

Full Council - Wednesday, 24 July 2019

## Written question from Cllr Chris Whitehouse to the Leader, Isle of Wight Council

To ask the Leader if he will make a statement setting out the main achievements of his administration since it was formed two years ago?

## ***Response***

Achievements to date

### Finance

- Sound financial basis for budget setting
- Commercial property portfolio
- Transformation fund
- Reserves at sustainable levels
- Business Rate retention pilot
- Set a legal budget & achieved (x3)
- 95% savings efficiencies/income gen
- £9.5M infrastructure grant
- Grant funding for Adult Social Care
- Grant funding wet shelter

### Performance

- Schools improvement
- 97% get 1st preference school place
- Waste/recycling target achievement
- OFSTED improvements (good/os 52% to 79%; inadequate 18% to 2%)
- West Wight Schools rationalisation
- Saved secondary education in the Bay
- Wet shelter for this Winter
- Waste/recycling
- Adult Social Care/Children awards
- Children in B&B - 200 reduced to 0

### Place

- Biosphere
- Improvement in Roads though PFI
- Regeneration platform for investment
- Housing as Corporate priority
- Coastal Path Planning Natural England
- Island Plan Review
- Coastal Conservation Zones
- Focus on quality affordable housing
- Regeneration Plan – Newport Harbour
- Creating 'Council' housing company
- Secure future for Records Office
- All-weather pitch at Cowes EC
- Medina Bridge proposals

## People

- Investment in Senior Officer Capacity/ Restoring capacity where required
- Agile working programme
- Staff survey improvements
- Mental Health Pledge
- County Hall reception refurbishment
- Investment in Quality Senior Officers
- Creating effective media team
- Call centre improvement

## Profile

- MJ Awards nominations
- E-Newsletter
- Effective Leader of the Council
- Capable Cabinet
- Strong Committee Chairs
- Living well scheme

## Partnership

- IAG
- Shared Education with Hampshire
- Public Health partnership Hampshire
- Town & Parish Councillors
- Combined Fire Authority
- County Hall one-stop lobby
- AMEY – Forest Road Recycling Station
- Wight Fibre