

### FULL COUNCIL – WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2016

#### Written questions from Councillor Steve Stubbings to Councillor Dave Stewart – Chairman of Scrutiny Committee

In his capacity as a group leader the Chair of Scrutiny has submitted a series of questions to Full Council asking for information about the consultation in relation to the Solent Deal. While also noting that these relate almost exclusively to material already in the public domain or already provided to members, I would like to ask why none of these questions were asked by the Chair of Scrutiny at the Scrutiny Committee meeting of Tuesday 6 September, at which Devolution was a specific agenda item. In addition it was noted at that meeting that Hampshire County Council had not sought the views of the Isle of Wight Council on its consultation relating to reorganisation and no recommendation was made in relation to whether this Council should respond. Why has the Chair of Scrutiny now changed his approach to this issue and in what way is it appropriate that these important issues were not raised at the Scrutiny Committee?

#### Response

Information has subsequently come to light that that had not been shared with the scrutiny committee at the time of the scrutiny meeting and subsequent releases to all councillors has confirmed that what I had been made aware of was correct. As the September full council meeting was re-instated the opportunity to ask these questions to inform the motion I have also submitted has arisen. Devolution will also be on the October scrutiny meeting agenda and will provide members with a further opportunity to discuss these matters should they so wish.