



Minutes

Name of meeting	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 25 MAY 2016 COMMENCING AT 5.30 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, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, 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, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

1. **Election of Chairman**

Councillors Chapman and Peacey-Wilcox were separately proposed and seconded as Chairman of the Council.

As the current Chairman had been nominated he announced he would stand down as chairman and therefore a chairman for this item would need to be elected.

Councillors Ward and Barry were separately proposed and seconded as Chairman for the item. A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For Councillor Ward (20)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

For Councillor Barry (19)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox,

Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Ward be elected Chairman for the item.

Cllr Ward then took the chair for this item.

Cllrs Chapman and Peacey-Wilcox having been previously nominated (and seconded) for the position of Chairman of the Council a named vote was then taken the result of which was as follows:

For Councillor Chapman (20)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Councillor Peacey-Wilcox (19)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Chapman be elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Chapman took the chair and thanked Members for their support and formally declared his acceptance of office and took the Chair.

2. **[Election of Vice Chairman](#)**

Councillor Peacey-Wilcox was proposed and seconded as Vice Chairman of the Council. A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For Councillor Peacey-Wilcox (39)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, 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, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, John Nicholson, 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, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Peacey-Wilcox be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing Council year.

Councillor Peacey-Wilcox formally declared her acceptance of office and thanked Members for their support.

3. Minutes

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2016 be confirmed.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations received at this stage.

5. Chairman's Report

A written report had been circulated for information

6. To elect the Leader of the Council who will also be the Chairman of the Council's Executive.

Councillor Bacon was proposed and seconded as Leader of the Council.

Councillor Dave Stewart was also proposed and seconded but he declined to accept the nomination.

There were no further nominations. A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (20)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith,

Against (1)

Councillor Graham Perks

Abstention (18)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, , Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, Richard Hollis,

Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED :

THAT Councillor Bacon be elected Leader of the Council and Chairman of the Executive until the next meeting of Annual Council.

7. [Committee Structure and Appointments, Scheme of Delegations and Constitutional Amendments](#)

As it had been indicated earlier in the meeting that it would be proposed and seconded that the appointment of chairmen of committees would be dealt with en bloc the leader moved the recommendations as set out at paragraphs 31,33,34 and 35 in the report (attached to and forming part of these minutes).

A named vote in respect of recommendations 31, 33, 34 and 35 was then taken the results of which was as follows:

For (40)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, Charles Chapman, 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, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, 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, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

RESOLVED:

- (I) THAT the existing arrangements (as set out in the constitution remain) but that there be an amendment to the terms of reference of the Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee so that the statutory function of scrutinising crime and flooding transfer to the main Scrutiny Committee be agreed
- (II) THAT the scheme of delegations, as set out in Appendix 2, be approved.
- (III) THAT as recommended by the Audit Committee, the Contract Standing Orders (CSOs) set out in the Appendix 3 to this report to be implemented on 1 June 2016 and delegate to the head of legal services to make minor amendments to the CSOs as required from time to time be adopted
- (IV) THAT a group of members (to be nominated by the various groups) work with the strategic manager for organisational

change and corporate governance to review the constitution in its totality over the next ten months and report back to the March 2017 meeting of the council on a suggested revised constitution.

A motion was proposed and seconded to vote en bloc for the list of chairman and vice chairman to committees as at appendix 1 (attached to and forming part of these minutes) subject to the addition of Cllr Blezzard as Planning Committee Chairman and Cllr Hollis as Vice Chairman for Planning Committee.

An amendment was proposed and seconded that Councillor Nicholson be listed as the Chairman of Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee instead of Cllr Priest.

Councillor Nicholson declined the nomination.

A further amendment was proposed and seconded that Councillor Barry be listed as the Chairman of Planning Committee instead of Cllr Blezzard. There were no further nominations. A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (19)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Phil Jordan, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Colin Richards, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith

Against (20)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Bob Blezzard, Ray Bloomfield, David Eccles, Conrad Gauntlett, Jonathan Gilbey, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, John Nicholson, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

The amendment fell

Following further discussion the substantive motion to approve appendix one with the inclusion of Councillor Blezzard as Chairman of the Planning Committee and Councillor Hollis as Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee was put to a named vote and the result of which was as follows:

For (31)

Councillors 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, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Julie Jones-Evans, Phil Jordan, John Nicholson, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Colin Richards, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart,

Dave Stewart, Ian Ward, Ivor Warlow, Roger Whitby-Smith,
Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (2)

Councillors Alan Hollands, Geoff Lumley

Abstentions (5)

Councillors John Howe, Gordon Kendall, John Medland, Ian Stephens,
Dave Stewart,

RESOLVED:

- (I) THAT Councillor Stewart be elected Chairman of the Scrutiny Committee.
- (II) THAT Councillor Priest be elected Chairman of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Sub Committee.
- (III) THAT Councillor Gauntlett be elected Chairman of the Children's Committee.
- (IV) THAT Councillor Gilbey be elected Chairman of the Environment and Transport Select Committee.
- (V) THAT Councillor Whittle be elected Chairman of the Economy and Tourism Select Committee.
- (VI) THAT Councillor Hutchinson be elected Chairman of the Audit Committee.
- (VII) THAT Councillor Blezzard be elected Chairman of the Planning Committee.
- (VIII) THAT Councillor Hollis be elected Vice Chairman of the Planning Committee.
- (IX) THAT Councillor Jones-Evans be elected Chairman of the Licensing Committee.
- (X) THAT Councillor Richards be elected Chairman of the Appeals Committee.
- (XI) THAT Councillor Lumley be elected Chair of the Employment Committee.
- (XII) THAT Councillor Warlow be elected Chairman of the Isle of Wight Pension Fund Committee.

8. [To approve the programme of ordinary Council meetings for the ensuing year](#)

The proposed dates and times for future Council meetings, were moved and seconded and following a vote it was

RESOLVED :

THAT the following dates and times for Full Council meetings in 2016/17 be approved. All meetings to commence at 6.00 pm unless otherwise stated:

15 June 2016
20 July 2016
21 September 2016
19 October 2016
16 November 2016
18 January 2017
22 February 2017 (**BUDGET COUNCIL**) (5.00 pm start)
15 March 2017
17 May 2017 (**ANNUAL COUNCIL**)

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

(a) [By Councillor Gauntlett](#)

The publication of the Government's White Paper, Educational Excellence Everywhere, that would have dictated that all Isle of Wight schools would have been forced to become academies by 2022.

The Council welcomes the withdrawal of this proposal from the White Paper so that schools can continue to choose to remain as maintained schools supported by the partnership created between the Island and HCC. We now look forward to continued success of the partnership in the best interests of Island schools and their pupils.

This Council further notes

The Schools National Funding Formula Consultation, which has the laudable aim of making funding fairer for schools nationwide. We look forward to hearing the outcome of this consultation so that we can be assured that it does represent a fair deal for Island schools.

The Island is still emerging from the impact of the 2011 schools re-organisation and should be left to concentrate on improving standards without further structural upheaval.

This Council requests:

The Chief Executive provides future opportunities for members to be informed about the direction of national educational policy and the

outcome of the National Funding Formula Consultation.

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

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(b) [By Councillor Jonathan Bacon](#)

Councillor Bacon withdrew his motion

CHAIRMAN