

Isle of Wight Council: Corporate Peer Challenge – Action Plan (Agreed May 2018)

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R1	As enabling Council, form an Island Partnership that brings together all of the partners who can help you deliver success	1	Review the role and purpose of all existing strategic stakeholder partnerships, with a view to creating an overarching “partnership” to co-ordinate activity and maximise impact across all partnerships.	ACX	December 2018**	Not yet complete – original date was subject to an early increase in corporate capacity.	Actions 1-7 are related. This activity will be kept under review.
R2	Consider sharing the leadership within your partnerships to secure support for your vision	There is a shared ambition and narrative for the future shape of the Isle of Wight; individual stakeholder and community activities are aligned to the vision and co-ordinated to it.	Development of terms of reference for a co-ordinating strategic partnership and agreed plan for its implementation and operation.	ACX	December 2018**	Revised timescale – June 2019	An approach has been developed with a focus on the council's place making responsibilities, with placed based partnership groups being developed e.g. Shaping Newport; Ryde Regeneration.
R3	Use that Partnership to create an agreed and owned vision and set of priorities for the Island to 2030	2	Evaluate the intended impact of local and national plans for the Isle of Wight and present to the partnership to inform a “visionary exercise”.	ACX	February 2019**	Not yet complete – original date was subject to an early increase in corporate capacity.	This approach recognises that there are different priorities across different areas of the Island.
R4	Use that Partnership to set and manage what you want to say about where the Island is going, and avoid raising expectations you may not be able to deliver.	3	Using all available data, identify and agree with the co-ordinating partnership a vision of the Isle of Wight in 2030.	ACX	May 2019**	Revised timescale – June 2019	The council will review the success of this approach in 2020/21.
		4	Test and consult the 2030 vision with the Island community and relevant national and local agencies and businesses.	ACX	October 2019**	Dependent on actions 1-3	Dependent on actions 1-3
		5	Develop and Implement single plan for the delivery of the agreed vision.	ACX	December 2019**	Revised timescale – Dec 2019	Revised timescale – Dec 2019
		5	Agree with the partnership the key “narrative” for the Isle of Wight to support and underpin its future aspirations.	ACX	November 2018**	Dependent on actions 1-5	Dependent on actions 1-5
		7	Complete and implement a housing delivery strategy for the Island.	ACX	October 2018	Revised timescale – March 2020	Revised timescale – March 2020
		8				The Council's revised approach to housing delivery was agreed by the Cabinet in November 2018.	Both the Housing strategy and the Homelessness Strategies are to be considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 th November.
							Implementation of housing projects are reported to a Members board and monitored through both regeneration and housing boards which are attended by projects leads and directors from across council services. Projects include both physical builds and service delivery projects. Delivery, resources and risks are all monitored and where needed escalated to the Strategic Programme Board (CMT) and Members Review Board for consideration and resolution.
							Programme and project management approaches are applied to all strands of the housing and regeneration programme.

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	9 Complete the delivery of the Island Plan		The implementation plan was delayed pending the receipt of environmental impact data. The Plan is open for consultation until 25 February 2019.	ADR	October 2018	The implementation plan 19. The council is currently considering approx 3,500 responses. A revised timetable for delivery of the Island Planning Strategy (Local development scheme) has been agreed and published with a programmed date of March/April 2020 for a further period of consultation.	Consultation of the Draft Island Plan (Reg 18) closed on 25 Feb 19. The council is currently considering approx 3,500 responses. A revised timetable for delivery of the Island Planning Strategy (Local development scheme) has been agreed and published with a programmed date of March/April 2020 for a further period of consultation.
	10 Ensure the interdependencies between all key plans are understood, correct any omissions.		The draft regeneration strategy is being developed alongside the Island Plan, to ensure commonality of approach.	ACX	October 2018	Completed.	There are clear interdependencies between the council's corporate plan, MTFS and the strategies that frame delivery of council activity.
	11 Strengthen the relationship with the voluntary sector through protocols that promote and realise joint working and help realise the island's significant social capital in improving wellbeing.		The corporate plan and medium term financial strategy continue to be aligned & inform all key decisions	ACX	December 2018**	Not yet complete – original date was subject to an early increase in corporate capacity.	Consideration of strategies by CMT and scrutiny prior to formal agreement by Cabinet provide a route to ensure those interdependencies are identified appropriately.
R5	Use your Corporate Plan and MTFP to set and stick to deliverable priorities. Remain focused on these priorities and ensure they are delivered before adopting new projects	The council make best use of its resources to deliver its agreed priorities	Implement a programme for the annual review of the corporate plan to confirm medium and long term priorities	ACX	April 2019 (first review)	Revised timescale – June 2019	In progress. Activity in relation to strengthening relationships with the voluntary sector is being delivered through the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Local Care Board.
	12		Develop and implement a process for in-year review of new opportunities and threats which could impact upon the delivery of the corporate plan.	ACX	September 2018	Annual review and refresh in hand	Completed. A revised corporate plan was approved In July 2019.
	13		Without distraction.	ACX	April 2018	Informal review process being delivered through joint meetings of the Cabinet and Corporate Management Team to feed the annual review of the corporate plan.	Annual reporting process is in place and used to review activity and performance linked to corporate plan outcomes.
	14		Ensure appropriate review and revision to the delivery of the corporate plan as required to ensure its delivery – through the use of the quarterly performance reports.	ACX	December 2018	Completed.	Governance arrangements are now in place (Strategic Programme Board [SPB] and Members review Board [MRB]) to monitor delivery of critical activity linked to the corporate plan. Project teams escalate issues to programme boards which in turn escalate through to SPB and MRB
	15		Develop and implement a data warehouse to hold all of the key source data to inform the council's decisions	ACX	May 2019	Not yet complete, further work required to collate all source data.	In progress. There several areas of the council that have data warehousing capabilities to share and access data across their service areas and to combine this into reporting functions and analytics: 1. Adult Social Care now use a scheduler to pull information from commissioning and personal data sets into performance reporting across the business. 2. The corporate data book is the start of a corporate data warehouse and is used to assess performance and service improvement which in turn informs decision making through the QPMR process. Power BI is being

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								piloted to enhance the reporting capabilities of this data set.
								3. The JSNA is another form of data warehouse and developments are in hand for an enhanced web design and interactive reporting.
								4. ICT software development are in the process of developing a “digital services dashboard”. This will take activity and information from a range of corporate systems in an overnight automated feed.
								The work on sourcing benchmarks for the performance measures/key metrics (known as the Databook) has been done completed.
								A full benchmarking report will be produced at the end of the financial year.
16	Identify and maintain a benchmarking data set for all of the council's key metrics.		Not yet complete, further work required to source appropriate benchmarks for the council's metrics		ACX	December 2018	Revised timescale – May 2019	
17	Make reference to source material used in the production of council reports.		Improved use of material referenced in background documents although still inconsistent.	ACX	October 2018			The council has commenced piloting a new business intelligence tool for improving reference and consistency in council reports. The pilot is programmed to run throughout 2019/20 financial year.
R6	Maintain credibility by taking the tough decisions your MTFP requires	A financially balanced and sustainable council.	Introduce revised programme for budget development which provides opportunities to create a common understanding of the challenges facing the council and the possible actions in response.	DoF	July 2018		Programme implemented and initial budget proposals for 2019/20 were published in November, some 10 weeks earlier than previously.	Budget programming continues to the principles referred to in the earlier update. However, the programme will need to respond to current circumstances (e.g. existing funding uncertainties) and therefore the timetable for publication of options may differ from time to time.
R7	Urgently review the capacity you need to land the opportunities within One Public Service, regeneration, and to build a sustainable business model for the council.	18	Agree and begin to implement proposals for strengthening the council's corporate policy/strategy/financial capacity to drive the changes necessary to be a “financially balanced and sustainable council”.	CX	June 2018		Corporate capacity has been increased, starting from 1 August, with the addition of a number of new senior roles and two graduate trainees. The changes completed on 14 January 2019.	Completed
		19	Develop and implement a commercialisation/income generation strategy (including skills development and training) to support the delivery of the MTFP.	ACX	November 2018		Not yet complete – original date was subject to the increase in corporate capacity.	Completed – strategy was agreed by cabinet at their meeting on 10 th October 2019.
		20	The council is able to investigate and exploit all opportunities for financial and service sustainability in order to provide the services required by the community.	CX	July 2018	Revised timescale – April 2019	OPS partners are exploring the potential for collaborative work across a number of workstreams (estates and property; energy management; back-office support) and OPE projects (blue light hub; civic centre office use).	In progress – implementation being developed. The cabinet member has agreed to discuss the implementation plan with scrutiny at a future date.
		21	Work with partners to implement a project delivery board to steer the delivery of the One Public Service initiative and seek support for sufficient project management to take the project forward and align with the existing One Public Estate initiative.					The arrangements outlined in the previous update remain in place. Further work is needed to provide clarity on the relationship with other integrated working structures (e.g. Health and Wellbeing Board, Local Care Board) as well as developing a narrative for achievements and success.

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			Introduce a portfolio member led project board to oversee the council's regeneration initiatives, ensure co-ordination across portfolios and act as a gatekeeper for the programme.		ACX	April 2018	Implemented with effect from April 2018 and meeting monthly.	
R8	Develop an open and honest relationship with health partners and test this by sharing financial and savings assumptions and plans.	22	A person centred approach to health & social care services and improved efficiency of all available resources.	Work with the IW CCG, through the Local Care Board, to agree the range of health functions to be commissioned locally and establish a place based commissioning strategy/unit, also agreeing which council services will be included, which at scale within a wider Hampshire CCG partnership.	CX	October 2018	Not yet complete, due to requirements of the health regulators for partners to produce a health & care sustainability plan and associated action plan for the Isle of Wight. There is active support for the approach once this plan is available in the spring 2019	
				Revised timescale – dependent on partners			Not yet complete, due to requirements of the health regulators for partners to produce a health & care sustainability plan and associated action plan for the Isle of Wight. There is active support for the approach once this plan is available in the spring 2019	
					CX	April 2019	In progress – commenced the preparation for a review of the member induction programme in line with action 26.	
							No further support needs have been identified at this stage	
R9	Ensure all councillors are trained and developed to fulfil their roles and make a positive contribution.	25	More and clearer opportunities for members to engage with the decision makers to represent the needs of their wards.	Undertake a training needs analysis for all members	D.Res	July 2018	Complete	
				Design and deliver a learning & development programme for all members	D.Res	October 2018	Complete and preparation now commencing on the development of plans to support the delivery of a programme following the next local elections.	
				Undertake a review of the member induction programme	D.Res	September 2019	In progress – commenced the preparation for a review of the member induction programme in line with action 26.	
				Identify and commission further LGA support to assist in the strengthening of defining and agreeing expectations of respective roles and responsibilities.	CX	January 2019		
				Establish and deliver a rolling programme of development for scrutiny members to become more confident and proficient in the scrutiny role and function	D.Res	September 2018	The Centre for Public Scrutiny has been working to improve the scrutiny function.	Completed.
							There is a continuing programme of development and the recently appointed interim monitoring officer will be working with scrutiny panels to identify ways in which they can be further enhanced.	

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			Establishment of work plans for each policy/scrutiny committee	D.Res	June 2018	Complete		
	30	Work with the LGA to identify areas of best practice in each Cabinet portfolio area in other local authorities and seek to learn from them.	Embed the use of "action trackers" to capture the shared working agendas of directors and cabinet members.	D.Res	September 2018		No specific areas of improved have been identified requiring this approach.	
	31		Make better use of the forward planning process to identify key risks and opportunities facing the council and have a clear plan in response.	CX	September 2018	Complete		
	32		Formally review the introduction of a Leader's update and members' question time at Full Council.	CX	June 2018		This approach has been factored into the refresh of the corporate plan	
	33		Further CMT/Cabinet development workshops to secure collective agreement and clarity on absolute priorities for the council.	CX	May 2018		Complete – introduced Leader's update and members' question time at Full Council following the annual meeting in May	
	34		Establishing agreed mechanisms for monitoring the delivery of agreed key priorities and a set of criteria to be used for the changing of or addition to priorities at any one given time.	ACX	September 2018		This approach has been formalised as part of the refresh of the corporate plan	
R10	As a new and dynamic Cabinet develop your collective strengths and your working relationships with CMT including clarity about respective roles		Establishment of clear delivery plans for agreed regeneration projects from conception to completion that take into account financial and human resource requirements, funding sources, agreed performance management systems and processes.	D.Reg	September 2018	Complete – July 2018 Projects summarised in draft regeneration strategy with three year headline action plan. Project milestones reviewed by monthly member board and quarterly policy scrutiny committee	Reports to a bi monthly members regeneration board continue, and a prioritisation framework was adopted in August 2019 to assist in refining the scope of the programme and prioritise council resources A members housing board has been established to reflect the council's priority around this topic in its revised corporate plan. Programme and project management approaches are applied to all strands of the regeneration programme	In progress Corporate communications strategy currently being drafted. Campaigns programme linked to the corporate plan priorities is being developed.
			Finalise and implement a corporate communications strategy including an annual campaigns programme setting out the key work done by the council for its community.	CX	June 2018	Not yet complete – still to formalise the approach Revised timescale – April 2019		
	37		Ensure that all communications focus on the "positive" aspect of the Island's unique characteristics.	CX	July 2018	Approach agreed within the communications and media team		
R11	Celebrate and shout out about the Island's strengths and the opportunities you offer and develop a more robust and strategic approach to corporate communications.	A common narrative about the Island's unique characteristics that underpin the services that make it an inspiring place in which to grow up, work, live and visit.	38					
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			Develop and promote a clear plan for engaging with the media ensuring clarity and consistency of message and appropriate spokespeople are available as required.	40	CX	June 2018	New council e-newsletter introduced in December 2018	Approach agreed with the communications and media team.

Note: Dates marked ** will require additional corporate capacity for there to be successful achievement.