



Minutes

Name of meeting	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date and time	TUESDAY 7 JANUARY 2020, COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Andrew Garratt (Chairman), Debbie Andre, Geoff Brodie, Vanessa Churchman, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, Chris Quirk, Brian Tyndall
Co-opted (Voting)	Gill Kennett (IWALC)
Cabinet Members	Cllrs Paul Brading, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Clare Mosdell, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward
Also Present	Steve Apter, Chris Ashman, Steve Crocker, John Metcalfe, Claire Shand, Paul Thistlewood, Megan Tuckwell, Geoff Wild

49. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 12 November 2019 be confirmed.

50. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Cllr Michael Lilley declared an interest in item 54(b) as chair of the Isle of Wight Voluntary Sector Forum.

Gill Kennett declared an interest in item 54(a) as a Governor at St Saviours Catholic Primary School.

51. [Progress on outcomes and recommendations from previous meetings](#)

The chairman presented the report and advised that a meeting had taken place on 6 January 2020 between the Committee and Cabinet to discuss the budget-setting process and to identify key areas within Corporate Plan which would benefit from pre-decision scrutiny. The chairman outlined the arrangements being made for members of the committee to receive a confidential briefing on the delivery of the Highways PFI contract and concerns were raised regarding members rights of access to information. The Monitoring Officer agreed to circulate written clarity on this.

RESOLVED:

THAT the progress from previous meetings be noted.

52. Fire Service Inspection Improvement Action Plan

The Leader and the Deputy Chief Fire Officer presented the report which provided an overview of the progress made in respect of the action plan resulting from the HMICFRS inspection report. Questions were raised regarding organisational structure, capacity, and the appointment of a watch manger. Members were confident that a framework was in place to address mental health, including the services and signposting available through the firefighter's charity. Members were reassured of the progress being made towards the delivery of the action plan and sought evidence of results and a comparison of performance. It was agreed that a copy of the ongoing diagnostic dashboard for the action plan would be circulated, and that an update on progress would be presented to the committee in six months' time.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT the progress made by the IW Fire and Rescue Service towards the delivery of the HMICFRS Action Plan be noted.
- ii) THAT an update on progress with the action plan be presented to the Committee at its meeting on 7 July 2020.
- iii) THAT a copy of the ongoing diagnostic dashboard for the action plan be circulated to the Committee
- iv) THAT a copy of the organisation structure for the Island be circulated when implemented in April 2020.

53. Budget

The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources provided a verbal update on the latest position regarding the current year's budget, projections for 2020/21, and noted the meeting which had taken place on 6 January 2020 between the Committee and Cabinet where the process and priorities for setting the budget were discussed. Concerns were raised regarding the possible need to use reserves to supplement the shortfall caused by the delayed fair funding review and questions were raised regarding progress with the Island Deal. The chairman advised that arrangements were being made for an informal meeting of the Committee be held on 6 February 2020 to discuss the Cabinet budget report due to be published on 5 February 2020.

RESOLVED:

THAT the position regarding the 2019/20 and 2020/21 budget be noted.

54. Comments on items to be considered by the Cabinet on 9 January 2020

a) West Wight School Places - Outcome of Public Consultation

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills presented the report which recommended the discontinuance of All Saints' Primary School from the 31 August 2020. It was advised that the decision could only be implemented if the decision is taken by the Governing Body of the Federation of Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth to relocate Yarmouth Primary School from the start of the academic year 2021/22 to the Freshwater site.

RESOLVED:

THAT the proposed decision be noted.

b) **Formalising the Role and Governance of the Local Care Board**

Members considered the report which sought approval for the establishment of an Integrated Care Partnership (ICP) as the basis for bringing together key stakeholders to collectively plan and coordinate services and resources.

Questions were raised over the membership and leadership of the ICP, including representation of the voluntary sector and care associations, and whether it would function in a way that was democratically accountable. The chairman noted the concerns expressed by the chairman of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care, who sought early sight of the proposals following its addition to the Forward Plan in November 2019.

Consideration was given to the possibility of deferring the decision to enable the item to be fully discussed by the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care at its meeting on 13 January 2020 as it had the statutory responsibility for health scrutiny, however it was advised that any delays would have a knock-on impact on partners. The Committee appreciated the impact any delay would have on delivery and therefore agreed that the relevant committee should be involved in the review on the operation of the ICP in six months' time.

RESOLVED:

- i) THAT the committee would have preferred it if comments from the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care had been obtained and included in the report.
- ii) THAT the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care be involved in the review to be undertaken on the operation of the Integrated Care Partnership after a period of six months.

Following debate on whether the principle of the proposal should be supported as comments from the relevant Committee had not been obtained, four members requested that voting be recorded in the minutes in accordance with Procedure Rule 13.7.

A named vote was taken and the result of which were as follows;

For (5)

Cllrs Andrew Garratt, Vanessa Churchman, Karl Love, Chris Quirk, Brian Tyndall

Against (3)

Cllrs Michael Lilley, Geoff Brodie, Gill Kennett

Abstain (1)

Cllr Debbie Andre

- iii) THAT The principle of the proposal be supported.

c) **International Cycling Events**

The Leader advised that the Council had the opportunity to host the final stage of the Tour of Britain in September 2021 which would benefit the Island's economy and reputation as a unique visitor destination. Members considered the report which sought approval to host and support the event, and outlined the options, benefits, potential risks, and funding in the context of the council's financial position. Members noted the benefits that the event could bring to the Island and unanimously agreed to support the proposals, highlighting the importance of procuring a third-party company to secure the sponsorship funds necessary to cover the costs associated with hosting the event.

RESOLVED:

THAT the proposed decision be supported.

d) **Quarterly Performance Report - Quarter 2**

Members considered the report which provided a summary of progress against Corporate Plan activities and measures for the period June to September 2019. Discussion took place regarding housing benefit overpayment recovery, commitment to environmental issues, and working days lost to work-related mental ill health. A number of issues were raised including; the disabled facilities grant, returns on regeneration schemes, and joint NHS funding, and it was agreed that the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources would provide a written response to those concerns.

RESOLVED:

THAT the quarterly performance report be noted.

e) **Forward Plan**

Members considered the forward plan. Cllrs Lilley and Andre advised that they were still due to meet with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing regarding the proposed delegated decision seeking approval to consult on Draft Housing Strategy 2020-2025 before 31 January 2020 and would endeavour to do so before the next meeting on 11 February 2020.

RESOLVED:

THAT the forward plan be noted.

55. **Leader's Update**

The Leader provided the following updates;

- All members were encouraged to ensure that residents participate in the housing survey which would form part of the presentation to Government.
- The LGA were undertaking a national review of the Code of Conduct and he been invited to be involved in this.

- He would be attending a meeting with Portsmouth City Council on 20 January 2020 to discuss its intention to introduce a clean air zone and the implications this may have for the Islands economy.

RESOLVED:

THAT the update be noted.

56. Committee's Workplan

The committee considered the workplan. It was noted that this would be further populated following the informal meeting between the Committee and Cabinet on 6 January 2020 on key areas from the Corporate Plan which would benefit from pre-decision scrutiny and involvement in policy development and review. As previously agreed, an item on progress with the Fire Service Inspection Improvement Action Plan would be included for the meeting on 7 July 2020.

RESOLVED:

THAT the workplan be noted.

CHAIRMAN