



Record of decision

THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2018 BY THE CABINET

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON MONDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2018

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs Dave Stewart (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Paul Brading, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, Tig Outlaw, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle

Members also present (non-voting)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Andrew Garratt, Steve Hastings, Brian Tyndall.

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>
Decision reference	15 (18/19)
Decision Taken	That the minutes of the meeting held on <u>12 July 2018</u> be agreed.
Questions / Amendments	None.

Agenda item	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>
Decision reference	16 (18/19)
	None declared.

Agenda item	<u>Public Question Time</u>
Decision reference	17 (18/19)
Questions	Mr Richard Hards of Whippingham submitted a written question to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services around Children's Services compliance with all statutory guidance and budget.

The Cabinet Member provided a response ([PQ 23/18](#))

Mr Hards asked a supplemental question on whether the Isle of Wight Council would investigate and if necessary take appropriate action if a member of the public advised statutory guidance was not being adhered to.

The Cabinet Member responded that statutory guidance must be followed through normal procedures.

Ms Tanja Rebel of Cowes submitted a written question to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport regarding the Islands Roads PFI contract and harmful chemicals, tree protection and the colour temperature of street lighting.

The Cabinet Member provided a response ([PQ 22/18](#))

Ms Rebel asked a supplemental question in relation to street lighting and was advised a written response would be provided.

Ms Sylvia May of Totland asked the Cabinet Member for Planning a question regarding Fracking planning applications and permitted development rights.

The Cabinet Member provided a response ([PQ 24/18](#))

Ms May asked a supplemental question regarding cabinet members responding individually to the consultation on Shale Gas Permitted Development to protect all local community councils' rights to determine the outcome of fossil fuel planning applications across England.

The leader responded that individual member responses would not be appropriate as the Cabinet was a collective body. However, it was the clear view of the council that it should retain the rights to determine applications locally.

It was noted that a written question to Cllr John Hobart Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage had been received from Stephen Davis of Merston in relation to prohibiting the use of Glyphosate and other harmful herbicides/chemicals on the land and a written response would be provided accordingly ([PQ 25/18](#)).

Ms Susan Davies of Newport asked an oral question in relation to the St Mary's road improvements and Hunnyhill school. The leader advised she should speak to her ward member regarding representation to Cllr Ward. Similarly, Mr

	Matthews also of Newport asked an oral question in relation to the St Mary's road improvements and local businesses and was advised the same.
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Agenda item	<u>Chairman's Updates</u>
Decision reference	18 (18/19)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The leader presented the recommendations and comments from the Scrutiny Committee which did not relate to items on the agenda:</p> <p><u>Progress on Outcomes and Recommendations from Previous Meetings</u></p> <p>a) It was noted that the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport had considered the recommendation of the Committee regarding its call in of the Hope Road, Ryde traffic regulation order and decided to confirm the implementation of the restriction.</p> <p>b) The Cabinet Member for Resources advised that the property asset register was available on the Council's website :- https://www.iow.gov.uk/Council/transparency/Our-Assets/Transparency-Our-Assets/Property</p> <p>c) The Cabinet Member for Resources advised that a progress report on the digital transformation strategy would be submitted to the 9 October 2018 meeting.</p> <p>d) The Committee to clarify the information requested from the Director of Adult Social Care on the outcomes of the Redesign Task and Finish Group's workshop on 30 April 2018.</p> <p><u>Cowes Floating Bridge</u></p> <p>a) The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport be requested to provide an A4 briefing note giving details of issues with the Cowes Floating Bridge, actions being taken, timeframe and measurement of success.</p> <p>b) The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport be requested to provide a flow chart for the communications process with regard to the operation of Cowes Floating Bridge and in particular the involvement of the relevant local members.</p>

	<p><u>One Island – One Public Service</u></p> <p>The report was noted and an update would be considered by the committee at a future meeting when appropriate.</p> <p><u>Leader’s update</u></p> <p>a) The Council had announced a discounted Cross Solent ferry travel scheme for residents on low incomes.</p> <p>b) A statement had been made regarding the Council’s concerns over Southampton City Council’s proposals for a Clean Air Zone.</p> <p>c) Meetings of the Cabinet would be held in different locations.</p> <p><u>Committee’s workplan 2018/19</u></p> <p>a) The scoping document for the item relating to collaboration with town and parish council was approved subject to the date of completion being amended to allow for sufficient time to complete the work.</p> <p>b) The scoping document for the item relating to the establishment of a task and finish group on commercialisation was approved.</p>
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Agenda item	<u>Performance and Finance Report - Quarter Ended 30 June 2018</u>
Decision reference	19 (18/19)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet considered the report which set out the council’s performance against the established indicators and targets which underpin the delivery of the corporate plan for the period ending 30 June 2018, and the council’s risk and financial position at that time. A number of key points were highlighted including:</p> <p>Historically the council has shown a slight overspend at the end of quarter one which then needed to be made up. Due to changes in the way in which interest was paid, £0.5 million savings were projected for the end of the year against planned budget.</p> <p>It was noted that statistics regarding organisational health had been included and would be monitored on a six monthly basis moving forward. Early indications suggested a positive direction of travel.</p>

Issues raised by other members	It was noted that the Scrutiny Committee would consider the report in full at its meeting on 9 October 2018.
Decision taken	THAT the performance in relation to the council's priorities as set out in the report and the priority report detail as set out in Appendix A of the report, together with the council's financial position as set out at Appendices B and C in the report, be noted.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To support the successful delivery of agreed council priorities and as such, provide the Cabinet (and subsequently the council's scrutiny function) with the necessary information to record achievements and challenge areas of underperformance and to account for it to the wider community.</p> <p>To align with the following Corporate Plan Commitments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creating opportunities for all • Delivering economic growth and prosperity • Preserving our environment • Planning for our future needs • Protecting our community • Providing sound financial management
Options considered and rejected	There were no other options other than not to note the report.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	<u>Newport Strategic Junction Improvements</u>
Decision reference	20 (18/19)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport presented a report which explained the findings of the public consultation on the proposed scheme at St Mary's roundabout in Newport, sought authority to amend the scheme and progress related work at St Georges Way and develop design solutions for Newport. It was highlighted that the work had been undertaken by independent consultants and that detailed briefings had been delivered to the Cabinet to inform their decision.</p> <p>Members were advised that the project related to the £9.6 million transport infrastructure funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to allow the</p>

	<p>early delivery of strategic junction improvements in and around Newport and to enable the delivery of new homes and boost economic productivity on the Island. Funds which had already been secured through other development contributions would also be available for the project.</p> <p>Clarification was provided that the amended proposals allowed U-turn movements to be undertaken safely from both sides of the junction and that it was proposed there be a shared pedestrian and cycle pathway. Reassurance was provided that the safety of pedestrians and cyclists had been fully considered in the development of the plans.</p> <p>Members and the public were informed that minor adjustments could still be made to the scheme; Representations received from Cyclewright and feedback from Hunnyhill School through the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services and Education were welcomed.</p>
<p>Issues raised by other members</p>	<p>Whilst there were no issues raised by non-cabinet members, it was noted that at the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 11 March 2018, the committee made the following recommendations which were duly considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport would clarify the flow of north bound traffic leaving the St Mary’s hospital site (ii) The Cabinet be urged to use a significant proportion of Section 106 monies on active travel measures, particularly aimed at pedestrians and cyclists, in the Newport parish area together with improvements to the Lidl roundabout off Medina Way.
<p>Decision taken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) To agree the amended scheme at St Mary’s which has been revised in response to public consultation as detailed at appendix 2; and commit the required expenditure from the capital grant (b) To agree to progress the design and implementation of the proposed scheme between the St Georges Way - St Georges Approach roundabout and Coppins Bridge as outlined at Appendix 1; delegating the final approval of the scheme design and approval of expenditure to the director of neighbourhoods in consultation with the cabinet member for infrastructure and transport and the Section 151 Officer (c) To agree to officers developing design solutions for the

	other strategic junction improvements outlined at Appendix 1; and to bring forward a future report via the cabinet member for infrastructure and transport for cabinet decision
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To take forward strategic junction improvements in and around Newport to enable the delivery of new homes and boost economic productivity on the Island and ease congestion in the town</p> <p>To adhere to the following Corporate Priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing the economy and tourism; • Working in partnership to improve outcomes; • Delivering statutory duties and achieving value for money.
Options considered and rejected	There were no other options to consider.
Declarations of Interests	Cllr Dave Stewart declared a personal interest as the grandparent of a child attending Hunneyhill School.

Agenda item	<u>Resident Parking Zones</u>
Decision reference	21 (18/19)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet considered the report of the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport that showed the results key findings from Spring 2018 Resident Parking Zone (RPZ) Consultation and recommended changes to the guidelines as a result. A charging structure for such schemes was proposed and the resources that will be required to administer and deliver RPZ's schemes across the Island identified.</p> <p>Members were reassured that parking zones could only be introduced at the request of residents and following extensive surveys to ensure it was in the interests of the majority of residents.</p> <p>It was noted that following the publication of the report, the recommendation was that 75% of kerb side space would need to be occupied now at a peak times before a scheme could be applied to an area.</p> <p>Clarification was provided that the introduction of the zones was a cost neutral exercise as legislation permitted only income to be generated to offset costs of managing the on street parking including implementing and providing the schemes.</p>

<p>Issues raised by other members</p>	<p>Whilst there were no issues raised by non-cabinet members, it was noted that at the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee on 11 March 2018, the committee made the following recommendations which were duly considered and accepted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) That the Cabinet be recommended to include a default setting of not marking parking bays. (ii) That the Cabinet should ensure that it is made clear that the issue of a permit for a parking zone does not guarantee a space either outside the individual's house, in their road or the area of the zone. (iii) That the Committee supports the policy for Residents Parking Zones and the need for these in island towns.
<p>Decision taken</p>	<p>To implement Option A and B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Accommodate changes in the policy as a result of the consultation namely that 75% rather than 85% of kerbside space should be occupied at peak times before a scheme applies to a street. In addition that no more than 50% of people in the street concerned should have a parking space available/garage for a scheme to proceed. (b) To Accept the Resident Parking Zones Policy, after a transformation bid request to employ a member of staff to deliver six resident parking zones per annum and deliver these based on charging £60 for the first permit and £100 for the second car.
<p>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</p>	<p>To respond to the requirement of residents for RPZ, as demonstrated by the results of the consultation and the number of requests made to the authority, and to ensure there is a policy and resources to implement these in an effective way.</p> <p>To align with the following Corporate Plan key activities and values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with communities and businesses to deliver the agreed parking strategy by taking a phased approach to its implementation. • Being efficient and effective in everything we do and spending money wisely

Options considered and rejected	There were no other options to consider.
Declarations of Interests	None Declared.

Agenda item	<u>Cabinet Member Updates</u>
Decision reference	22 (18/19)
Discussion	<p>The following updates were received:</p> <p>Environment and Heritage: Natural England was progressing well in relation to coastal paths. MOD and government land access was an issue which it was hoped could be raised with the MP..</p> <p>Children’s Services and Education: The first week at the Bay School operating as a “through” school had gone well. There continued to be issues with the premises but these were being swiftly rectified by the maintenance team.</p> <p>Planning and housing: Changes to legislation regarding Fauna and Flora were expected.</p> <p>Corporate resources: Star chambers (budget meetings) were being held in relation to budget setting for 2019/20. It was hoped that a proposed budget could be shared for comment towards the end of 2108.</p> <p>Regeneration and business development: 26 bids had been received in relation to the development of Newport Harbour. A shortlist of eight had been selected for the next step of the process.</p> <p>Infrastructure and transport: Thanks from the military partnership for facilitating training on the Island was noted.</p> <p>Procurement, waste management, special projects and forward planning: The plant at Forest Road was nearing completion and was a very impressive site. In addition to significantly reducing the Island’s waste there were facilities at the site to educate the public and school children.</p> <p>Adult social care and public health: This portfolio now included housing and homeless to reflect the council’s person centred approach. The approach being taken to deliver services continued to drive improvement.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Community safety and public protection reminded all in attendance that the consultation</p>

	<p>on the combined fire authority closed on 26 October 2018.</p> <p>Discussion also took place regarding the boundary review and its implications. Members were advised to consider the names of the wards being created as these could be influenced if they did not reflect the community's identity.</p>
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Agenda item	<u>Consideration of the Forward Plan</u>
Decision reference	23 (18/19)
Amendments / Additions / Removals	<p>Members reviewed the Forward Plan and it was noted that the decision regarding the Beach Huts would now be taken at the end of October 2018.</p> <p>There was discussion regarding the forward plan as a document. Clarification was provided that the document reflected the statutory requirements around key decisions rather than work towards the corporate plan.</p>
Declarations of Interests	None received.

Agenda item	Members' Question Time
Decision reference	24 (18/19)
Questions	None received