



Minutes

Name of meeting	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date and Time	TUESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs R Quigley (Chairman), C Quirk (Vice-Chairman), C Critchison, W Drew, J Lever, M Lilley, J Medland, J Robertson and P Spink
Co-opted	Cameron Palin (IWALC)
Also Present	Cllrs D Andre, J Bacon, P Fuller, C Jarman and J Jones-Evans, V Churchman Christopher Ashman, Sharon Betts, Steve Crocker, Laura Gaudion, Alex Minns, Wendy Perera, Christopher Potter, Paul Thistlewood, Megan Tuckwell and Melanie White
Also Present (Virtual)	Cllrs L Peacey-Wilcox, P Jordan, K Love, and K Lucioni, M Beston, G Brodie, R Downer, S Hastings, A Garratt and M Price Oliver Boulter and James Brewer

17 Apologies and Changes in Membership (If Any)

Cllr Claire Critchison was in attendance as a substitute for Cllr David Adams.

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RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2022 be confirmed as a true record.

19 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Michael Lilley raised a point of order in relation minute item 23, Island Planning Strategy, due to possible pre-determination of those councillors who sit on both the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Planning Committee.

Cllr John Medland declared an interest in minute item 23, Island Planning Strategy, as a local ward member and as the chairman of the Planning Committee.

20 Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum

No public questions were received.

21 Progress Update

The chairman presented the report which provided an overview of the progress against actions and outcomes from previous meetings. No comments or questions were raised at this stage.

RESOLVED:

THAT the progress report be noted.

22 Committee's Workplan:

22a Forward Plan

22b Committee's Work Programme 2022-25

Consideration was given to the committee's work programme for 2022-25. The committee were invited to identify any item contained within the published forward plan that would benefit from early consideration within the committee's own workplan or one of the policy and scrutiny committees. Comments were raised in relation to the Review of the Public Health Partnership, and it was confirmed that this was in the remit of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care. Discussion took place with regards to school place planning. It was confirmed that any future proposed decisions would be considered by the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills.

RESOLVED:

THAT the work programme and the Forward Plan be noted.

23 Island Planning Strategy

Consideration was given to the recommendations of the Committee in relation to the draft Island Planning Strategy, arising from its informal meeting held on 10 August 2022. It was proposed (and duly seconded) that each recommendation would be considered separately.

Discussion took place with regards to recommendation 1 (sustainable development on brownfield in areas where it is most needed by Islanders). Cllr Garratt was invited to speak as the ward member of Parkhurst and Hunnyhill. It was proposed that recommendation 1 be approved for consideration and adoption by the Cabinet. Following a vote, the recommendation fell.

Discussion took place with regards to recommendation 2a (protecting the environment unless development on greenfield is "absolutely necessary" (as stated in the council's corporate plan)). It was proposed that recommendation 2a be approved for consideration and adoption by the Cabinet. Following a vote, the recommendation passed.

Discussion took place with regards to recommendation 2b (protecting the environment unless development on greenfield is “absolutely necessary” (as stated in the council’s corporate plan)). It was proposed that recommendation 2b be approved for consideration and adoption by the Cabinet. Following a vote, the recommendation fell.

Discussion took place with regards to recommendation 3 (second/holiday homes). It was proposed that recommendation 3 be approved for consideration and adoption by the Cabinet. Following a vote, the recommendation passed.

Discussion took place with regards to recommendation 4 (environment and commitment to carbon net zero). It was proposed that recommendation 4 be approved for consideration and adoption by the Cabinet. Following a vote, the recommendation passed.

Discussion took place with regards to recommendation 5 (freeport strategy). It was proposed that recommendation 5 be approved for consideration and adoption by the Cabinet. Following a vote, the recommendation passed.

Comments were made in relation to potential upcoming changes in national policy, housing numbers, and population statistics. Following debate, it was proposed (and duly seconded) that the Island Plan should not come before Full Council before it’s meeting in November. Following a vote, the recommendation fell.

RESOLVED:

- i. THAT recommendation 2a be approved for consideration and adoption by the Cabinet, for final debate by Full Council.
- ii. THAT recommendation 3 be approved for consideration and adoption by the Cabinet, for final debate by Full Council.
- iii. THAT recommendation 4 be approved for consideration and adoption by the Cabinet, for final debate by Full Council.
- iv. THAT recommendation 5 be approved for consideration and adoption by the Cabinet, for final debate by Full Council.

The committee adjourned for a five-minute comfort break.

24 Corporate Complaints Annual Report 2021-22

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Transformational Change and Corporate Resources presented the annual report for 2021-22, and the committee sought reassurance that complaints were driving service improvements through lessons learnt. Questions were raised regarding the number of formal complaints received in relation to the Cowes Floating Bridge, and discussion took place regarding what more could be done at an informal stage to work with local councillors and residents to address issues (before they are escalated through the formal complaints process). It was suggested that further training be undertaken to address the low-level of reported and recorded learning outcomes arising from complaints.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted.

25 Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter 1 2022-23

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Transformational Change and Corporate Resources presented the report which sought to provide the Cabinet with a summary of progress against Corporate Plan activities and measures, and to inform Cabinet of areas of particular success, issues requiring attention and remedial activity in place to deal with these. Questions were raised in relation to the timeliness of reporting and data, sustainability objectives, consultations, exception reporting, and coroner expenditure. It was suggested that the performance management framework (due for review in 2023) would be added to the committees workplan.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted.

26 Members' Question Time

No written questions were received.

CHAIRMAN