

FULL COUNCIL

Written Question from Tanja Rebel of Cowes

QUESTION

The Isle of Wight constitution states that the council is answerable to the human rights act. Is that correct.?

RESPONSE

The Isle of Wight Constitution sets out at Article 16 – Decision making, that all decisions of the council will be made in accordance with a number of principles, including respect for human rights and equality impacts.

The Human Rights Act (which incorporated the European Convention on Human Rights into British law) makes it unlawful for a local authority to act (or fail to act) whilst delivering services or devising new policies or procedures, in a way that is incompatible with a Convention right.

The Human Rights Act enables people to enforce their human rights in the domestic courts.