



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 8 JULY 2015 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Charles Chapman (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, John Medland, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, Chris Whitehouse

11. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [20 May 2015](#) be confirmed.

12. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Dave Stewart declared an interest in Minute 17, as he had family members who worked in Island schools and grandchildren going into Post 16 education.

Councillors Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Jonathan Gilbey, Alan Hollands, Richard Priest and Ivor Warlow declared an interest in Minute 15, as they were members of the pension fund.

Councillor Julie Jones-Evans declared an interest in Minutes 15 and 17, as she was a member of the pension fund and had a child who attended Christ the King College.

Councillor Graham Perks declared an interest as he was a business man in Ventnor.

Councillor Paul Bertie declared an interest in Minute 17, as his wife taught in the education system.

Councillor Shirley Smart declared an interest in Minute 15, as she was a member of the pension fund and had a business in Ventnor.

Councillor Jonathan Bacon declared an interest in Minute 17, as he had a child who attended Christ the King College.

Councillor Julia Baker-Smith declared an interest in Minute 17, as she had school age children.

13. **Public Question Time**

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mrs M Gutteridge of Brighstone	Mrs Gutteridge was not in attendance to ask her question.	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 11/15)
Mr D Miller of Cowes	Mr Miller was not in attendance to ask his question.	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 12/15)
Mr S George, Chairman, Isle of Wight Bus and Rail Users' Group	Cuts in subsidy for public transport	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 13/15)
Mrs Heaysman	Mrs Heaysman was not in attendance to ask her question.	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 14/15)
Mr L Wilson of Sandown	Cllr Blezzard asked the question on behalf of Mr Wilson on the subject of Island line	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (PQ 15/15)
Mr P Shaw	Asked a question in relation to paragraph 5 of the amended recommendation relating to support of a collaborative approach to the business case.	The Executive Member gave an assurance that would happen.
Mr M Chiverton	Wanted an assurance of complete transparency on all stages regarding the development of any further joint working with Hampshire.	The Executive Member gave an assurance that would happen.

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr Glazebrooke	Asked what plans, if any, were in place regarding Island line.	The Executive Member would provide a written response.

14. **Chairman's Report**

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information. He congratulated Councillor Julie Jones-Evans on her appointment as Chair to Newport Parish Council, Councillor Jonathan Gilbey on his re-election as Shanklin Town Mayor and Councillor Dave Stewart on his re-election as Chairman of the Hampshire Police and Crime Panel.

He extended his thanks to all the students who had taken the trouble to write to councillors with regard to future provision of 11-16 and Post-16 school and college places on the Isle of Wight.

He had presented prizes to the students at WISE earlier in the day.

15. **Procedure Rule 17(6)**

A proposal to waive the need for a named vote for the following two items of business was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED :

THAT voting on the following two items of business be agreed by a show of hands.

16. **Isle of Wight Council Pension Board**

Members were reminded that at the meeting of full council on 21 January 2015 it was agreed that a Pension Board for the Local Government Pension Scheme be established with effect from 1 April 2015. 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 did not have a role in the current pension fund committee. There was, therefore, a need to appoint a councillor as an employer representative on the Isle of Wight Council Pension Board.

Councillors Roger Whitby-Smith and Julie Jones-Evans were separately proposed and seconded. Following a vote it was

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Roger Whitby-Smith be appointed as the employer representative on the Isle of Wight Council Pension Board for the ensuing year.

17. **Appointment to Committee Vacancy**

Councillor Richard Priest had indicated he would like to take up the vacant seat on the Children's Services Select Committee. The appointment would need the agreement of full council.

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Richard Priest be appointed to the Children's Services Select Committee for the ensuing year.

18. **Outcome on the Consultation on the Future Provision of 11-16 and Post-16 School and College Places on the IW**

Prior to the commencement of the meeting an amended recommendation was circulated to all members.

Members were advised that the executive member was putting forward an amended recommendation instead of option 2b, as indicated within the report. He believed the recommendation dealt with the problem of surplus places and took forward post 16 provision. The recommendation had been couched in very precise terms and it was noted that there was risk in taking that decision.

Carisbrooke College would have to present a business case of sufficient strength to the Education Funding Agency to enable sufficient funding for the refurbishment of the college. The executive member indicated the business case would be developed collaboratively between the Island Innovation Trust and officers from the Isle of Wight Council.

Members wanted to acknowledge the work that had been undertaken to bring the amended recommendation to Council.

At the conclusion of the debate a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (33)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (2)

Councillors Reg Barry, Steve Stubbings

Abstention (1)

Councillor John Nicholson

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE :

- (i) THAT the current six secondary schools - Ryde Academy; Sandown Bay Academy, Christ the King College, Cowes Enterprise College, Carisbrooke College, Medina College, together with the Island Free School and Studio School, be retained.
- (ii) THAT the future distribution of post-16 A-level provision set out below is approved:
 - (a) Medina and Carisbrooke colleges' joint post-16 provision to be retained on the Nodehill site;
 - (b) Christ the King College's post-16 provision to be retained;
 - (c) Isle of Wight College's post-16 A-level provision to be retained;
 - (d) in the short term Ryde and Sandown Bay academies' post-16 provision to be retained on both sites until such time as new post-16 provision for 350 learners on the Sandown Bay site to serve both schools is ready for occupation, leading to a shared sixth form between the two.
- (iii) THAT the Department for Education's (DfE) Education Funding Agency (EFA) be advised to proceed with the Priority School Building Programme projects to create:
 - (a) 10fe (1,500 place) provision for 11-16 year olds at Ryde Academy;
 - (b) 9fe (1,350 place) provision for 11-16 year olds at Christ the King College;
 - (c) 8fe (1,200 place) provision for 11-16 year olds at Sandown Bay Academy together with post-16 provision for 350 learners;
 - (d) 4fe (600 place) provision for 11-16 year olds at Carisbrooke College (subject to a satisfactory business case being made to the Department for Education in support of this option).
- (iv) THAT a report setting out the framework and timescales for the Priority School Building Programme projects at Ryde Academy, Christ the King College, Sandown Bay Academy and Carisbrooke College (the latter being dependent upon a satisfactory business case being made to the DfE) be brought to Executive.
- (v) THAT it be noted there is a risk in taking this decision, in that, it may not be possible to present a business case in support of Carisbrooke College of sufficient strength to be acceptable to the EFA. If the EFA decide as a result that they will not refurbish Carisbrooke then the Island Innovation Trust will have to decide whether to continue with the two schools, with no refurbishment, or for them to be combined on the Medina site with the associated investment from the EFA for another form of entry and a light refurbishment of the school. Should the

governing body decide the closure of Carisbrooke would be the best option in these circumstances they will need to ask the Local Authority to commence a statutory consultation.

19. **Approval of Preferred Bidder for the Future Waste Service Provision**

It was noted that a confidential appendix to the report had been circulated quite late as it was commercially confidential. Members believed that council should go into private session in order to fully debate the matter. Prior to going into private session the Executive Member formally moved:

THAT the integrated waste management contract be awarded to the Preferred Bidder on substantially the terms negotiated during the procurement process and agreed during the Preferred Bidder phase, the authority to finalise the details of the terms being delegated to the Managing Director in consultation with the Leader; and

THAT the required prudential borrowing be agreed and commit to the necessary capital expenditure for the term of the contract to fund the Preferred Bidder's solution and delegate to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to undertake such borrowing and amend the approved 2015/16 capital programme accordingly.

20. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

RESOLVED :

THAT, under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, namely Minute number 21 on the grounds that there was likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

During the private session members debated the merits of the recommendation and asked detailed questions of the Executive Member to which replies were given.

Upon reconvening the recommendation was read out and a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (27)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Rodney Downer, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Alan Hollands, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Against (3)

Councillors Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Wayne Whittle

Abstention (6)

Councillors Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, John Nicholson, Matthew Price, Bob Seely, Ian Ward

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND TO EXECUTIVE :

- (i) THAT the integrated waste management contract be awarded to the Preferred Bidder on substantially the terms negotiated during the procurement process and agreed during the Preferred Bidder phase, the authority to finalise the details of the terms being delegated to the Managing Director in consultation with the Leader; and
- (ii) THAT the required prudential borrowing be agreed and commit to the necessary capital expenditure for the term of the contract to fund the Preferred Bidder's solution and delegate to the Managing Director, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to undertake such borrowing and amend the approved 2015/16 capital programme accordingly.

21. [Reports of the Executive Members](#)

Given the time and the amount of business still to be discussed the Chairman indicated that the Executive and Chair of Scrutiny reports be taken as read. Written questions would be dealt with as submitted, no oral questions would be taken.

(i) **The Leader and Executive Member for Children's Services**

Written questions were put to the Leader as follows :

Councillor Hollands withdrew his question.

Councillor Jones-Evans had requested information in relation to the proposed merger of Carisbrooke and Medina Colleges, to include all preparatory background work carried out since October 2013. She asked that a copy of the written response be sent to all members ([MQ 08/15](#))

(ii) **Executive Member for Public Protection and PFI**

Written questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Councillor Seely had asked two question relating to verges and wildflowers ([MQ 05/15](#)) and crop spraying ([MQ 06/15](#)). He indicated he would take written responses to both questions.

22. **Motion submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution**

[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 met 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 would be beneficial to our visitor economy in accordance with the first aim of the Council's Corporate Strategy 2015-2017

The motion was moved and seconded.

RESOLVED :

THAT the Isle of Wight Council nominate Julia Margaret Cameron as the visual artist to feature on the Bank of England's next £20 note. The Council believe she met 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 would be beneficial to our visitor economy in accordance with the first aim of the Council's Corporate Strategy 2015-2017

23. **Procedure Rule 26**

A proposal to extend the meeting by up to one hour was proposed and seconded.

RESOLVED:

THAT the meeting be extended by up to one hour.

24. **Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution**

(i) [By Councillor Bob Blezzard](#)

Prior to the meeting Councillor Blezzard circulated an amendment to his original motion and this was moved and seconded as follows:

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 the making of a proposal 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 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.

During the debate Councillor Pitcher proposed an amendment, that the final paragraph of the motion proposed by Councillor Blezzard be replaced as follows:

In addition the Isle of Wight Council notes that Cornwall Council, a Unitary Authority like the Isle of Wight, is making its own application for devolved status.

The Isle of Wight Council therefore agrees to a dual process of exploring with the Government a devolution deal for the Island along the lines of that of Cornwall and concurrently enter into round table discussions with Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton about what shape a bid would look like. The overall aim of this process is better provision of services for our Isle of Wight residents.

After some discussion Councillor Pitcher further amended his amendment to read:

In addition the Isle of Wight Council notes that Cornwall Council, a Unitary Authority like the Isle of Wight, is making its own application for devolved status.

The Isle of Wight Council therefore agrees to a dual process of exploring with the Government a devolution deal for the Island along the lines of that of Cornwall and concurrently enter into round table discussions with Hampshire, Portsmouth and Southampton about what shape a bid would look like. The overall aim of this process is 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.

Following debate the amendment to the motion was put to the vote and was lost.

The original motion was then voted on, and it was

RESOLVED :

THAT 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 the making of a proposal 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).
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be effective in meeting the needs of the communities it must support.

(ii) [By 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.

At the conclusion of the debate as four members stood in accordance with procedure rule 17(4) a named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (25)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Paul Fuller, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, Luisa Hillard, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, John Howe, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith, Wayne Whittle

Against (5)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Shirley Smart, Steve Stubbings,

Abstention (1)

Councillor Phil Jordan

RESOLVED :

- (a) THAT this Council calls upon the administration to continue financial support for rural bus 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.

(b) THAT this Council requires a report before the end of this year on action taken to achieve that result.

(iii) Councillor Jonathan Bacon

Councillor Bacon withdrew his motion.

CHAIRMAN