



Record of decision

THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON THURSDAY, 16TH DECEMBER, 2021 BY THE CABINET

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 29TH DECEMBER 2021

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs L Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), D Andre, J Bacon, P Fuller, C Jarman, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, K Love and I Stephens

Officers Present

John Metcalfe and Christopher Ashman (part)

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	Minutes
Decision reference	68 – 2021/22
Decision Taken	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2021 be approved.

Agenda item	Declarations of Interest
Decision reference	69 – 2021/22
Decision Taken	Councillor P Jordan and Councillor I Stephens declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 8a relating to the Disposal of Ryde Harbour to Ryde Town Council as they were both Ryde Town Councillors.

Agenda item	Public Question Time - Maximum 15 Minutes for Written Questions and 15 Minutes for Oral Questions
Decision reference	70 – 2021/22
Decision Taken	No public questions were received.

Agenda item	Chairman's Announcements
Decision reference	71 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Chairman announced that the council's budget consultation was underway. It was the wish of the Alliance group to develop a budget strategy based on growth, not cuts, and the Chairman hoped that a change of direction could be achieved with positive outcomes for the Island and innovative ways of generating income. £3 million of savings was required and it was hoped that this would be achieved in the least damaging way possible to services. Recognition of the island's unique status by the government was still being sought.</p> <p>There had been a discussion at the Corporate Scrutiny meeting on 15 December regarding the governance of the council's decision-making process and the inability of Cabinet Members to make delegated decisions. The Chairman explained that the Alliance group was driven by the public interest and would continue to make collective Cabinet decisions.</p> <p>Cllr Brodie asked a question regarding openness and transparency, in particular that media releases regarding cabinet papers had been issued before the publication of reports had been brought to the attention of other councillors. He referred to a response to a report on the Island planning strategy which contained references to QC advice, and which had been circulated during and after the Corporate Scrutiny meeting the previous day. Cllr Brodie believed that a committee system of governance should be introduced to the council rather than the Cabinet. The Chairman indicated that a written response would be sent.</p>

Agenda item	Closure of Carisbrooke College 6th Form - Final Decision
Decision reference	72 – 2021/22
Summary of	Since 2016 the Carisbrooke College 6 th form had been

Discussion	operating as part of Medina College. All Carisbrooke students had now left and all were attending Medina. No places had been lost and all students could access the full range of benefits of the 6 th form. A full consultation had been undertaken and no representations had been received. The report had been noted by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.
Decision Taken	That Cabinet approves the alteration of the upper age range so as to remove the Sixth Form at Carisbrooke College with effect from 31 December 2021.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	This directly links to the Corporate Plan 2021-25 priority which is to work with local communities to maintain and ensure appropriate local school provision. In addition to this it supports the commitment that through the ongoing business of the council we will work with and challenge schools' performance to ensure that all are good or outstanding, and to ensure work is undertaken to challenge schools in financial deficit to secure a more sustainable position for the schools and the council.
Options considered and rejected	None

Agenda item	Lowering the age range of Hunnyhill Primary School : Consultation outcome
Decision reference	73 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	The existing pre-school at Hunnyhill was closing and it was proposed to move existing staff over to a new pre-school which would be run by the Primary School. Parents were in support of the proposal as it would ensure continuity of care for the children. A 6-week consultation had been carried out and no representations had been received.
Decision Taken	To approve the lowering of the age range to three years old at Hunnyhill Primary School with effect from 1 January 2022.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>The proposal from Hunnyhill Primary school to lower its age range to three years allows for the continuity of care and, early years education of the children currently at the preschool.</p> <p>This directly links to the Corporate Plan 2021-25 priority which is to work with local communities to maintain and ensure appropriate local school provision. In addition to</p>

	this it supports the commitment that through ongoing business of the council we will work with and challenge schools' performance to ensure that all are good or outstanding, and to ensure work is undertaken to challenge schools in financial deficit to secure a more sustainable position for the schools and the council.
Options considered and rejected	None

Agenda item	Dark Skies Initiative
Decision reference	74 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	<p>Cllr Bacon had been involved with the project since 2017 when he was the Chairman of the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB). The intention was to seek formal accreditation for part of the island to be a Dark Skies park, which would be internationally recognised. The AONB and Vectis Astronomical Society had been very helpful in compiling the report. Some comments had been received regarding extending the area to which the status would apply. An explanation had been given to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee that the area was considered viable within the boundaries of the AONB, although it may be possible to expand the area in the future. The policies would apply across the whole of the Island and benefits of Dark Skies park status would include attracting more visitors to the Island and supporting biodiversity and wildlife. Similar applications had been successful in Galloway and in Northumberland.</p>
Decision Taken	<p>To approve Option 1 in principle, and the council supports an IDA-accredited Dark Skies Park status application as outlined in this report with the following commitments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Financial support from the council of £49,453 to replace existing street lights where necessary within a defined programme, subject to the approval of the capital programme by full council, b) The preparation of a comprehensive lighting code to be applied within the Dark Skies Park, which would take the form of a Supplementary Planning Document, c) Ensure annual monitoring and reporting on the success in light pollution control as well as the maintenance of a sky brightness measurement program is carried out.

Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>The Corporate Plan 2021-2025 sets out three key areas for action. The Dark Skies Park status, if achieved, will support the action of:</p> <p>Responding to climate change and enhancing the biosphere: The Dark Skies Park status will support and enhance the AONB and Biosphere designations and will support biodiversity gain in the proposed area.</p>
Options considered and rejected	Option 2 – Not to support the application.

Agenda item	Green Garden Waste Subscription Service Fees and Charges review
Decision reference	75 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	<p>Cllrs Peacey-Wilcox, Andre, Fuller and Jones-Evans declared an interest in this item as they were subscribers to the garden waste service.</p> <p>This could not be included within the budget considerations at there were deadlines which had to be met to introduce the new charge with effect from 1 April 2022. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee had raised some concerns at the proposed fee increased but had not made a recommendation to Cabinet. The proposed increase would enable the service to be extended in the future to enable some of the 1200 people currently on the waiting list to access the service. The price was still competitive and, if approved, would be held for two years. It was believed that growing the service would increase employment opportunities.</p> <p>In response to a question regarding assistance to people on low incomes to access the service, it was confirmed that poverty had been a consideration in arriving at the proposals in the report. It was also confirmed that the council would continue to promote home composting where possible and that the disposal of green waste at the council's Household Waste Recycling Centres (HWRCs) was still free of charge.</p>
Decision Taken	Option 2 – Increase annual subscription cost in 2022-23 by £2 per month.
Reason for the decision and	The green garden waste subscription service contributes toward the key Environment, Heritage, and Waste

<p>corporate objective it aligns with</p>	<p>Management aspiration of “Continuing to develop successful waste management and increasing recycling rates further”</p> <p>The green garden waste subscription service is a non-statutory commercial service offered by the council on a payment basis. The service supports the council’s vision to sustain our economy, environment and people, where everyone can enjoy the benefit of a green and thriving economy.</p> <p>Operating this service in a competitive commercial market allows the revenue and capital costs of operating collections, employment maintained and fuel as well as capital costs of vehicles and bins/reusable sacks to be funded by the cost of subscriptions rather than by the council’s core budget.</p> <p>Further, since developing the subscription service two market competitors on the island have started similar services demonstrating that the council has help grow new economic markets with fair competition for customers to choose from.</p> <p>The opportunity created by the delivery of green garden waste kerbside collection subscriptions reduces the need for residents to drive to Recycling Centres or have garden bonfires which supports a reduction on greenhouse gas emissions on the island.</p>
<p>Options considered and rejected</p>	<p>Option 1 - Maintain current pricing.</p> <p>Option 3 – Increase annual subscription cost in 2022 by £1 per month, 2023 by £1 per month.</p>

<p>Agenda item</p>	<p>Local Council Tax Support Scheme</p>
<p>Decision reference</p>	<p>76 – 2021/22</p>
<p>Summary of Discussion</p>	<p>There had been much debate and wider input in compiling the report, and a range of options had been discussed. It was noted that the level of support had been progressively eroded over the previous few years. The covid pandemic had resulted in a declining collection rate and there was £4 million still to be collected from tax payers, which had led to an increase in debt recovery activity. A total of 3187 liability orders had been issued.</p> <p>The proposal was to halt the pattern of decline by keeping</p>

	<p>the level of support at 65 per cent. Members were resolved not to drive families into poverty and homelessness and wished they could do more. It was hoped that support could be restored in the coming years.</p> <p>It was confirmed that use of the hardship fund would be monitored.</p>
Decision Taken	Option 2 - To maintain the current LCTS scheme at 65 per cent but allowing for any minor adjustments to annual allowable amounts which are used to offset the calculation.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>Each year the council is required to review its local CTS in accordance with the requirements of Schedule 1A of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and to either maintain the scheme or replace it.</p> <p>The LCTS scheme needs to be considered in the context of the council's overall budget strategy and the financial impact on the ability to deliver services. The proposals within this report remain aligned to the corporate plan priorities that seek to ensure the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that we listen to people. We will do so by holding consultations in which we will have a proper discussion with residents about issues • Keeping the council solvent and take all the measures we can to improve the financial position of the council • COVID 19 recovery will be integral to everything we do for residents and Island business • Provide greater support to those on low incomes, including through the local council tax support scheme.
Options considered and rejected	Option 1 - The need to review the level of support, given the overall costs of the scheme and whether the maximum level of support for working age cases should be either increased or reduced requires formal consultation to be undertaken, however there is insufficient time available to conduct such consultation within the timeframes available to us for the financial year 2022/23. Whilst retaining the current level of support therefore, it is the intention to consider the restoration of support in the coming years subject to wider budget considerations.

Agenda item	Discretionary Housing Payment Policy
Decision reference	77 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	This money was provided to local authorities by the Department for Work and Pensions to assist those most in need to meet their rent liability. The policy was renewed each year and needed to be reviewed to take into account the allocation of funding provided to the council. One of the key aims was to alleviate poverty and help to keep families together.
Decision Taken	<p>Option A. To amend the Discretionary Housing Payment (DHP) policy to reflect the funding for 2021/22 provided by the DWP.</p> <p>Option C. Minor changes to the policy to be delegated to an officer in consultation with the cabinet member for the service area.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>The revision of DHP scheme supports the council’s vision “to work together openly and with our communities to support and sustain our economy, environment and people.</p> <p>Use of the DHP scheme supports those who are in need of financial support to maintain their tenancies and remain part of the community. The scheme ensures that residents receive help and support as well as ensuring funding is spent locally and therefore contributes to economic recovery.</p> <p>The DHP policy needs to be considered in the context of the council’s overall budget strategy and the financial impact on the ability to deliver services. The proposals within this report remain aligned to the corporate plan priorities that seek to ensure the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensuring that we listen to people. We will do so by holding consultations in which we will have a proper discussion with residents about issues • Keeping the council solvent and take all the measures we can to improve the financial position of the council • COVID 19 recovery will be integral to everything we do for residents and Island business • Provide greater support to those on low incomes,

	including through the local council tax support scheme
Options considered and rejected	Option B - To not support DHP funding to assist residents locally.

Agenda item	Disposal of Ryde Harbour and Adjoining Land to Ryde Town Council
Decision reference	78 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	<p>Cllrs Jordan and Stephens both left the room for this item as they were both Ryde Town Councillors.</p> <p>A detailed business case had been submitted by Ryde Town Council to take over Ryde Harbour. The Town Council had put together a place plan for the Esplanade including the viability of Ryde harbour, which would contribute to the major regeneration of the town. There would be a loss in income of £11,000pa to the IW council, however it was believed that disposal to Ryde Town Council was the best outcome as the facility would require some investment in the near future.</p>
Decision Taken	Option 1 - Agree to the freehold transfer of the Ryde Harbour and the hospitality suite; and the lease transfer of the two parcels of land and hospitality suite to Ryde Town Council from the 1 April 2022. The transfer to be at nil value and subject to final details to be agreed by the Cabinet member.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>The potential to outsource the harbour to RTC may create new opportunities and protect the assets in addition to and improving the council's future Capital financial position. It will support the following commitments in the Corporate plan 2021 – 2025 to meet the values of working together and to be effective and efficient and to meet the aspiration namely: -</p> <p>The council has a great many assets that could be put to better use by the community and at the same time save money for the council. We will review all of these assets and work with local town, parish and community councils to find better ways for these assets to work positively for the community.</p> <p>The provision of harbours is not a strategic function of the Council. Whilst Ryde is not a statutory harbour it should be operated in accordance with the requirements of the Port</p>

	Marine Safety Code. The Council, therefore, has legal duties in the ongoing running of this facility, particularly with regards to health and safety.
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option 2 - Agree to a leasehold transfer of Ryde Harbour, the two parcels and the hospitality suite to Ryde Town Council from the 1st April 2022</p> <p>Option 3 - Not to agree to transfer of Ryde Harbour to Ryde Town Council and to market both Ryde and Ventnor harbours to ensure that they are managed by third party operators and at no cost to the Council as originally intended.</p> <p>Option 4 - To cease this exercise and to continue with the direct operation and management of these facilities until a further review of their operation and sustainability can be considered.</p>
Declarations of Interests	Cllrs P Jordan and I Stephens declared an interest and left the room for this item as they were both Ryde Town Councillors.

Agenda item	Isle of Wight Skills Plan
Decision reference	79 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	<p>The plan had been put together over the last 18 months and was intended to help people achieve their full potential.</p> <p>Employment in social care and the hospitality industry had fallen post-COVID. Some emergency training provision had been put in place during lockdown to boost employment in these sectors.</p> <p>The plan promoted the development of a highly skilled, future-ready workforce, and proposed to ensure the availability of sufficient higher-level training provision, matched to the labour market needs. It would encourage upskilling, lifelong learning and was backed up with milestones and actions, with a long term, co-ordinated approach involving all relevant stakeholders.</p>
Decision Taken	Option A - To adopt the Isle of Wight Skills Plan (Appendix 1) and set up an Island Skills Board to oversee skills related activity, identify relevant resources and monitor outcomes of the action plan (Appendix 2).

Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>The new Corporate Plan 2021-25 contains the following:</p> <p>“Growing our skills base and retaining our workforce in key sectors, such as hospitality and social care will be a key challenge for the next five years as will helping those who have lost time from education to recover and achieve their personal goals. These will be key aspects of our Island skills plan”</p> <p>Work with businesses and training providers to develop a plan for increasing the number of apprenticeship placements and reduce the number of young people not in education, employment or training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with Island Futures we will use external funding sources to deliver a range of apprenticeship and training opportunities such as the Governments Kickstart programme. • Support for the Island Careers partnership and its efforts to link schools and business.
Options considered and rejected	Option B - Not to adopt the Skills Plan.

Agenda item	Strategy for the provision of Support within Safe Accommodation 2021-2024
Decision reference	80 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	The report had undergone a needs assessment by independent consultants and was approved by the Domestic Abuse forum. It had been consulted on widely with users of the service, both current and previous. There was a requirement to undertake this every year. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee had noted the report.
Decision Taken	Option 1 – To approve the Isle of Wight Safe Accommodation Strategy 2022-2025.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>The proposal aligns with various outcomes as set out in the following council strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Plan 2021-25 • Public Health Strategy 2020-2025 • Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2019-2024 • Community Safety Partnership Plan 2022

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Care Close to Home Strategy 2021-2024 <p>In addition, this also links with national strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Violence against Women and Girls Strategy (July 2021) and the forthcoming complementary national strategy on domestic abuse aim to reduce the prevalence of violence against women and girls and improve the support and response for victims and survivors by increasing the number of perpetrators brought to justice and increasing appropriate, quality support for victims and survivors, preventing and identifying more of these crimes. • The Victim’s Bill which aims to establish a right to specialist sexual violence and abuse support services for victims of sexual, violent, and domestic abuse, and for connected purposes. • The Perpetrator Strategy which will form part of the domestic abuse strategy that will go beyond the implementation of the Domestic Abuse Act by improving the detecting, investigating and prosecuting offences involving domestic abuse. • The Rough Sleeping strategy - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) <p>These strategies tend to be underpinned by a key priority that is shared which is to ensure that vulnerable people are protected from harm and that everyone has the opportunity to live the lives they want to lead in a safe community and a place people can call home.</p>
Options considered and rejected	Option 2: Refuse to approve the Safe Accommodation Strategy 2022-2025.

Agenda item	Review of the Public Health Partnership Function between Isle of Wight Council and Hampshire County Council.
Decision reference	81 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	Following comments from Cllr Lilley at Corporate Scrutiny Committee it had been suggested that the report be further reviewed and referred to the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care before being brought back to Cabinet for a decision in due course.

Decision Taken	It was proposed by the Cabinet member and agreed to defer a decision on the report to a later date.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To allow for further review and comment by the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care prior to a Cabinet decision being made.
Options considered and rejected	None.

Agenda item	The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, East Cowes) (Traffic Regulation) order No 1 2021
Decision reference	82 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	Parking restrictions had been reviewed in East Cowes, and changes had been recommended based on safety improvements. Some support and some objections had been received. The proposed changes would result in a loss of parking income to the council, therefore the order may be revisited in the future.
Decision Taken	Option 1: To approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, EAST COWES) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER NO 1 2021 as proposed.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>The proposed new regulations are in line with the council's Corporate Plan 2021-25 and more specifically with its vision and clear aim to work together openly and with our communities to support and sustain our economy, environment and people.</p> <p>Some of the key priorities in the new plan, that this report is supporting are: Listen to people; Work with the Parish and Town Councils; Encourage Sustainable transport and Active travel; Complete Island wide speed assessment; Develop Island wide Parking Strategy.</p> <p>The recommendation will also have a positive impact on the aim to protect Island's community, as the safety of all road users plays a big role in citizens' wellbeing on a daily basis – as pedestrians, drivers, cyclists and public transport users.</p>
Options considered and rejected	Option 2: To approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to THE ISLE OF WIGHT

	<p>COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, EAST COWES) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER NO 1 2021 with amendments – to abandon some of the restrictions, and to implement the rest of the restrictions as proposed.</p> <p>Option 3: To not approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, EAST COWES) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER NO 1 2021 and to abandon the proposal as a whole.</p>
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Agenda item	The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Cowes) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2021
Decision reference	83 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	<p>The parking restrictions had been reviewed in some parts of Cowes. It was noted that the council had a long list of priorities from each Town and Parish Council and consideration was being given to starting a new more current list, some of which would be implemented, and some not.</p> <p>Some concerns had been raised in respect of proposals for Ash Grove, Newport Road junction with Stephenson Road and Newport Road near Bellevue Road and these would be removed from the Order.</p>
Decision Taken	<p>Option 2: To approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, COWES) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER NO. 1 2021 with amendments – to abandon some of the restrictions, and to implement the rest of the restrictions as proposed.</p> <p>The proposals to be abandoned being those in;</p> <p>Ash Grove cul-de-sac</p> <p>Newport Road near Bellevue Road</p> <p>Newport Road near the junction with Stephenson Road</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	The proposed new regulations are in line with the council's Corporate Plan 2021-25 and more specifically with its vision and clear aim to work together openly and with our communities to support and sustain our economy, environment and people.

	<p>Some of the key priorities in the new plan, that this report is supporting are: Listen to people; Work with the Parish and Town Councils; Encourage Sustainable transport and Active travel; Complete Island wide speed assessment; Develop Island wide Parking Strategy.</p> <p>The recommendation will also have a positive impact on the aim to protect island's community, as the safety of all road users plays a big role in citizens' wellbeing on a daily basis – as pedestrians, drivers, cyclists and public transport users.</p>
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option 1: To approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, COWES) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER NO 1 2021 as proposed.</p> <p>Option 3: To not approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to THE ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL (VARIOUS STREETS, COWES) (TRAFFIC REGULATION) ORDER NO 1 2021 and to abandon the proposal as a whole.</p>

Agenda item	Cabinet Member Announcements
Decision reference	84 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Leader thanked all council staff for their work over the last year, including those who had changed roles during the COVID lockdowns, those in the voluntary sector and to Islanders for complying with the COVID guidance and wished everyone good health and prosperity for 2022.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism gave an update on matters within her portfolio, including the pop-up shops which had opened in Newport. There had been some open days in East Cowes to discuss the levelling up projects. 150 people had attended, and positive feedback had been received. A conference had been held regarding the regeneration of Newport, which included various specialists in regeneration who had given some good ideas for future projects. The bid for City Status for Newport had been signed and submitted, and plans were underway for next year's Platinum Jubilee celebrations.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment, Heritage and Waste Management was pleased to see that all Cabinet reports would now consider the impact on climate and the</p>

	<p>biosphere, and that this was to be extended to include poverty in future reports. The Planning Committee had granted permission for the first stage of the PTEC tidal energy scheme which was an important step towards the generation of green energy. A meeting had been held with the Chief Executive of Dinosauria regarding Dinosaur Isle, aiming to maintain their interest. The fly tipping task and finish group were to hold a meeting on 10 January 2022, looking at a wide range of issues.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Corporate Resources and Transformational Change reported that the council's budget consultation was underway and it was hoped that residents and Town and Parish Councils would engage with it. A virtual roadshow was planned to be held in the new year and some doorstepping was to take place in the West Wight to engage with residents and encourage them to respond to the consultation.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills reported that there had been success with grant funding schemes from the DWP, for example, Connect 4 Communities. Town and Parish Council could apply in addition to education and community groups and charities to support the vulnerable this winter. Pan Together had been a previous beneficiary, which had enabled 8105 children's meals to be provided since March 2020. There had been various Holiday Activity and Food schemes including the one at Barton. The Cabinet Member would be visiting some of the schemes the following week. The impact on young persons and future generations was to be included in future cabinet reports. Staff in Adult Social Care and Children's Social Care teams along with headteachers and school staff were acknowledged for being flexible and adapting to new ways of working.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Planning and Community Engagement reported that a meeting had been held with the council's QC regarding matters raised in the Island Planning Strategy. Should the plan be rejected it could be costly for the Island. The QC's report was expected in the new year and would be circulated as soon as it was available.</p>
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Agenda item	Consideration of the Forward Plan
Decision reference	85 – 2021/22
Summary of	There were a large number of items on the Forward Plan.

Discussion	<p>The Digital Strategy was out for consultation and it was felt that this should be moved to the 10 March meeting of Cabinet instead of January to ensure the widest possible consultation.</p> <p>The final decision on Chillerton and Rookley school was due to be made at the Cabinet meeting on 10 February.</p> <p>Items for future inclusion included the Fleet management policy to consider changing the council's fleet to electric vehicles. Partners were to be identified and a meeting was to be held in the new year.</p>
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Agenda item	Members' Question Time
Decision reference	86 – 2021/22
Summary of Discussion	<p>A question had been submitted by Cllr Garratt (MQ 16-21) regarding the council's current thinking around the Camp Hill prison site.</p> <p>The Chairman gave a response and explained that the Ministry of Justice own the land therefore the council cannot do anything with the site unless approached by the MoJ. The council had received £1 million to clear three brownfield sites owned by the council. The Camp Hill site would be given consideration if and when it was to become available.</p> <p>A question had also been submitted by Cllr Hendry (MQ 17-21) regarding a planning application at Crossways in East Cowes. As Cllr Hendry was not present, the Chairman undertook to send a written response.</p> <p>Cllr Hastings asked a verbal question on behalf of Cllr Robertson concerning the QC response to the Island Planning Strategy. Cllr Brodie also expressed confusion as to the information contained within the document which had been circulated at the Corporate Scrutiny meeting the previous day.</p> <p>Clarification was given that the QC had given verbal advice but that no written report had yet been received.</p>