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Minutes

Name of meeting FULL COUNCIL

Date and time

WEDNESDAY, 15 MARCH 2017 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM

Venue COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT

Cllrs Present Charles Chapman (Chairman), Jonathan Bacon. Julia Baker-Smith, Req Bob Barry, Paul Bertie. 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, Nicholson, Peacey-Wilcox, John Lora Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, lan Stephens, Dave Stewart. Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Apologies

Cllr Ivor Warlow

57. Minutes

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on <u>22 February 2017</u> be confirmed.

58. **Declarations of Interest**

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

Councillors Reg Barry, Bob Blezzard, Jon Gilbey, Alan Hollands, John Howe, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley, Shirley Smart and Wayne Whittle declared an interest in Minute 62, Pension Fund Pooling - Inter Authority Agreement, as they were in the Councils Pension Fund Scheme.

59. Public Question Time

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name Steve Stotesbury	Subject Was not in attendance to ask his question.	Comment The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>PQ 06/17</u>)
Lee Wilson, Sandown	Was not in attendance to ask his question	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>PQ 07/17</u>)
Stewart Blackmore, Ventnor	Sustainability and Transformation Plans	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>PQ 08/17</u>)
Sue Lyons, Havenstreet	Asked a question relating to Post 16 school transport.	The Leader would provide a written response.
Sylvia May, Totland	Asked a question relating to water protection and drilling for oil on the Isle of Wight.	The Executive Member indicated he was aware of the Statutory Instrument amending the 2015 Infrastructure Act.
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Treatment of waste water was dealt with through the planning process and the environment agency.

60. Chairman's Report

A written report had been circulated for information.

61. Treasury management strategy 2017-18

The Local Government Act 2003 and subsequent regulations required the council to set out its annual strategy with regard to both borrowing and the repayment of external debt.

The strategy had been approved at a meeting of the Audit Committee on 13 March 2017.

Concern was raised with regard to the proposed property investment which was likely to be utilised off island. Members were advised there was an approved £200,000 within the revenue budget for the next financial year, which was income to be derived from a commercial acquisition property fund.

Within the capital programme was a proposal to establish a £100m commercial property acquisition fund which would be the subject of a report to full council to agree the criteria for the use of that fund. The fund was to be an income generation fund, not a regeneration fund, to enable the council to maximise its income return. It was not intended to be a fund for speculative build but a fund to acquire assets already built.

The council was not being asked to approve £100m fund, but the treasury management strategy, which was about how the council manged all its cash flows. The strategy was prepared on the basis that the council may elect, at a future date, to establish a £100m fund a decision on that fund was not currently required.

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

<u>For</u> (21)

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, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (5)

Councillors Paul Fuller, Luisa Hillard, Alan Hollands, Gordon Kendall, Geoff Lumley

Abstention (11)

Councillors Jonathan Bacon, Julia Baker-Smith, Reg Barry, Rodney Downer, John Howe, Phil Jordan, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Steve Stubbings

RESOLVED :

- (a) THAT council agree the following changes to the 2016/17 Treasury Management Strategy:
 - (i) THAT the minimum revenue provision for the repayment of government supported borrowing, other than finance leases and service concessions (including private finance initiative schemes) be changed from a straight 2% annual provision to a 50 year annuity provision with effect from 2016-17 (paragraph 4 Appendix D of Treasury Management Strategy).
 - (ii) THAT with regard to capital expenditure loans to third parties the principal element of the repayment be set aside to repay the borrowing that had financed those assets (paragraph 6 Appendix D of Treasury Management Strategy).

- (iii) THAT with regard to the purchase of investment properties such properties would be disposed of before there was a significant consumption of the asset, and that the council provided for the repayment of the borrowing undertaken for their purchase by setting aside the capital receipt on their disposal rather than providing a revenue provision.
- (iv) THAT the maximum investment in a single Local Authority would be increased from £4m to £10m.
- (v) THAT the maximum investment that could be made into any one organisation (other than the UK Government including Local Authorities) be increased from £4m to £8m.
- (b) THAT the Treasury Management Strategy for 2017-18 be agreed.

62. <u>Pension Fund Pooling - Inter Authority Agreement</u>

Members were reminded that pension fund pooling was a direct requirement of government. An update on the current position concerning the ACCESS Pension Pool was given. Approval was sought to set up a joint committee with ACCESS Authorities, the delegation of functions to the joint committee and to delegate to the Director of Finance the authority to finalise arrangements for setting up the ACCESS Pension Fund Pool.

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

<u>For</u> (35)

Councillors 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, Matthew Price, Richard Priest, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (1)

Councillor Daryll Pitcher

Abstention (0)

RESOLVED :

THAT council agree the following :

 (i) THAT authority be delegated to the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Chairman of the Pension Fund Committee, to agree the approach to pooling (CIV or Collaborative Joint Procurement) that the Council would take, based upon the Government's responses to the two options put forward by the ACCESS Pool and the views of the local authorities that made up the ACCESS Pool.

- (ii) THAT if the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Chairman of the Pension Fund Committee agreed to adopt pooling based on the use of a CIV Operator, then authority was delegated to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Chairman of the Pension Fund Committee to finalise and agree the terms of the IAA in order to implement that model of Pooling, and the Council resolved to delegate the functions to the joint committee as specified in Appendix 2 (attached to and forming part of these minutes) with effect from the date of execution of the IAA.
- (iii) THAT If the Director of Finance, in consultation with the Chairman of the Pension Fund Committee, agreed to adopt pooling based on Collaborative Joint Procurement, then authority be delegated to Director of Finance in Consultation with the Chairman of the Pension Fund Committee to finalise and agree the terms of an IAA to implement that model of pooling and the Council resolved to delegate the functions to the joint committee as specified in Appendix 3 (attached to and forming part of these minutes) with effect from the date of execution of the IAA.
- (iv) THAT authority be delegated to the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer to make consequential amendments to the Council's Constitution to reflect the agreed approach to pooling and the creation of the Joint Governance Committee. Any amendments to the Constitution would be reported to a future meeting of the Council.

63. Pay Policy

The Leader of the Council presented a report which contained further proposed amendments to the council's current pay policy.

Recommendations within the report had been agreed by a meeting of the Employment Committee held on 9 March 2017 and recommended for adoption by full council.

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

<u>For</u> (37)

Councillors 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, Bob Seely, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Ian Ward, Roger Whitby-Smith, Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (0)

Abstention (0)

RESOLVED :

THAT the updated pay policy statement for 2017/18 be adopted.

64. Suggested revisions to the Constitution

Consideration was given to a number of revisions to the constitution, as recommended by the Constitution Working party, along with a number of more significant issues which the working party had identified should be considered by the new administration after the elections in May 2017.

A proposal was put that the report be adjourned and that outcomes from the Planning Advisory Service, as considered by the Planning Committee at its meeting of 13 June 2016, be included within appendix 2 of the report.

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

<u>For</u> (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, Gordon Kendall. Geoff Lumley, John Medland, Lora Peacev-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Daryll Pitcher, Richard Priest, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens, lan Ward, Roger Whitby-Smith, Stewart, Steve Stubbings, Dave Chris Whitehouse, Wayne Whittle

Against (4)

Councillors Reg Barry, John Nicholson, Matthew Price, Bob Seely

Abstention (0)

RESOLVED :

THAT the suggested revisions to the Constitution be adjourned.

65. **Reports of the Executive Members**

(i) <u>The Leader and Executive Member for Strategic and Community</u> <u>Partnerships, and Public Protection</u>

A written report had been circulated for information.

On Tuesday 14 March 2017 the Leader, together with the Finance Officer and the Chief Executive had met the Secretary of State for Local Government and specifically raised the funding situation of the Isle of Wight and its unique features.

The Leader had attended a meeting of the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership and advised members that he was now one of the Director's on the Board.

Members were advised of the passing of former Councillor, Ray Rowsell.

Congratulations were passed to local senior fire officer, Mick Keenan, who had served with the Fire and Rescue Service for 31 years.

Oral questions were put to the Leader as follows :

Name Clir Lumley	Subject Newport Football Club had been given notice to leave St George's Park at the end of July, would the leader give a commitment that the Isle of Wight Council would assist with finding an alternative location?	Comment The Leader advised he had arranged a meeting with the chairman of Newport football club and a separate meeting with South Coast Leisure representatives, he would undertake to continue his efforts to do what he could.
Cllr Bacon	Asked whether the administration's apparent policy to take direction from the national conservative party had changed?	The Leader advised that a personal press advisor had been assisting him.
Cllr Baker-Smith	Would the leader continue to seek support and direction? Noted the leader had a private meeting with Sajid Javid MP the following week, she was surprised no invitation had been extended to other groups or parties.	The Leader indicated that he would be assisted from all directions. The Leader advised it was a conservative party meeting and he had no control over the invitations.

(ii) <u>The Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Corporate</u> <u>Resources</u>

A <u>written report</u> had been circulated for information.

(iii) Executive Member for Children's Services

A <u>written report</u> had been circulated for information.

Name Cllr Whitby-Smith	Subject Did the Executive Member continue to liaise with Mr Platt about the case in the Supreme Court?	Comment The Executive Member was not in a position to be able to respond.
Cllr Stubbings	Concern with the increase in cyber bullying, what was the council's policy particularly in using someone else's name in order to cause distress to another individual?	The Executive Member agreed such behaviour had no place in the council chamber and he hoped the next administration would do everything it could to stamp it out.
Cllr Bacon	Further to responses in relation to school funding formula had the Executive Member formally made the point it did not work for the Isle of Wight	The Executive Member was disappointed the member was continuing to play party politics' with the welfare and education of the Islands children. Under the new draft funding formula the Island was a net gainer of nearly £900,000, which was an increase for every high school, some primary's and with no change for a few primary's. Unfortunately some of the smaller primary schools would miss out.
	Several schools were at risk and had publicly stated they had written to the Secretary of State raising their concerns, would the Executive Member be supporting those letters?	The Executive Member indicated he could not possibly comment on letters he had not yet received.

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Blezzard	Asked about the youth offer whereby groups and town and parish councils could bid for money for youth provision in their communities. There were some perverse decisions being made by officers affecting a number of town and parish councils. What would be done to address that and shouldn't decisions on funding be made by members and not officers?	The Executive Me asked that Cllr Ble drop him a note al particular grant ap that was of conce he would discuss officers the proces principle.

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Executive Member for Major Contracts Management (iv)

A <u>written report</u> had been circulated for information.

Written questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Seely	Island Roads contract management	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>MQ 03/17</u>)

Name Cllr Hollands	Subject In light of recent budget results people were concerned about their bins being damaged by the bin men.	Comment The Executive Member advised that most dustcarts had CCTV fitted so there would be some recourse.
Cllr Jordan	Could the Executive Member confirm that in accordance with the accepted policy, as carried out by the Independent administration Executive, confirm that he also followed that policy and in doing so had presented to this council in February 2017 an executive report that he had written himself?	The Executive Member responded absolutely.

Name Cllr Jones-Evans	Subject Did the Executive Member have an update regarding the MPs new initiative with Amey regarding re-start?	Comment The Executive Member indicated he was aware the MP had had discussions with Amey and he was waiting to hear back.
Cllr Barry	Reminded the Executive Member that he had promised to share e-mails with him, but that had not as yet happened.	The Executive Member advised that the information he had provided for Cllr Seely was an update on last month's original question. Currently there was no answer until the executive member had a response from the relevant officer on the work that needed to be done around that.
Cllr Howe	Asked about the cut back in opening hours at the Afton site.	The Executive Member indicated it was still to be consulted on. There was no minimum requirement as to what had to be provided by any authority.

(v) Executive Member for Planning, Housing and Homelessness

A <u>written report</u> had been circulated for information.

Written questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Seely	Fracking and oil exploration	The Executive Member provided a written response which was available on the following link (<u>MQ 02/17</u>)

Cllr Fuller A fu or N Z in sa S	Subject Asked for an update on the ature DEFRA consultations on the third tranche of IVZ's (Nitrate Vulnerable Cones) and the potential mpacts it may have on ailing, fishing and our Solent based Marine industries?	Comment The Executive Member would provide a written response.
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Name Cllr Lumley	Subject What would the Executive Member do to ensure future housing was accessible and affordable to islanders?	Comment The Executive Member indicated housing was only one element of regeneration, but was nonetheless an important element. He would like to make sure that housing became available primarily for islanders.
Cllr Kendall	Could the council, and in particular Town and Parish Councils, have the Executive Member views on the merits of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Legislation and would you seek to implement the (CIL) policy for this council if you were still in post after the May elections?	The Executive Member would provide a written response.
Cllr Hillard	What could the Executive Member do to ensure that SP3 of the Island Plan was sufficiently robust to protect key employment sites?	The Executive Member believed some of the answer to the question was included within the motion to be discussed later in the meeting.

(vi) Executive Member for Regeneration

A <u>written report</u> had been circulated for information.

Name Cllr Hollis	Subject Would the Executive Member agree the policy for regeneration in the Medina Valley Action plan that proposed mixed development on industrial sites was detrimental as industry and housing didn't mix and the policy needed to be changed?	Comment The Executive Member indicated the Medina Action Plan was not yet ratified and there was still time to look at it in more detail.
Cllr Hillard	What could the council do to ensure apprenticeships were real and meaningful?	The Executive Member advised that it was only in their first year of employment that an

Name	Subject	Comment apprentice received a lower wage; they had to be paid the national minimum wage after their first year of employment.
Cllr Perks	Regeneration - would the Executive Member ensure that the properties for sale were made more readily available as he was still waiting for current land and properties disposal list?	The Executive Member would ensure that the councillor was given a copy of the current list of disposals.

Executive Member for Tourism and Business Development (vii) (including Public Realm)

A written report had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name Cllr Whitby-Smith	Subject Asked about the possibility of resurrecting world heritage site?	Comment The Executive Member advised meetings were held six years ago which had come down to how much of the Island would be part of it.
Cllr Jordan	What was the policy for offering help and support in relation to Ryde Ice Rink?	The Executive Member had held discussions in what the best way forward was. If the council could help then it would.
Cllr Stubbings	Asked for an update on the bridge link at Sandown.	The Executive Member advised it would be opening in May 2017 due to a specialist contractor being bought in.

Executive Member for Transport and Infrastructure (including Car (viii) Parking)

A <u>written report</u> had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Executive Member as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Howe	What was the policy with	The Executive Member
	regard to speed limits near	reminded the councillor it
	schools?	had been spoken about at

Name	Subject	Comment the last meeting. Generally speaking the council had a policy of 20 mph around schools.
Cllr Fuller	What preparatory work had been done on 20 mph zones?	The Executive Member reminded the councillor it had been agreed that the appropriate Select Committee would look at 20 mph zones, but it had not yet happened.
Cllr Seely	Rural bus policy - ongoing issues with regard to rural bus services. Would the executive member commit to encouraging and supporting both voluntary and paid for bus schemes?	The Executive Member was sympathetic to rural areas and their lack of transport. You have our full support and we'll work towards providing services for rural areas.
Cllr Seely	Asked about a 20 mph zone around Chillerton School.	The Executive Member advised no formal application had been made.
Cllr Hillard	Asked for an update on the car parking strategy.	The Executive Member advised the report was available on line.
Cllr Baker-Smith	A number of public buses didn't tie up with school start times, what was the policy of keeping children safe? Suggested the council hold an islandwide competition to name the new floating bridge.	The Executive Member indicated it would be helpful if the councillor would provide a list of where that was happening. The Executive Member indicated he would explore that idea.

(ix) Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health

A <u>written report</u> had been circulated for information.

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Kendall	Would the Executive	The Executive Member
	Member care to comment	indicated it would be
	on the special measures for	inappropriate to comment
	St Mary's Hospital.	on a report that was not
		yet published.

Name Cllr Jordan	Subject Would the Executive Member change the policy regarding local area co- ordinators?	Comment The Executive Member advised that one of the challenges with grant funding was it had to be mainstreamed at the end of the service.
	Supplementary - did the Executive Member support the number of area co-	The executive Member indicated he totally supported providing

services.

66. Report of the Scrutiny Committee Chairman

A <u>written report</u> had been circulated for information.

number?

ordinators that were

currently employed or did he support reducing that

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

(a) <u>By Councillor Geoff Lumley</u>

"In the light of experience over the last 4 years, Full Council resolves to move to a Committee system of governance with effect from May 2018 Annual Council. Committees to be politically proportionate in relation to the representation of political groups on the Council and to include:

- a Policy and Resources Committee (to include leader, all opposition group leaders and the Committee Chairs marked *), with Employment and Pension Fund Sub-Committees;
- a Children's Services Committee *
- an Adult Social Services Committee *
- a Public Protection, Housing and Public Health Committee *
- a Regeneration and Economic Development Committee *
- an Environment, Transport and Public Infrastructure Committee *
- an Audit Committee
- a Planning Committee
- a Licensing and Appeals Committee
- a Contracts Scrutiny Committee
- and a Health Scrutiny Committee

each (except Policy and Resources) with no more than 9 members.

Service Committees (as marked *) all to have full decision-making powers, except where a decision is reserved for Full Council."

Prior to a vote being taken Councillor Stewart moved Procedure Rule 14 (11)(a) 'to proceed to next business' as he believed it was a matter that should be dealt with by the incoming council following the election in May 2017.

A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

<u>For</u> (19)

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

<u>Against</u> (18)

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

Abstention (0)

RESOLVED :

THAT Council proceed to the next item of business.

(b) By Councillor Roger Whitby-Smith

It is now five years since the adoption of the Island Plan Core Strategy. There have been a number of changes to the housing need on the Island since adoption of the strategy, including the housing figures from the strategic market housing assessment and the 2015 employment land study, which, now reflect a change in requirement from that assessed in the 2012 Core Strategy.

Full Council requests that the Executive consider undertaking an interim review of the Island Plan Core Strategy, both to ensure that the policies therein accurately reflect the current housing requirement, and, that this Council has a defendable five year land supply to protect the Island from overdevelopment and ensure that the right development takes place in the right places.

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

<u>For</u> (19)

Councillors Paul Bertie, Rav 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

<u>Against</u> (18)

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

Abstention (0)

RESOLVED :

THAT Full Council requests the Executive consider undertaking an interim review of the Island Plan Core Strategy, both to ensure that the policies therein accurately reflected the current housing requirement and, that this Council had a defendable five year land supply to protect the Island from overdevelopment and ensured that the right development took place in the right places.

(c) <u>By Councillor Julie Jones-Evans</u>

This Council reaffirms its commitment to promoting sustainable and active travel through transport, planning, economic and health policies. Building on the Island Plan Island Transport Plan and current Corporate Plan, to achieve health, wellbeing and prosperity for all residents.

RESOLVED :

THAT Council reaffirmed its commitment to promoting sustainable and active travel through transport, planning, economic and health policies. Building on the Island Plan Island Transport Plan and current Corporate Plan to achieve health, wellbeing and prosperity for all residents.

CHAIRMAN