

**REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER FOR PLANNING,  
LICENSING, PUBLIC REALM AND LOCAL ENGAGEMENT  
TO THE MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL  
ON WEDNESDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2015**

**Planning**

The Planning Committee approved outline development which included up to 904 residential units, school, energy centre and associated highway works at Pennyfeathers, Ryde.

The committee also supported reserved matters for onshore elements for the Perpetuus dal Energy Centre at Flowers Brook, Ventnor and approved use of land for marine and general storage at Kingston, East Cowes.

A planning appeal (and costs application) has been lodged with the Planning Inspectorate against Planning Committee's refusal for Blanchards, Brighstone.

Meetings have taken place with:

- Councillor Lumley, which I'm hopeful will help resolve ongoing issues with the development at Pan Meadows;
- Councillor Gauntlett, which clarified aspects of Westridge Waste Management's recent planning application and issues highlighted.

Both meetings have provided local members and officers with expectations and timeframes.

In the coming weeks the following meetings for relevant members take place:

10am to 1pm, 22 October - Planning seminar.

Training will be provided on updated planning refresher training, enforcement and section 106 issues. This training is available for all Isle of Wight councillors and representatives from the town and parish councils

6pm to 8pm, 28 October - Parish and Town Council Area Action Plan update.

Consultation on the three key regeneration areas' area action plan will commence at the end of October. This briefing was requested in partnership with the town and parish councils prior to the consultation commencing.

**Licensing**

I am supporting licensing officers who will be revising the child safeguarding policy for taxi drivers.

I am awaiting the conclusion of debriefings from both the Bestival and V-Dub events which took place this summer.

Councillor training events have taken place in recent months.

### **Meetings have taken place with:**

St Thomas's Square businesses to work in partnership concerning the recent introduction of the Highway Permissions Policy. Officers have subsequently assisted businesses affected.

Newport Parish Council has been provided with an update on how the above policy can be implemented and enforced.

### **Public realm**

Following a hearing to balance views, an application for a Definitive Map Modification Order for a footpath at Seagrove Bay, Seaview was rejected by the council's Appeals Sub Committee.

Ventnor Park has received a second award and recognition, this time for grounds maintenance for public open spaces from the British Association of Landscape Industries.

The Thorness to Gurnard section of the coastal path reopened earlier this month, following positive negotiations between Rights of Way officers and local landowners.

My gratitude and thanks to our officers, partners and individuals for their ongoing support.

I am looking forward in coming weeks to investigate opportunities for the Isle of Wight Council to work closer with local businesses, town and parish councils and the voluntary sector in safeguarding the long term future for our Island's public toilets. This is an issue I fully recognise is supported by members of this council and look forward to progressing suggestions being made.

### **Local engagement**

At a recent meeting I attended with representatives of Ryde Town Council, planning enforcement proposals were suggested to strengthen the link between town and parish councils and planners. With Councillor Jordan, I've also attended a meeting with representatives from Freshwater Parish Council to resolve a number of ongoing highway related matters.

### **Also since Full Council:**

- I attended a meeting of the Local Access Forum. Of note, the meeting discussed issues relating to permissive paths, and how by working in partnership with landowners these footpaths can be utilised.

- I met with residents affected by PTEC's proposals, who raised concerns with me over perceived noise nuisance matters. These were relayed to planning officers in advance of Planning Committee's hearing.
- I attended the most recent meeting of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils. There is due to be a follow-up meeting in the coming weeks.
- Both myself and Councillor Julia Baker-Smith, chairman of the Planning Committee, attended the planning themed Sustainability Forum meeting.
- I attended a meeting of the Solent Forum, which discussed the disappointing observations regarding oyster recovery, and raised a number of queries concerning bathing water and the use of dredgings to protect salt marsh habitats in the Solent area.
- I attended September's Planning Committee, the Economy and Tourism Select Committee and will join the Licensing Committee for this week's training event.
- Alongside various other members, I attended the recent housing summit. From that meeting came suggestions regarding the lack of single bedroomed properties and the potential for the council to do more. This is a matter that will be taken up with planning policy makers.
- I had a very constructive meeting with select committee chairmen, Councillors Jon Gilbey and Wayne Whittle.

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