

**REPORT FROM THE ECONOMY AND TOURISM SELECT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN  
TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL ON  
WEDNESDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2015**

At the last meeting of the Economy and Tourism Select Committee on the 28<sup>th</sup> May we considered and commented on the first draft of the economic development plan. Many questions were asked by the committee and suggestions were made regarding extra content and detail for the plan. We also suggested and provided a few other local Authorities economic plans as good examples of best practice.

The committee members are still waiting for a response from lead officers on the questions asked, and it has been promised that these answers will be provided at our next meeting.

It was clear from looking at the plan, that the Isle of Wight Council need to become more proactive for interested parties requesting information and guidance about setting up businesses on the Isle of Wight, as our online information page currently sends enquiries to Southampton.

The committee asked for the following to be put on its work plan:

- Town and Parish Public Realm takeover of services and service delivery;
- An update on the Visit Isle of Wight Tourism district initiative.
- Consideration of the Corporate Plan.
- To investigate the Local Economic Partnership and identify the Council's policy which relates to it;
- To develop a working 'sub-group' to assist with the Economic Development Plan and its delivery.

I want our Committee to work closely with Cllr Paul Fuller on assisting a few of his economy related planning issues and have met with him to discuss this.

We would also like to assist Executive with finding ways to achieve best value and future revenue from our capital receipts.

The next meeting of the Economy and Tourism Select Committee is on the 24<sup>th</sup> September where I intend to examine and review the Isle of Wight Council Beach Hut owners decorating Policy (all welcome).

**Councillor Wayne Whittle**  
**Chairman of Economy and Tourism Select Committee**