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Agenda

Name of meeting FULL COUNCIL

Date WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2015

Time **6.00 PM** 

Venue COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF

WIGHT

Members of the Committee

All Members of the Council

Senior Democratic Services Officer: Julie Martin, telephone 821000,

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PRAYERS led by Revd Canon Graham Morris

### 1. Minutes

To approve as a correct record and to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 20 May 2015 (Paper A)

## 2. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

3. To deal with any questions from members of the public - a maximum of up to 15 minutes for written questions, with up to a further 15 minutes for oral questions.

Questions may be asked without notice but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting, the question must be delivered in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 6.00 pm on Monday, 6 July 2015. The <u>Procedure for asking oral questions</u> is set out below.



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4. <u>Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and correspondence for the Council.</u>

### 5. Isle of Wight Council Pension Board

The Pension Board for the Local Government Pension Scheme was agreed at the 21 January 2015 meeting of full council. It was agreed that one of the two employer representatives would be sought from the external employers to the fund and the other would be a councillor, but one who does not have a role in the current pension fund committee (currently Cllrs Ivor Warlow (Chairman), Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, David Eccles, Stuart Hutchinson, Gordon Kendall, Daryll Pitcher). Therefore a council representative needs to be appointed.

# 6. Appointment to Committee Vacancy

In accordance with the council constitution, and the decisions of full council at its meetings on 1 April 2015 and 20 May 2015, it is necessary for full council to approve the filling of any vacancy allocated to those councillors who are not members of a political group on the Council. Councillor Richard Priest has indicated that he wishes to take up the vacant seat on the Children's Services Select Committee and therefore this appointment needs to be agreed by full Council.

- 7. Outcome on the Consultation on the Future Provision of 11-16 and Post-16 School and College Places on the IW (<u>Paper B</u>)
- 8. Appointment of Service Provider for the Isle Of Wight's Integrated Waste Management Contract (<u>Paper C</u>) and Updated report (<u>Paper C1</u>)

#### 9. **Executive**

Executive Members to present a written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy:

- (i) <u>The Leader and Executive Member for Children's Services</u> (Cllr Jonathan Bacon)
- (ii) <u>Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Community Wellbeing</u> (Cllr Steve Stubbings)
- (iii) Executive Member for Resources (Cllr Ian Stephens)
- (iv) Executive Member for Planning and Licensing (Cllr Paul Fuller)
- (v) <u>Executive Member for Public Protection and PFI</u> (Cllr Phil Jordan)
- (vi) Executive Member for Economy and Tourism (Cllr Shirley Smart)
- (vii) <u>Executive Member for Sustainability, Environment and Public Realm</u> (Cllr Luisa Hillard)

To guarantee a full reply Members must submit a question in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 7 July 2015. A further period of 10 Minutes will be allowed for oral questions to each Executive Member.

#### 10. Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman

The Chairman of Scrutiny, Cllr Dave Stewart, to present his written report, and answer written and oral questions on budget or policy.

# 11. Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution

### (i) By Councillor Julie Jones-Evans

The Isle of Wight Council resolves to nominate Julia Margaret Cameron as the visual artist to feature on the Bank of England's next £20 note. The Council believes she meets the selection principles set by the Bank of England, that the artist should be someone who has shaped British thought, innovation, leadership, values and society. Featuring a "Woman of Note" from the Island on the new note will be beneficial to our visitor economy in accordance with the first aim of the Council's Corporate Strategy 2015-2017

### (ii) By Councillor Bob Blezzard

# **Government Devolution Agenda: The Next Steps**

The Isle of Wight Council notes the following proposals worked on by the leaders of Hampshire County Council and Southampton City Council and supported by Hampshire council leaders (including the Portsmouth and Southampton unitary authorities) through the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association:

- Support for an Isle of Wight and Hampshire-wide Combined Authority covering the geographic area of the Isle of Wight and Hampshire (ie the Isle of Wight Council, Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils and the eleven District Councils in Hampshire).
- Future governance arrangements would be designed to take account of the functional responsibilities of the Combined Authority and fully reflect the Economic, Social and Environmental variations across the area.
- The existing powers and responsibilities as well as boundaries of the current local authorities remain unchanged.

The Isle of Wight Council further notes that the Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill may well receive Royal Assent as early as Christmas 2015 and it is therefore essential for local authorities at a regional or sub-regional level to get their act together in order to take advantage of the funding and devolution opportunities which will be presented by this legislation.

The Isle of Wight Council therefore agrees to support the process of asking for or offering to Government a Combined Authority as outlined above in order to deliver efficiencies, economies and better services for local people.

## (iii) By Councillor Bob Seely

Rural bus services are a lifeline for the elderly, disabled and all those who cannot drive or afford car ownership.

Without them they are cut off from medical, dental and other essential services. For villages without a shop that includes food purchases. The

quality of life becomes diminished and for some residents, unsustainable. Additional costs are caused to the public purse by the loss.

This Council calls upon the administration to continue financial support for these services until proper consultation has been carried out with affected communities, local councils and other key stakeholders, and assistance has been given to develop sustainable and continuing transport links.

This Council requires a report before the end of this year on action taken to achieve that result.

### (iv) By Councillor Jonathan Bacon

The Isle of Wight Council notes that the meeting of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association held on the 19 June agreed to support a proposal for a Hampshire-wide Combined Authority and that a letter confirming this decision has been sent to the Government by Councillor Roy Perry in his capacity as Chairman of the Association.

### Such an authority would:

- Cover the entire geographic area of the Isle of Wight and Hampshire (ie the Isle of Wight Council, Hampshire County Council, Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils and the eleven District Councils in Hampshire).
- Require governance arrangements to be designed to take account of the functional responsibilities of the Combined Authority and fully reflect the Economic, Social and Environmental variations across the area.
- Build on the existing powers and responsibilities as well as leaving the boundaries of the current local authorities unchanged.
- Seek the devolution of powers from Government in order that it can better need local needs and improve the overall economic, social and environmental being of the area

The Isle of Wight Council further notes that the Cities and Local Government Devolution Bill may well receive Royal Assent as early as Christmas 2015 and it is therefore essential for local authorities at a regional or sub-regional level to get their act together in order to take advantage of the opportunities which may be presented by this devolution legislation.

The Isle of Wight Council therefore agrees to engage in the process of asking for or offering to Government a Combined Authority as outlined above in order to deliver efficiencies, economies and better services for local people provided that there is sufficient funding across the Combined Authority for it to be effective in meeting the needs of the communities it must support.

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30 June 2015