



# Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN BY THE CABINET ON  
THURSDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2019**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON  
MONDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2019**

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs Dave Stewart (Chairman), Paul Brading, Steve Hastings, Stuart Hutchinson, Clare Mosdell, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle

Members also present (non-voting)

Cllr Karl Love, Cllr Michael Lilley

Officers Present

Jamie Brenchley, Simon Bryant, Dominic Hillyard, Sarah MacDonald (notes), John Metcalfe, Claire Shand, Carol Tozer, Simon Wiggins, Geoff Wild

Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Barry Abraham, John Hobart

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Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken .....  
**Leader of the Council**

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b><u>Minutes</u></b>
Decision reference	<b>40 (19/20)</b>
Decision Taken	That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 October 2019 be agreed.
Questions / Amendments	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b><u><a href="#">Declarations of Interest</a></u></b>
Decision reference	<b>41 (19/20)</b>
	None
<b>Agenda item</b>	<b><u><a href="#">Public Question Time</a></u></b>
Decision reference	<b>42 (19/20)</b>
Summary of Discussion	<p><b><u>Written Questions</u></b></p> <p>There were no written questions.</p> <p><b><u>Oral Questions</u></b></p> <p>Diana Conyers of Ryde asked a question regarding the Homelessness Strategy. She was concerned that there was a lack of affordable rented housing to address the level of need. The Leader provided a response and explained that a Housing Strategy was being prepared and work was progressing to address the provision of affordable housing.</p>

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b><u><a href="#">Chairman's Announcements</a></u></b>
Decision reference	<b>43 (19/20)</b>
Summary of Discussion	<p><b><u>Flood Planning</u></b> The Chairman announced that following the recent flooding in other areas of the country, there had been local engagement with the Environment Agency (EA) to discuss local flood defences. The Chairman was confident that there was adequate support for the Island and the council would continue to work with the EA as necessary.</p> <p><b><u>Winter Care Facilities</u></b> The Chairman reported that on 11 November the emergency shelter had opened on the old Barton Primary School site. The facility would cater for up to 25 people and would be staffed by the Salvation Army. It would offer hot meals and showers and would assist people in receiving other help they may require as appropriate.</p> <p><b><u>Gritting</u></b> The Chairman confirmed that following feedback from the public the arrangements for gritting over the winter months would be the same as in 2018.</p>

	<p><u>Parking</u></p> <p>In the period leading up to Christmas there would be free parking in Newport for up to three hours on three Thursdays and on two Saturdays it would be free from 12 noon. In Ryde, parking would be free in all long stay car parks on 7 December from 12 noon.</p> <p><u>St Mary's Roundabout</u></p> <p>Works at St Mary's roundabout were progressing well without the predicted excessive disruption. The work was on schedule but would pause over the Christmas period.</p> <p><u>Floating Bridge</u></p> <p>The floating bridge had carried out 99.5% of its scheduled services in October, generating over £44,000 of income. Passengers taking advantage of the saver card would receive a reduction in price. This would be effective until at least March 2020 whilst works to St Mary's roundabout were taking place.</p> <p>The Chairman also reported that he had recently attended the Local Government Association Board for Stronger and Safer Communities where he had listened to the new Domestic Abuse Commissioner's presentation and he was impressed with the work she was doing.</p>
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b><u><a href="#">Procurement Strategy</a></u></b>
Decision reference	<b>44 (19/20)</b>
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Procurement, Waste Management, Special Projects and Forward Planning presented the new Procurement Strategy which had been prepared with input from officers across the Council and now included environmental and sustainability considerations and social value. It had been made simple to understand and the aspirations were summarised. An action plan had been produced containing objectives against which progress could be measured and reported.</p> <p>Members were pleased to hear that the Scrutiny Committee had found the strategy fit for purpose and had supported its adoption.</p>
Decision taken	Option 1 – To adopt the Procurement Strategy set out in Appendix 1 to the report.
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option 2 – To adopt an amended Procurement Strategy</p> <p>Option 3 – Not to adopt either the Procurement Strategy or any amended Procurement Strategy.</p>

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b><a href="#"><u>Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024</u></a></b>
Decision reference	<b>45 (19/20)</b>
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs summarised the report. At the end of September 2019 there were 184 households with 274 children in temporary accommodation, 26 families in bed and breakfast accommodation with 16 children, and 13 rough sleepers. However the number of rough sleepers had reduced by 54% in last 11 months. Families in bed and breakfast accommodation with children had reduced by 60% since Jan 2019. In September 2019 no child had been in bed and breakfast accommodation for more than 6 weeks. The winter shelter had opened earlier in the week.</p> <p>The strategy aligned with the government's rough sleeper strategy and was organised around the three core pillars of prevention, intervention and recovery.</p> <p>Other Cabinet Members had visited the winter shelter facility and were impressed with what they had seen. They expressed thanks to officers and to the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs and were pleased to see that there was finally a 'wet' shelter and that everyone using the facility, including some ex-veterans, would be helped.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Committee had deemed the strategy fit for purpose and supported its adoption. Members noted that monitoring of progress would be undertaken by the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration.</p>
Decision taken	Option 1 - To approve the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024, setting out the Council's strategic direction for tackling homelessness, reducing temporary accommodation and eliminating rough sleeping, as at Appendix A to the report.
Options considered and rejected	Option 2 – Not to adopt the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024, as at Appendix A to the report.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b><a href="#"><u>Annual Public Health Report 2018-2019</u></a></b>
Decision reference	<b>46 (19/20)</b>
	<p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs introduced the Interim Director of Public Health who summarised the report. The Council had a statutory duty to write and publish the report. The focus of the report was on the health and wellbeing of older people on the island. The World Health Organisation's policy framework for 'healthy ageing' had been used</p>

	<p>to formulate the report and four areas had been chosen on which to focus and a number of recommendations had been made to improve the health of this section of the community.</p> <p>The Scrutiny Committee had endorsed the report and monitoring of progress would be undertaken by the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care.</p>
Decision taken	To note the findings and recommendation of the Isle of Wight Director of Public Health's Annual Public Health Report 2018-2019 and to approve the report for publication
Options considered and rejected	None
Agenda Item	<a href="#"><u>Cabinet Member Announcements</u></a>
Decision reference	<b>47 (19/20)</b>
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Business Development reported that the 'Sail GP' event would be returning to Cowes again in 2020, which was a high-profile event and was good news for the island.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport reported that three areas in Ryde were currently being surveyed to become residents' parking zones. It was hoped that these would be in place as soon as possible.</p> <p>Concerns had been expressed regarding the amount of roadworks currently taking place. The Cabinet Member explained that not all works were being undertaken by Island Roads but some were utility companies or Wight Fibre works, and there was only a small window of opportunity to carry out work due to the inclement weather.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs reported that she would be attending the National Adults' and Children's Services Conference with the Cabinet member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, and that this would be a good opportunity to network with officers and Cabinet members of other local authorities. They would be presenting examples of innovative work on the island which had been nationally recognised. The Director of Adult Social Services (DASS) gave an explanation of the projects which would be presented such as the Living Well Service and the Personal Assistance Hub, and explained that she would be leading a national piece of work with Prof John</p>

Bolton around a refresh of the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework (ASCOF) – how Adult Social Care was evaluated in terms of the effectiveness of delivery. The DASS had secured funding from Dept of Health and Social Care on behalf of ADASS to lead the refresh of the ASCOF as it was quite outdated.

The Leader reported that he would be attending the National Police and Crime Panel Conference in Warwick the following week and would be chairing the event.

The Cabinet Member for Resources reported that the council was working hard on the budget to bring it in on target but due to pressures there was a predicted £1 million overspend which would need to be recovered over the next five months. £4.5 million would need to be saved in the next financial year. It was hoped that this could be achieved with as little impact on frontline services as possible. It would not be possible to announce the budget before Christmas but would most likely be early in January 2020.

Work was ongoing with Ryde Town Council, the Ryde Business Association and community groups to help produce a place plan to inform the direction of future regeneration in Ryde. Discussions had also taken place with the Town Council regarding preferred bidder status to take on Ryde Harbour.

Funding was being pursued for Ryde Interchange via the Transforming Cities Fund.

A planning application had been submitted for Nicholson Road business park. If successful, this should produce up to 500 jobs.

Funding had been obtained from the Heritage High Streets fund which would help address some of the identified problems in the upper High Street area of Ryde.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills reported that he had been looking at the provision of higher education on the island. The establishment of a university had been considered but was not practical, however, links had been forged with universities on the mainland. Research had been undertaken with the Chamber of Commerce around the skills that were in demand. A booklet had been launched containing details of all higher education options on the island which was given to all students in school years 10 and 11 and to prospective employers, and which had been well received. There was a proposal to introduce a virtual 'hub' where further information and advice could be obtained.

The Cabinet Members for Waste, Procurement and Special Projects reported that the mechanical treatment plant at Forest Road had now received its certification. It was hoped that the energy from

	<p>waste would be operational by summer 2020. A new vehicle had been obtained to collect green waste which would address the waiting list. The facility to renew subscription by direct debit was expected to be available within the next few weeks. Due to the recent death of a long-standing waste operative, there would be a change to collection days the following week to allow colleagues to attend the funeral.</p>
Agenda Item	<a href="#"><u>Forward Plan</u></a>
Decision reference	<b>48 (19/20)</b>
Summary of Discussion	<p>Consideration was given to the Forward Plan.</p> <p>Items due for Full Council on 20 November were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local Council Tax Support</li> <li>• Constitutional Issues</li> </ul> <p>Delegated Decisions due to be taken included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Council Assets – Ryde and Ventnor Harbours</li> </ul> <p>Items for Cabinet in January 2020 were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Cycling Events</li> <li>• West Wight School Places – Outcome of Consultation</li> <li>• Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report</li> <li>• Formalising the Role and Governance of the Local Care Board</li> </ul>
Agenda Item	<a href="#"><u>Members' Questions</u></a>
Decision Reference	<b>49 (19/20)</b>
Summary of discussion	<p>Cllr Lilley submitted a written question to the Leader (MQ12/19) asking whether an all agency meeting was needed due an apparent increase in the suicide rate among young people.</p> <p>The Leader provided a response and indicated that he would have further discussion with Cllr Lilley outside of the meeting.</p>