



Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN BY THE CABINET ON
THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2020**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON
MONDAY, 23 MARCH 2020**

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs Dave Stewart (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Clare Mosdell, Gary Peace, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle

Officers Present

Sarah MacDonald (notes), John Metcalfe, Claire Shand, Justin Thorne, Carol Tozer, Simon Wiggins

Apologies for Absence

Cllr Paul Brading

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

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Leader of the Council

Agenda item	<u>Minutes</u>
Decision reference	70 (19/20)
Decision Taken	That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2020 be agreed.
Questions / Amendments	None

Agenda item	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>
Decision reference	71 (19/20)
	None
Agenda item	<u>Public Question Time</u>
Decision reference	72 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	<p><u>Written Questions</u></p> <p>A written question had been received from Christopher Wakely regarding the expected publication date of the Climate Change strategy (PQ13/20). The Chairman provided a response.</p> <p>A written question had been submitted by Jill Cowley regarding the closure of Yarmouth Primary School (PQ14/20). The Chairman provided a response.</p> <p><u>Oral Questions</u></p> <p>Margaret Wills from Bembridge asked a question relating to an application for a dropped kerb which had been rejected. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport was not able to comment on the individual case but offered to look into the matter further if Mrs Wills contacted him directly.</p> <p>June Ring asked a question regarding concessionary travel for cancer patients travelling to the mainland for treatment. The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs confirmed that the council had agreed to transfer £60,000 to the NHS to contribute towards the travel costs.</p> <p>Rodney Corbett asked a question concerning the resurfacing of all island roads and upgrading of street lighting and street furniture. He was concerned that only the main road in Yarmouth had been resurfaced. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport gave assurances that the council's contract management team were monitoring the road conditions. Any specific local issues could be forwarded to the Cabinet Member directly.</p> <p>Peter Scott asked a question regarding the recent re-levelling of the Quay Road car park. He was concerned that the centre of the car park had been raised too high, causing any spillage to run into the estuary, as there was no drain around the edge of the car park. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport indicated that he would forward any concerns to the contract management team for investigation.</p>

	<p>Sarah Howell asked a question concerning the closure of Yarmouth School. As the Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills was not present, a written response would be sent in due course.</p> <p>Rodney Wood had submitted a written question regarding the West Wight schools but had missed the deadline. However, the Chairman indicated that a written response would be sent.</p>
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Agenda item	<u>Chairman’s Announcements</u>
Decision reference	73 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	The Chairman reported that the council was following the latest guidance from Public Health England regarding the coronavirus COVID-19 and explained that the council’s website was being regularly updated with the latest guidance and the information shared with the local media. There would currently be no banning of events. People were being advised not to visit their doctor’s surgery or hospital, but to ring 111. Precautions being advised included not shaking hands, washing hands regularly and planning ahead as necessary. The Director of Adult Social Care advised that the council was liaising on a daily basis with care providers to identify those most at risk and ensure there was adequate care provision available. Some care homes had already requested families to keep visits to a minimum. The council was ensuring there was adequate personal protective equipment for its staff.

Agenda item	<u>Quarterly Performance Report – Quarter 3</u>
Decision reference	74 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet Member for Resources reported on the third quarter performance figures. The figures were not examined in detail, however the report highlighted the pressures faced, particularly in Adult Social Care and Children’s Services. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee had made some comments on the report, including that future QPM reports should contain mitigating actions in areas of under-performance.
Decision taken	To approve the Quarter 3 (2019/20) Performance and Finance report and the priority report detail as set out in Appendix A to the report, together with the council’s financial position as set out in Appendices B and C to the report.

Options considered and rejected	None
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Agenda Item	<u>Cabinet Member Announcements</u>
Decision reference	75 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport reported that the Floating Bridge had been 99.1% reliable in February 2020. The St Mary's roundabout works were progressing well and were ahead of schedule. The council's recent Facebook post regarding the proposed traffic layout change on the dual carriageway had received 68,000 hits compared with a usual average of less than 20,000.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration reported that the Newport Harbour Masterplan had been published. The council was still working with Ryde and Newport Town and Parish Councils and Historic England for funding for the Heritage High Streets. It was suggested to the attendees at the meeting that Yarmouth Town Council may wish to consider a place plan for Yarmouth in order to obtain funding from Historic England for their own local projects.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Digital Transformation reported that the council's Regulatory Services department had won an award for the Isle of Wight Against Scams Partnership (IWASP) initiative.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs reported that the number of rough sleepers on the island had reduced. A government grant of £288,000 had already been received towards current initiatives, and a further grant of £99,600 had been obtained from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to provide safe accommodation for those fleeing domestic violence.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Resources reported that the government had announced business rate relief for small shops and cafes due to the effect on businesses of the coronavirus outbreak. Work was underway to identify those businesses on the island to which it would apply. The figures would be sent to the government to obtain the funding but this could take some time.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing reported that the proposed housing scheme on the Branstone Farm site would be subject to a pre-planning application public consultation the day after the meeting at Newchurch. The scheme would provide sustainable living, including allotments, for island residents in the</p>

	<p>rented sector in partnership with Vectis Housing.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Procurement, Waste Management, Special Projects and Forward Planning reported that the green waste subscription service was now available with the facility to pay by direct debit.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage reported that the coastal path project was ongoing and there still issues around the Osborne area to be resolved. A possible alternative site had been identified for the Records Office which would be cheaper than the original site proposed. Staff from the National Archives would be inspecting the current storage provision and the proposed alternative site. The Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) had been drafted. The last leg of the Tour of Britain would be coming to the island in 2021 which would provide good television coverage of the local area and would be a good opportunity for accommodation providers and businesses in the West Wight, as it was hoped the race would finish at the Needles. The consultation on Public Spaces Protection Orders (PSPO) was currently live.</p>
Agenda Item	<u>Forward Plan</u>
Decision reference	76 (19/20)
Summary of Discussion	<p>Consideration was given to the Forward Plan.</p> <p>An urgent item had recently been added for a Delegated Decision to provide further funding for the renewal of the lease of the seabed from the Crown Estate for a tidal energy project.</p>
Agenda Item	<u>Members' Questions</u>
Decision Reference	77 (19/20)
Summary of discussion	There were no Members' Questions.