his Step-Daughter was on a placement with Children's Services.

49. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Tanja Rebel of Cowes	5G on the Isle of Wight and Health and Safety concerns.	The Leader advised a written response would be provided. ( <a href="#">PQ 07/19</a> )
	A supplemental question was asked requesting Councillors to be given access to the material that Ms Rebel had sent via links.	The Leader responded all Councillors had access to the internet and would be able to access any information they needed.
Cameron Palin of East Cowes	The floating Bridge and the use of the passenger launch.	The Leader advised that the bridge was 99.7% operational, however a long-term solution to the use of a passenger launch was being sought and consideration would be given to all options.
	A supplemental question was asked regarding the value of the 2017 Public Consultation in relation to the bridge.	The leader responded it had value as the views expressed had been noted.
Maria Vine of Newport	Consultation with parents regarding cuts to the Disabled Children's Intervention Team and the impact of cuts.	The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills responded that this was a misunderstanding of the budget; a review of the structure of the service had been proposed but the posts affected were vacant.
Will Matthews of Cowes	The possibility of a council owned/run bus service on the Isle of Wight such as those in Reading, Nottingham and Edinburgh which were a revenue stream for their respective local authorities.	The Leader responded the contract with Southern Vectis was due to end in 2020 and that all options would be explored.

50. [Chairman's Official Announcements](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

51. **Leader's Update report**

The Leader presented his report which set out key points of information for each portfolio area within the Cabinet and highlighted the various challenges the council faced over the short and medium term including fairer funding.

Questions were asked in relation to:

- Housing and homelessness.
- The Island Plan and Community lead Housing.
- The timely completion of work outlined in the Island Roads contract

52. **Budget & Council Tax Setting 2019 - 2020 and Future Years Forecasts**

Council received a report from the Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources on the 2019/20 Budget and Council Tax Setting. Amendments, which had been accepted by the Section 151 Officer as being legal and presenting a balanced budget, were received from the Liberal Democrat Group, Cllr Michael Lilley and Cllr Geoff Brodie. Members debated the proposed budget and amendments.

The Leader spoke on the budget proposals recommended by Cabinet.

The proposers of the amendments spoke in turn on their budget proposals.

The Leaders of the other groups made comment on the budget proposals.

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

The Leader, the other proposers of amendments and the other group leaders then summed up.

53. **Adjournment**

At the conclusion of the debate members adjourned for a 15-minute comfort break.

54. **Budget & Council Tax Setting 2019 - 2020 and Future Years Forecasts**

Following the adjournment, the Leader moved the recommendation by cabinet which was duly seconded.

- (a) An amendment to the proposal attached as [Amendment 1](#) ( and forming part of these minutes) was moved by Cllr Andrew Garrett and duly seconded.

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

For: (14)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens,

Against: (24)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstained: (1)

Cllr John Nicholson.

- (b) An amendment to the proposal attached as [Amendment 2](#) ( and forming part of these minutes) was moved by Cllr Michael Lilley and duly seconded.

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

For: (14)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens.

Against: (23)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle.

Abstained: (2)

Cllrs Paul Bertie, John Nicholson.

- (c) An amendment to the proposal attached as [Amendment 3](#) (and forming part of these minutes) was moved by Cllr Geoff Brodie and duly seconded.

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

For: (16)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Adrian Axford, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Matthew Price, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens.

Against: (21)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Michael Murwill, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle.

Abstained: (1)

Cllrs Clare Mosdell, John Nicholson.

(d) Voting was taken on the substantive motion.

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

For: (14)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens,

Against: (25)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Adrian Axford, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Abstained: (0)

#### RECOMMENDATION

(i) THAT Council endorse the following recommendations:

- (a) The revised Revenue Budget for the financial year 2018/19 and the Revenue Budget for the financial year 2019/20 as set out in the General Fund Summary (Appendix A)
- (b) Any further savings made in 2018/19 arising at the year-end (after allowing for specific carry forward requests) be transferred to the Transformation Reserve, Revenue Reserve for Capital (to

increase the Capital Resources available) and General Reserves (to improve overall financial resilience) with the level of each transfer to be determined by the S.151 Officer

- (c) The S.151 be given delegated authority to enter into the Solent<sup>1</sup> 75% Business Rates Retention Pilot agreement with the Department for Communities and Local Government
- (d) That the level of Council Tax be increased by 2.99% for general purposes in accordance with the referendum threshold<sup>2</sup> for 2019/20 announced by Government (as calculated in Appendix B)
- (e) That the amounts set out in Appendix B be now calculated by the Council for the financial year 2019/20 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992
- (f) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to implement any variation to the overall level of Council Tax arising from the final notification of the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner and Parish and Town Council precepts and amend the calculations set out in Appendix B accordingly
- (g) The Council Tax Care Leavers Discount Scheme as set out in Appendix I be implemented by way of a write off under the delegated authority of the S.151 Officer and be incorporated into the Council's Financial Regulations
- (h) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £5.5m for 2019/20 and continuing into future years as set out on the next page:

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<sup>1</sup> Includes Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council

<sup>2</sup> Council Tax increases beyond the referendum threshold can only be implemented following a "Yes" vote in a local referendum

Portfolio / Service	Controllable Budget	Savings Proposal	
	£	£	%
Adult Social Care, Public Health & Housing Needs*	66,717,800	2,070,500	3.1%
Children's Services*	24,443,400	515,500	2.1%
Community Safety & Public Protection	10,993,000	275,000	2.5%
Environment & Heritage	11,244,000	274,400	2.4%
Infrastructure & Transport**	18,317,500	1,205,600	6.6%
Leader & Strategic Partnerships	457,300	0	0.0%
Planning & Housing Renewal	2,609,300	79,700	3.1%
Procurement, Projects, Forward Planning & Waste	5,793,300	130,000	2.2%
Regeneration & Business Development	1,394,200	33,000	2.4%
Resources	17,262,900	916,300	5.3%
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>159,232,700</b>	<b>5,500,000</b>	<b>3.5%</b>

\* Excludes the additional funding passported through to Adult Social Care of £1.4m (which if included would result in an overall reduction of 1%) and the additional funding for Children's Services of £0.7m (which if included would result in an overall increase of 0.7%)

\*\* Excludes £19.4m of PFI Grant funding, on a Gross expenditure basis the saving amounts to 3.2%

- (i) Directors be instructed to start planning how the Council will achieve the savings requirements of £13.5m for the 3-year period 2020/21 to 2022/23 and that this be incorporated into Service Business Plans
- (j) The minimum level of Revenue Balances as at 31 March 2020 be set at £7.0m to reflect the known and expected budget and financial risks to the Council
- (k) Members have regard for the Statement of the Section 151 Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003 as set out in paragraphs 134 to 153
- (l) The Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24 set out in Appendix E which includes all additions, deletions and amendments for slippage and re-phasing
- (m) The new Capital Investment Proposals ("New Starts") - 2019/20 set out in Appendix D be reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24 and be funded from the available Capital Resources
- (n) The allocation of £1,855,697 of Disabled Facilities Grants be made to the Better Care Fund, and reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2018/19 to 2023/24

- (o) The following revenue contributions to capital be made in order to fund the proposed new Capital Investment Proposals ("New Starts") - 2019/20 set out in Appendix D:
    - (i) A £3m revenue contribution proposed as part of the proposals for the Revised Budget 2018/19
    - (ii) The originally planned £1m contribution from the Revenue Budget 2019/20, which was built into the previous budget forecast
    - (iii) A further £1m revenue contribution as part of the proposals for the Budget 2019/20 and arising from the direct additional funding received from the 75% BRR pilot
  - (p) That Prudential Borrowing of up to £25m for Regeneration schemes that prove themselves to be robust and viable be approved in principle; with final approval to borrow being delegated to the S.151 Officer following the completion of a satisfactory final business case and financial appraisal that demonstrates with good certainty that savings will accrue directly to the Council that at least cover the cost of borrowing on a sustained basis over the lifetime of any borrowing.
  - (q) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to determine how each source of finance is used to fund the overall Capital Programme and to alter the overall mix of financing, as necessary, to maximise the flexibility of capital resources used and minimise the ongoing costs of borrowing to the Council
  - (r) That the S.151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council be given delegated authority to release capital resources held back for any contingent items that might arise, and also for any match funding requirements that may be required of the Council in order to secure additional external capital funding (e.g. bids for funding from Government or the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership)
  - (s) The Capital Strategy 2019/20 (attached at Appendix F)
  - (t) The Investment Strategy 2019/20 (attached at Appendix G)
- (ii) THAT the Council note the following in respect of the Council's Budget:
- (a) The Revenue Budget 2019/20 as set out in Appendix A has been prepared on the basis of a 2.99% increase in Council Tax, any reduction from the overall 2.99% Council Tax increase proposed will require additional savings of £830,800 for each 1% reduction in order for the Budget 2019/20 to be approved
  - (b) The Revenue Forecasts for 2020/21 onwards as set out in the section entitled "Revenue Forecasts 2020/21 to 2022/23" and Appendix A



- (c) The estimated Savings Requirement of £13.5m for the three year period 2020/21 to 2022/23, for financial and service planning purposes, be phased as follows:

Financial Year	In Year Savings Requirement £m	Cumulative Saving £m
2020/21	4.5	4.5
2021/22	4.5	9.0
2022/23	4.5	13.5

- (d) The Transformation Reserve held to fund the upfront costs associated with Spend to Save Schemes and Invest to Save Schemes holds a very modest uncommitted balance of £1.8m and will only be replenished from contributions from the Revenue Budget and an approval to the transfer of any further savings at year end
- (e) The Council Tax base for the financial year 2019/20 will be 53,508.0 [item T in the formula in Section 31 B (1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")].
- (f) The Council Tax element of the Collection Fund for 2018/19 is estimated to be a surplus of £333,000 which is shared between the Isle of Wight Council (90.2%) and the Police & Crime Commissioner (9.8%)
- (g) The Business Rate element of the Collection Fund for 2018/19 is estimated to be a deficit of £500,000
- (h) The Retained Business Rate income<sup>3</sup> for 2019/20 based on the estimated Business Rate element of the Collection Fund deficit as at March 2019, the Non-Domestic Rates poundage for 2019/20 and estimated rateable values for 2019/20 has been set at £41,480,492
- (i) The Equality Impact Assessment (attached at Appendix H)

## 6. Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 9 of the Council's Constitution

- (i) [By Cllr Chris Whitehouse](#)

Cllr Whitehouse moved the following motion:

*To Move that: this Council notes the impact upon the Island of the Local Government Act 2000*

The proposer deferred the motion.

<sup>3</sup> Includes transfer to the "Growth Pool" of £2.0m and transfer from the "Growth Pool" of £1.0m plus the "Top Up" of £7.7m, S.31 Grants of £6.0m and a collection fund deficit of £0.5m

(ii) [By Cllr Michael Lilley](#)

Cllr Lilley moved the following motion:

*IW Council resolves that in light of its January 2019 Full Council Meeting successful Motion on reducing child poverty and the recent OSTED good rating; that it asks the Cabinet and Cabinet Member for Children services consider ring-fencing Early Intervention services from any future budget cuts including the Disabled Children's Intervention Team. This request is supported by the fact that children and families with disabilities and special needs are often the poorest and most vulnerable to high risk of entering statutory services. Any cuts to Children's Services would undo all the hard work of gaining a good OFSTED rating and could lead to increased child poverty and high risk to Children coming into care and put the Council at high financial risk.*

The proposer withdrew the motion.

8. [Member Question time of the Leader](#)

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cllr Chris Whitehouse	What progress has been made in improving adult social care and children's social services since he became Leader of the Council; and what plans has he for further improvements in these most important areas of engagement?	The Leader read a written response which is available on the following link <a href="#">MQ 04/19</a>

CHAIRMAN