



Record of decision

THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2020 BY THE CABINET

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON MONDAY, 22 JUNE 2020

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs Dave Stewart (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Paul Brading, Steve Hastings, John Hobart, Stuart Hutchinson, Clare Mosdell, Gary Peace, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle

Members also present (non voting)

Cllrs Geoff Brodie, Andrew Garratt, Karl Love

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	<u>Minutes</u>
Decision reference	01 (20/21)
Decision Taken	That the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2020 be agreed.
Questions / Amendments	None.

Agenda item	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>
Decision reference	02 (20/21)
	None declared at this stage.

Agenda item	<u>Public Health Strategy</u>
Decision reference	03 (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health highlighted that the Public Health Strategy had been in development for nearly a year and had been put on hold due to Covid-19. It was important to take action across the whole life course, improving health will support good health of all ages.

	<p>The Director of Public Health explained the current Health and care plans focused treating illness and not preventing it. The strategy sets out key issues to improve the health of the Island's population and management of services to move to wellness model. There are five priority areas within the strategy these included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good start in life • Physical wellbeing • Mental wellbeing • Healthy places • Protect from harm <p>Measures were key and progress will be monitored and reported back to Cabinet as appropriate.</p> <p>Corporate Scrutiny noted and supported the Strategy</p>
Decision taken	Option A – to approve the Strategy as set out at Appendix 1
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To align with one of the key activities in the Corporate Plan 2019 – 2022, namely the wellbeing priority. A key focus to improve the physical and mental wellbeing of people living on the Isle of Wight. The outcomes associated with the wellbeing priority, such as supporting vulnerable people and empowering people to be responsible for their own health. Beyond this, there is a focus on safety and resilience, particularly with respect to outbreaks and emergency planning. The public health strategy will also help to support the opportunity priority within the Corporate Plan. There are many ways in which a public health approach can support young people to have the best start in life such as by focusing on the first 1,000 days of life and through supporting a healthy learning environment.
Options considered and rejected	Option B – to approve the Strategy at Appendix 1 subject to amendment Option C – to not approve the Strategy.

Agenda item	<u>COVID-19 Response and Recovery</u>
Decision reference	04 (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health advised the Cabinet of the hard work undertaken by staff in Adult Social Care and Housing needs during the pandemic.</p> <p>The Chief Executive outlined that the council was still very much in response mode and there was still work to be</p>

undertaken if further outbreaks occurred and a balance between recovery and response activities would be required.

The Leader thanked all concerned in keeping the Island safe and working on recovery.

Corporate Scrutiny had considered the report at its meeting on Tuesday, 9 June 2020 and had made a number of recommendations to the Cabinet they were:

1. That the health and wellbeing of Island residents has to be the Council's priority and residents were actively engaged in the development of recovery of the Island the way they wish to see their future. The need to honour the community spirit that had been exceptional on the Island and maintain it. The Cabinet considered this recommendation and agreed to accept.
2. As part of the update letter to all residents an invitation be included to participate in an on-line survey to identify the priorities for recovery. The Cabinet agreed to accept the recommendation
3. A list of questions from the Corporate Scrutiny committee that are answered in detail by the officers be maintained and each question signed off by the Chairman and the Cabinet, The Cabinet declined to accept the recommendation.
4. A living document that lists all lessons learnt including the negatives and positives in what happened and how they were resolved by maintained. The Cabinet agreed to accept the recommendation.
5. A report was requested to the next meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on the council's strategy and plans to deal with a second wave of the virus including the health and economic impacts. The Cabinet considered that this would have a significant impact on officer time and as the pandemic was still not out of the initial outbreak period to request a report would not be appropriate at this time.

Owing to the current circumstances the Leader took the opportunity to allow the Cabinet members to comment on their respective portfolios.

The Leader and Cabinet Member for Strategic partnerships advised that work had progressed with Venture Quays acquisition and a report would be submitted to the next

Cabinet meeting. A cycling event (la Blanq) was being arranged for later this year this would ignite the Island's economy; famous cyclists would be attending.

The Cabinet Member for Resources thanked the finance staff working hard to get government grant money out to local businesses and ensuring businesses benefited from various rate relief particularly those in the leisure, retail and hospitality sectors, the money was almost all spent.

The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport advised that the Covid-19 street safety measures were now in place in Newport and Cowes and would be completed in Ryde soon, various comments had been received. The St Mary's roundabout scheme was still on target and the Floating Bridge had maintained 100% availability it was also noted that it was available to all residents.

The Cabinet Member for Procurement, Waste Management, special projects and Forward Planning reported that household waste recycling centres had reopened without any problems and the appointment system was working well, garden waste collection was 130 units short of capacity; he thanked the waste team and Amey for continuing the service uninterrupted through the pandemic.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills thanked all staff including school staff for the way they adapted to new ways of working during lockdown, Social Care staff had also adapted their ways of working, during lockdown 550 students were in school for key workers, and since reopening of schools on 1 June 2020 2100 students had returned and this number was rising.

The legal action taken against the council regarding Christ the King had concluded in its favour, and work with the school is being undertaken to ensure the school continues to thrive and give the best education. The procurement process for home to school transport was underway to be decided by the end of June 2020. West Wight schools planning was still ongoing and would be completed on time.

The Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage advised that the consultation had gone through and representation on the coastal path had been submitted on time to Natural England. A slight delay on Chapter 1 was expected and he went on to thank Rights of Way officers.

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Digital Transformation thanked officers from Community Safety and

	<p>public protection for the work they had been doing to support local business and help them to understand how to be covid-secure. A special thanks for the IT department for getting the whole organisation working from home overnight.</p> <p>The Le Blanq tour cycle event would be a world class event in the autumn, with famous cyclists attending; it will put the Island on the national stage, and show that the Isle of Wight is open for business in line with social distancing rules.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Business Development advised that the Isle of Wight Council had been the first to set up its discretionary grants scheme, officers had processed and paid 130 successful grants, approximately £1 million had been handed out to businesses who missed out on the original small business grants. There had been an encouraging level of enquiries on the regeneration sites, and planning permission had recently been granted at Branston and Pier Street. He went on to thank all key workers and island businesses for their support during lockdown which had helped protect people on the Island and was assured that the Island would reopen safely.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing advised that enforcement officers had now started to make site visits and the oil expiration planning application was due to be re-advertised for a period of 7 weeks.</p> <p>The Leader thanked everyone for keeping the Island safe.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health informed the meeting that the care home support plan had been submitted and the initial draft of how to support homeless people after the pandemic had also been submitted.</p> <p>She gave a big thank you to the Cabinet and senior officers of the Isle of Wight Council.</p>
<p>Decision taken</p>	<p>In acting in its “Place leadership” role the Cabinet agrees the development, regular update and review of an “Island Recovery Plan” with the aim and objectives proposed in the report, to be developed in partnership with Island stakeholders, through the establishment of an Island Recovery taskforce, linking with the Regional Recovery approach</p>

	Cabinet agrees the aims and objectives of recovery and the draft action plan at appendix 1 noting that it will be revised and updated as the work progresses.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	Officers continued to work to deliver the corporate objectives in line with the corporate plan wherever possible. However in the short-term focus had been on maintaining critical services to support the most vulnerable in our community, delivering statutory services and assisting our business community to survive the pandemic.
Options considered and rejected	<p>In acting in its “Place leadership“ role to agree the development and regular update and review of an Island Recovery Plan with the aim and objectives proposed in the report to be developed in partnership with Island stakeholders, through the establishment of an Island Recovery taskforce , linking with the Regional Recovery approach.</p> <p>Cabinet agrees the aims and objectives of recovery and the draft action plan at appendix 1 noting that it will be revised and updated as the work progresses.</p> <p>To adopt the Recovery Plan for the wider Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, once developed and be led by the regional approach to addressing key impacts and actions in recovering from the pandemic</p> <p>To address recovery issues on an ad-hoc basis as requested by national government guidance and reflecting local circumstances in recovering local service provision</p>

Agenda item	<u>Members’ Question Time</u>
Decision reference	05 (20/21)
Questions	<p>Cllr Michael Lilley submitted a written question requesting information regarding the Council’s investment policy and asked how much had been spent and the position of the investments.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Resources provided a response (<u>MQ 07/20</u>)</p>