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## Agenda

Name of meeting	<b>POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION</b>
Date	<b>THURSDAY 6 OCTOBER 2022</b>
Time	<b>5.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Members of the committee	Cllrs J Lever (Chairman), J Medland (Vice-Chairman), M Beston, R Downer, C Quirk and I Ward, Vacancy

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1. **Apologies and changes in membership (if any)**

To note any changes in membership of the Committee made in accordance with Part 4B paragraph 5 of the Constitution.

2. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 July 2022.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.



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Members of the public are invited to make representations to the Committee regarding its workplan, either in writing at any time or at a meeting under this item.

5. **Progress on outcomes and recommendations from previous meetings**  
(Pages 9 - 12)

The Chairman to give an update on progress with outcomes and recommendations from previous meetings.

6. **Regeneration Strategy** (Pages 13 - 20)

To monitor the progress of key schemes within the strategy.

7. **Bus Service Improvement Plan** (Pages 21 - 22)

To monitor the delivery of the bus improvement plan. Paul Walker, Go South Coast, will be in attendance for this item.

8. **E-Scooters Trial** (Pages 23 - 30)

To consider the trial use of e-scooters on the Island due to expire on 30 November 2022 to ascertain what recommendations may be submitted to the Department of Transport.

9. **Corporate Plan - Delivery of Key Activities**

(a) Cross Solent Services

To receive a verbal update on the Council's intention to:-

- Consult with the community to scope out what a public service obligation might encompass by June 2022.
- Complete dialogue with the Solent operators on the voluntary adoption of a public sector obligation by November 2022.
- If necessary, work with the Island's MP and Government to encompass the public service obligation in any legislation to be passed to 'level up' the Island with the mainland by December 2024.

(b) Parking Charges and Permits

To be advised of progress with the working group that was to consider and produce the full range of fully costed options for charging and permits for parking by October 2022 ready for implementation in April 2023.

10. **Committee's Work Plan** (Pages 31 - 34)

To consider the workplan and identify any additional topics for inclusion based upon the Forward Plan and the Corporate Plan.

11. **Members' Question Time**

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CHRISTOPHER POTTER  
Monitoring Officer  
Wednesday, 28 September 2022

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## Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION</b>
Date and Time	<b>THURSDAY 7 JULY 2022 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs J Medland (Vice-Chairman), R Downer, I Ward, W Drew and S Ellis
Officers Present	Christopher Ashman, Oliver Boulter, Alex Miss, Chris Potter and Paul Thistlewood
Apologies	Cllr J Lever

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### 1. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2022 be approved.

### 2. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Medland declared an interest in item 5 relating to the electric vehicle charging points, as he had had some involvement in helping with this.

Cllr Medland also declared an interest in item 6 relating to the Planning peer review, as he was Chairman of the Planning Committee.

### 3. **Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum**

There were no public questions received.

### 4. **Progress on outcomes and recommendations from previous meetings**

The survey regarding the use of weedkiller on highways had just been received from Island Roads and would be circulated to the Committee.

5. **Progress with installation of charging points for electric vehicles (verbal update)**

The Committee were provided with the latest information on progress. Town, Parish and Community Councils had been consulted on the best places for machines to be sited in their areas. There was a cost of £10,000 for each machine to be installed. The council did not have the capacity to deliver the project directly itself and had therefore chosen the partnership route with a new provider. Charging costs were likely to change with the increase in energy prices. There had been some technical issues, however the Committee were assured that the target of summer 2022 would be met. Confirmation was given that the planning department would be sympathetic to residents who wished to install chargers on their own properties, and this had been included in the draft Island Planning Strategy. Liaison would take place with Island Roads to ensure the necessary infrastructure was in place. There had only been no planning issues to date, only one highways regulatory issue. There was to be a mix of charging machines with varying speeds.

RESOLVED:

THAT the update be noted.

6. **Planning Services Review**

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement had welcomed the report and its recommendations. It was agreed that there was an urgent need to adopt the Island Plan. This would be discussed further by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee the following week. The Cabinet Member would be working with the Chairman of the Planning Committee and other councillors to create an action plan following the review, in order to restore faith and trust in the planning process. It would be important to set some concrete goals, and feedback from other councillors would be welcomed. Best practice by other local authorities would be researched to investigate different ways of working. It was suggested that funds were available for temporary assistance in the Planning Department once it was known how this could be used most effectively.

RESOLVED:

THAT the committee will monitor the delivery of the action plan.

7. **Traffic Regulation Order Policy**

The policy would set out a framework for decisions and sought to put the decision-making with the highways authority, balancing the need for new TROs against the needs of the local community and its amenities.

Town, Parish and Community Councils would be involved at the earlier stage and if there was a lot of opposition from them a TRO would not be brought forward.

RESOLVED:

THAT the policy be formally supported.

## 8. **Programme of Works (verbal update)**

A Rights of Way programme of works had been developed, with projects identified, including the upgrading of paths and bridges, to the value of £200,000. The Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment indicated that he would circulate the details to the Committee.

With regard to tree planting, there was an ongoing programme. The number of trees planted so far was 520, with another 134 planned. Some had been planted by the council, others by schools, Town, Parish and Community Councils, Green Gym, Planet Aware and some through the Queen's Green Canopy programme. An application had been made to the Forestry Commission for £150,000 to fund staff or an agency to identify land for future tree planting opportunities. The tree officer would be able to advise whether there were any trees available for community groups to plant.

RESOLVED:

The information was noted.

## 9. **Digital Strategy**

Since 2017 there had been investment of £3.8 million to date. There had been a lot of engagement with stakeholders and approximately 20 of them had been involved in the way forward. Wightfibre were continuing their installation rollout around the island.

In response to questions raised regarding digital accessibility, it was confirmed that issues would be addressed as they arose. The NHS had been engaged when formulating the strategy, as had Age UK and other older persons groups. The COVID pandemic had resulted in more services becoming digitalised and it would be important to try and ensure residents were not 'left behind' and were comfortable with using services.

There was some discussion on the move by Wightlink to the phasing out of cash payment for travel on its services. Whilst the Council had not ability to prevent this from occurring it did have the ability to try and influence its approach.

It was noted that many GP services had now gone online and that those who used the services most were probably those who struggled to go online. It was suggested that the council use its influence to encourage GPs to make their services as user-friendly as possible. Confirmation was given that this matter had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care, and that Healthwatch had done some work in this area. Health partners were aware of the work done by Age UK and were aware that there were still some people who would only engage face to face.

RESOLVED:

To note the progress with the Digital Island – Isle of Wight Digital Strategy.

That any further comments from Committee members on the potential priorities for the next phase of the strategy be sent to the Scrutiny Officer within the following week.

10. **Committee's Work Plan**

The contents of the workplan were noted. Any further suggestions would be welcomed.

11. **Members' Question Time**

There were no Members' questions

CHAIRMAN



**POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION –  
PROGRESS ON ACTIONS AND OUTCOMES 2021/22**

Date	Item	Actions	Comments
<b>18 November 2021</b>			
	<u>Highway's performance report</u>	The Cabinet Member for Transport and infrastructure be recommended to consider approaching town and parish councils to assist in funding towards the costs of staff processing traffic regulation orders for their respective areas to assist in reducing the list of outstanding restrictions and public frustration.	The Cabinet Member's response has been circulated to the Committee.
	<u>Housing Strategy Update</u>	Details of proposed tenancy training would be circulated to the Committee by the Assistant Director of Regeneration (Housing).	Still to be circulated.
<b>6 January 2022</b>			
	<u>Speed Limit Review</u>	<p>The Cabinet Member for Highway PFI, Transport and Infrastructure indicated that he would liaise with Town and Parish Councils on funding for speed limit schemes.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Highway PFI, Transport and Infrastructure would circulate updated details of those locations where temporary speed limits were utilised outside schools.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Highway PFI, Transport and Infrastructure would look at the use of educational speed awareness campaigns.</p> <p>The Committee wished to consider the criteria for prioritisation of requests for speed limits.</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member's response has been circulated.</p> <p>To be part of the discussion at the 6 October 2022 meeting when looking at the review of speed limits.</p>

	<u>Electric Vehicle Charging Points</u>	The Cabinet Member for Highway PFI, Transport and Infrastructure would discuss possible changes to planning policy with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Community Engagement regarding the installation of electric vehicle charging points when sites were being developed.	This was included within the Draft Island Plan Strategy.
<b>5 May 2022</b>			
	<u>Local Transport Plan</u>	The main phases for the development of the Local Transport Plan 4 were noted and accepted as realistic and consideration of the draft be included within the Committee's workplan	Date yet to be finalised.
	<u>Use of Glyphosate weedkiller on highways</u>	The paper produced by Island Roads on a survey of the approach taken by other highway authorities, and the options available, be circulated to the Committee.	Circulated to the Committee on 13 July 2022
	<u>Committee's Workplan</u>	An item be included on the agenda for the 7 July 2022 meeting relating to the outcome of the bid by Southampton to be the City of Culture and how this will link in with the development of the Council's own Cultural and Heritage Strategies.	The bid was unsuccessful, and the Director of Regeneration has indicated that it would be appropriate to take time to review the Council's position regarding the strategies before reporting to the Committee.
<b>7 July 2022</b>			
	<u>LGA Planning Peer Review</u>	The committee to monitor the delivery of the action plan	Included in the workplan for the January 2023 meeting.

	<u>Programme of works</u>	A Rights of Way programme of works had been developed, with projects identified, including the upgrading of paths and bridges, to the value of £200,000. The Cabinet Member with responsibility for the Environment indicated that he would circulate the details to the Committee.	This was circulated to the Committee on 19 July 2022.
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**Overall Portfolio Rating - September 2022**

**Key Achievements**

**Innovation Wight (Digital Innovation Centre)** - Refurb and fitting out of Building complete opening for business as rental office and co-working space, contractor to provide wrap around business support appointed - Sept 22

**Venture Quays/Columbine Building** - £5.8m approved from the Government's Levelling Up Fund (LUF bid) for East Cowes work underway. Marine piling works complete and Columbine elevation restoration underway. Design works for barracks building and public realm on schedule

**Key Issues & Risks**

**Branstone Farm** - cost increase connected with increased materials and labour at risk of exceeding contingency

**Nicholson Road** - Unilateral undertaking contribution of £330k to be factored into business case.

**Pier Street, Sandown** - Purchase delayed as issue that council cannot dispose of highway land and so the red line boundary cannot be expanded upon its current extent. The team has agreed a solution with the purchaser to allow project to proceed.

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Project & Governance Arrangements	Baseline End Date	Revised End Date	Directorate	Funding Position	KEY MILESTONES	Status commentary including key risks and issues	Contractor(s) engaged to support delivery
<b>Shanklin Spa site</b>  Seek development partner for mixed use	May-22	Oct-22	Regeneration	n/a	<b>Nov 21</b> - EOI issued  <b>Feb 22</b> - Tender exercise  <b>Mar/Apr 22</b> - Recommendation to RMB/Cabinet <b>June 22</b> - Cabinet approved disposal subject to agreement of terms	Preferred developer identified - terms of agreement being finalised to enable mixed use redevelopment of the site - planning application submitted in OCT 22	n/a
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<p><b>Innovation Wight</b></p> <p><i>Digital Innovation Centre (DIC) at Rangefinder House, East Cowes</i></p> <p>Project Board in place which reports to the Regen Programme Delivery Group and</p>	<p><b>Nov-20</b></p>	<p><b>Oct-21</b></p> <p><b>Jun-22</b></p> <p><b>Sep-22</b></p>	<p><b>Regeneration</b></p>	<p>£750k allocated</p> <p>Design and costing identifies potential additional £150k capital requirement</p>	<p><b>Nov 21</b> - phase 1 refurbishment starts</p> <p><b>Jan 22</b> - phase 2 fit out starts</p> <p><b>Sep 22</b> - Innovation Wight opens branded as Building 41</p> <p><b>Oct 22</b> - Wrap around business support provider begins providing support</p>	<p>Work for phase 1 has completed and contract has been awarded for phase 2</p> <p>Agreed terms with Ascensos for 10,000 sq ft on ground floor of Rangefinder creating further 150 jobs.</p> <p>Financial business case for Digital Innovation hub at Building 41.</p> <p>Funding grant agreement received from ERDF received 03 September 21</p> <p><b>Risks &amp; issues</b> Milestones slipped slightly but this is in line with ERDF funding approval so reduces risk.</p>	<p>MCM phase 2 fit out contract £1.6m</p> <p>Digital Islands - wrap around business support</p>
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<p><b>Nicholson Road, Ryde - Phase 1</b></p> <p><i>Delivery of a mixed use community hub and business park with phase 1 associated infrastructure works</i></p> <p>Reports to Members Regen Board</p> <p>Regen Programme Officers Board</p>	<p><b>May-22</b></p>		<p><b>Regeneration</b></p>		<p><b>Project has been on hold until a full business case has been completed.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finance model developed and agreed.</li> <li>- EOI dialogue to continue</li> <li>- Business plan to be produced to support IWC delivery/investment</li> <li>- External/IWC funding to be identified</li> <li>- S106 Unilateral Undertaking to be completed</li> <li>- <b>Oct 22</b> Full business case procurement underway</li> <li>- <b>Jan 23</b> - FBC completed</li> </ul>	<p>A review of options and costs for moving the site forward has been being carried out and an Expression of Interest (EOI) which identified interest from health centre developer and commercial industrial developer.</p> <p>Phase 1 infrastructure scheme likely to require IWC capital funding as the scheme was assessed as unlikely to secure Levelling Up Fund round 1 grant so it wasn't included in the council's bid.</p> <p>S106 unilateral undertaking on road infrastructure being progressed through legal agreement.</p> <p><b>Risks &amp; issues</b> Project on hold until FBC complete - full business case will establish case for affordable borrowing for phase 1 infrastructure</p>	<p>EOI only at this stage</p>

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<p><b>Newport Harbour – works commence on site</b></p> <p>Reports to Members Regen Board</p> <p>Regen Programme Officers Board</p>	Apr-21	<p>Mar-22</p> <p>Dec-22</p>	Regeneration	<p>Masterplan cash, Modular scheme cash /borrowing, Premier Inn dependent on negotiated terms £250k</p>	<p><b>Master Plan:</b>  <b>Nov 22</b> - adoption of SPD</p> <p><b>Masterplan Phase 1 implementation</b>  <b>Modular Housing:</b>  <b>Feb 22</b> - council approval of budget to procure modular housing scheme  <b>Oct 22</b> - appoint housing supplier and submit planning application  <b>March 23</b> - works start on site</p> <p><b>Meanwhile uses</b>  <b>Feb 22 - Meanwhile Uses</b> - options to Regen members board</p> <p><b>Oct 22</b> - Meanwhile Use planning applicaiton  <b>March 23</b> - meanwhile use implementation</p> <p><b>Cultural Centre feasibility</b> <b>Sept 22</b> - Vision document completed <b>Jan 23</b> - Feasibility study incl funding strategy complete</p>	<p><b>Project Management Support</b>  There are aspects of delivery which could come forward quickly due to known demand and dedicated PM resource will be required to support and facilitate delivery stage. Initial strategy to consider individual plot or cluster plots with interested parties (e.g. hotel extension, FE/HE provision) - <b>Sept 22</b> - Dedicated PM support appointed</p> <p><b>Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG)</b>  went to public consultation has been summarised. Environment Agency requested updated flood risk assessments be undertaken prior to determination of SPG.</p> <p><b>Marine Management Organisation (MMO)</b>  HRO now in place.</p> <p><b>Flood Risk Assessments</b> Delayed from July until September 2021 but now provided.</p> <p><b>Leases</b> These are being progressed now to look at renewal etc</p> <p><b>Risks &amp; issues:</b>  Necessary infrastructure funding included as part of Island Investment Plan  HRO outcome resolved and risks amended to reflect this</p>	n/a
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<b>Pier Street Scheme, Sandown</b>	Dec-21	TBC 2022	Regeneration	Depends on market	<b>Jan 22</b> - possessory title/lease for area under highway to be completed	Land/legal issues resolved with potential purchaser. Purchaser requested Island roads design/cost apron and access to development	Rolling Contract, Pier Street Toilet block cleaning.

				response	<p><b>Oct 22</b> - completion on contracts</p> <p><b>Dec 22</b> - sale completed</p> <p><b>TBC 23</b> - start on site by purchaser</p>	<p>prior to confirming purchase this work is ongoing with Island Roads</p> <p><b>Risk &amp; issues</b> Risk of failing to develop or enable development to take place through marketing and public perspective on failing to do this. Additionally, if the current potential purchaser pulls out, remarketing will be very unlikely to yield any favourable offers due to the reduction in the red line boundary offered</p>		
	Reports to Members Regen Board							
	Regen Programme Officers Board							
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<p><b>Venture Quays – Site Development</b></p> <p>Reports to Members Regen Board</p> <p>Regen Programme Officers Board</p>	Mar-22	Mar-24	Regeneration	Match funding for Levelling Up bid	<p><b>May 22</b> - Southern Elevation works at Columbine complete</p> <p><b>June 22</b> - finalise terms for Barracks - tenders for phase 1 barracks LUF returned - design works for public realm scheme progress</p> <p><b>June 22</b> - confirm scope of Columbine internal refurbishment</p> <p><b>Aug 22</b> Community consultation on public realm scheme</p> <p><b>Oct 22</b> Phase 1 structural works to Barracks commence</p> <p><b>Dec 22</b> Phase 2 Wight shipyard works commence</p> <p><b>Apr 23</b> Public Realm and Barracks fit out commence</p>	<p>£5.8m approved from the Government's Levelling Up Fund (LUF bid) for East Cowes.</p> <p>Bid included renovation costs for Columbine building and widening of apron slipway. Renovation of Barracks building for use as a sailing academy and disadvantaged youngsters training and a Public Realm improvement scheme at Albany Green, East Cowes. The housing sites are not part of the Levelling Up fund package. Following the recent approval of the bid and review of govt grant agreement a full updated risk register for all project elements has been developed</p>	<p><b>Contract 1:</b> Marine Piling works £2m</p> <p><b>Contract 2:</b> ERM - design and contract management</p> <p><b>Total Cost:</b> £50,000</p> <p><b>Contract 3:</b> Commission for masterplan via People and Places framework</p> <p><b>Total Cost:</b> £44,766.67.</p>	



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<b>Branstone Farm Phase 1 - Brewery &amp; business units</b>  Reports to Members Regen Board  Regen Programme Officers Board	Mar-22	Oct-22	Regeneration	Part funded through borrowing – balance on hold as part of deficit recovery strategy  <b>Part funded by £2.225m LEP grant</b>	<b>May 22</b> - Brewery Shell and Core contract completion  <b>Jun 22</b> - phase 1 Business Park units contract completion  <b>May 22</b> - Brewery fit out works  <b>Oct 22</b> - Chamber of Commerce occupation as anchor/ managing tenant of business units - first tenants occupy housing	The main contractors for the Brewery and Phase 1 Business units have been appointed within budget and have provided programmes for delivery by March 2022. Work has commenced on site.  Partnership working continues to be supported by a joint project board and regular project level delivery group meetings along with internal working groups. Forecast overall cost increase - materials of £300k - seeking to mitigate throughout remainder of contract and report to Regen Members board (regen capital budget request) if this is not possible. Project 4 months late overall due to materials, utilities and labour issues	<b>Number of Contracts: 2</b>  <b>Contract 1:</b> Business Park Phase 1: Trevor Jones Contracting. <b>Total:</b> £1,374,518.07  <b>Contract 2:</b> Brewery and Visitors Centre: John Peck Construction. <b>Total</b> £1,754,381.57  <b>Parted funded by £2.225m LEP grant</b>
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<b>Camp Hill</b>	Mar-24		Regeneration & Neighbourhoods	*	<b>Nov 21</b> - lighting works to commence  <b>Sep 22</b> - lighting works completed	Work on the lighting system has progressed , lengthy process to secure resident permissions on private land , delivered in time for coming winter.	<b>Project Manager role moving in house (highways)</b>

	Reports to Members Regen Board					<b>2023</b> - Highway works to commence (this cannot be confirmed until the outcome of the drainage survey has been assessed)	Communication is ongoing with residents.  The drainage survey is a key piece of information that needs to be agreed so that the wider works on the estate can be progressed. Capacity in Highways team to review drainage survey and make recommendations on further works impacting on programme. Island roads finalising programme on roads to complement Wight fibre installation period	No other contracts are currently in place.  Formal TP1 agreement between MoJ and IWC  A number of work streams will be procured via existing contract eg. Island Roads/ John O'Conner
	Regen Programme Officers Board							
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	The Department , Ryde - joint project board IWC /Shademakers	Apr-24	Apr-24	Regeneration	£2.2m DCMS grant	<b>May 22</b> - Architect and desogn consultancy  <b>NOV 22</b> - Works underway	On schedule -IWC /Shademakers partnership agreement being finalised and project manager being appointed - network of other CDF projects across England providing useful insights for local partners	Various
	Ryde Esplanade Design overview	May-22	May-22	Regeneration		<b>Nov 21</b> - WSP appointed  <b>Dec 21/Jan 22</b> - Stakeholder Engagement  <b>Feb 22</b> - Design options  <b>May 22</b> - Final Report	Integration with Ryde Interchange design , responsibilities to existing tenants and Ryde Place plan aspirations for Esplanade Ryde Regeneration group incl Ryde Town council considering design proposals and prioritisting opportunites for improvements	WSP - £10k
	<b>Project &amp; Governance Arrangements</b>	<b>Baseline End Date</b>	<b>Revised End Date</b>	<b>Directorate</b>	<b>Funding Position</b>	<b>KEY MILESTONES</b>	<b>Status commentary including key risks and issues</b>	<b>Contractor(s) engaged to support delivery</b>

	Heritage High St Action Zones - Ryde and Newport - partner steering groups	Apr-24	Apr-24	Regeneration	£1m IWC £1m Historic England	<p>Oct 21 - Design Guide</p> <p>Jan 22 - Shopfront grants scheme</p> <p>22/23 - Public Realm improvements</p>	On schedule	Various
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## Committee report

Committee	<b>POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION</b>
Date	<b>23 SEPTEMBER 2022</b>
Title	<b>UPDATE ON THE BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN FOR THE ISLAND</b>
Report of	<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, HIGHWAYS PFI AND TRANSPORT</b>

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### SUMMARY

1. The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the development of the Bus Service Improvement Plan adopted in October 2021 and an outline of the progress to date, current position, next steps and key points for noting at this stage.

### BACKGROUND

2. On 15 March 2021 the Government published 'Bus Back Better', England's first National Bus Strategy. It set out the future of local bus services outside London and how they will be delivered through either formal partnership arrangements between local transport authorities and bus operators, or through franchising. With £3 billion being made available for Local Transport Authorities (LTAs) to deliver the strategy.
3. The National Bus Strategy and additional funding flowing from it, would contribute significantly to Isle of Wight Council's objectives of decarbonisation of transport and achieving carbon neutrality, with a shift to greener public transport.

### PROGRESS TO DATE

4. To meet with the requirements and timescales set out within the National Bus Strategy, the Isle of Wight Council adopted a local Bus Service Improvement Plan at Cabinet in October 2021. This document was created in partnership with our local commercial bus operator Southern Vectis, setting out future targets and ambitions for the Island's bus service network.
5. Following the adoption of the local Bus Service Improvement Plan, a DfT issued proforma was completed setting out the financial ask of the Isle of Wight Council to achieve the targets and ambitions from the £3bn budget

available. Attention was then turned to developing the Enhanced Partnership agreement with Southern Vectis to formalise the partnership by April 2022.

6. However, in the months following the submission to the DfT it was announced that the overall budget available has been reduced to £1.4bn, therefore Local Transport Authorities (LTAs) were advised that it is likely that not all would receive an allocation sufficient to meet their initial targets and ambitions. Likewise, it became evident that the ask of all of the LTAs combined was far greater than even the original budget of £3bn.
7. The final outcome of the funding allocations was that a significant proportion of England's LTAs received either limited funding or none at all. As a result, the Isle of Wight Council did not receive any funding, nor did the neighbouring authorities of Hampshire County Council and Southampton City Council. It was only Portsmouth City Council which received the majority of their funding request
8. As a result of the variable funding outcome, the DfT relaxed the strict timescales that LTAs had to work to previously under the original guidance, for those with no allocation.
9. Due to the lack of funding and the relaxed timescales, the focus of the relevant officers has had to turn to working with Southern Vectis in establishing the necessary level of financial support to maintain/protect the current network of local bus services, mitigating the low level of patronage since the Covid 19 pandemic.
10. Feedback on the Local Bus Service Improvement Plan has since been received and likewise a meeting has been held with the regional representative who has been tasked with assisting Local Transport Authorities to improve their BSIPs.

## NEXT STEPS

- Finalise the Enhanced Partnership with Southern Vectis
- Review and update the Local Bus Service Improvement Plan
- Utilise the Enhanced Partnership Officer capacity funding received from DfT to employ a new member of staff on a fixed term to lead on the establishment of the EP, to review the BSIP annually and assist with managing public transport.
- Continue to work with Southern Vectis and other local public transport operators in seeking to achieve the local ambitions set out for public transport.

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For Noting



## Committee report

Committee	<b>POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND REGENERATION</b>
Date	<b>23 SEPTEMBER 2022</b>
Title	<b>UPDATE ON THE E-SCOOTER TRIAL</b>
Report of	<b>CABINET MEMBER FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, HIGHWAYS PFI AND TRANSPORT</b>

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### SUMMARY

1. The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the current E-Scooter Trial on the Island in particular progress since its commencement in November 2020.

### BACKGROUND

2. As part of the government's response to COVID-19, and to support a 'green' restart of local travel to help mitigate reduced capacity on public transport, the DfT fast-tracked and expanded trials of rental e-scooters. The DfT considered that e-scooters offered the potential for fast, clean and inexpensive travel which could ease the burden on transport networks and allow for social distancing.
3. The trials enable essential insights for the DfT and councils as to how rental e-scooters contribute to the transport mix in urban centres. Following the trials, it is anticipated that the DfT will assess whether these vehicles should be legalised in the UK as part of their Future Transport Regulatory Review.
4. The DfT is only permitting the trialling of rental e-scooters. The use of privately owned e-scooters on the public highway will remain illegal during the trial period
5. In March 2020, Solent Transport was awarded £28.8m of funding from the DfT's Future Transport Zones (FTZ) programme to implement a programme of trials of innovative approaches to transport across the Solent area, from 2020/21 to 2023/24.
6. During summer 2020, the DfT announced the possibility for FTZ Local Authorities to run e-scooter rental trial schemes as part of the transport restart response as such on 31st July 2020, Solent Transport submitted a proposal to

the DfT requesting permission to operate an e-scooter trial in the Solent area, with up to four sub-projects in Portsmouth, Winchester, Southampton, and on the Isle of Wight.

7. The Isle of Wight scheme was the first part of the Solent project to launch in November 2020, with the operator Beryl.

### PROGRESS TO DATE

8. The initial trial was for 12 months, before a requested extension by the DfT for a further 12 months.
9. The first phase of the project was focused Newport, before being rolled out to Cowes, East Cowes, Ryde and finally the Bay Areas, as the Island came out the other side of the pandemic. Likewise, the number of e-scooters increased over the first 12 months as the trail expanded to a total of 125 currently available to hire.
10. As with any such project, especially given that it was for a new mode of transport, there were concerns in respect of the devices themselves, their use and the impact of the e-scooter bays on the highway.
11. However, through both DfT Guidance and efforts at the local level were taken to address these concerns such as:
  - Limiting e-scooters to 15.5mph
  - The requirement to have a full or provisional UK Drivers licence and the requirement of a personal account to be set up against which a copy of the user's driving licence is held.
  - The review and assessment of each individual e-scooter bay location
  - Fixed penalties for e-scooters out of bays, out of operating zones or when left unlocked.
  - Warnings and user bans for misuse
  - Front, rear and indicator lights.
  - GPS tracking of each e-scooter and unique reference numbers
  - Warning bells
  - Online and in person safety guidance, including the recommendation to use helmets and bright clothing.
  - Continual liaison with local Police on any specific reports of misuse or misbehaviour
12. The presentation shall give an overview of the trial's performance of the last few months.

### NEXT STEPS

- Seek a further extension of the trial to March 2024, to operate alongside the recently agreed public bike share scheme for the Island as a part of the Solent FTZ project.
- Continue to review and embed the provision to maximise the benefit to the Island as more rounded approach to micro mobility as a viable alternative to single use car journeys.



- Provide feedback to the Department for Transport to help inform future decisions and legislation in respect of the use of e-scooters

## APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Highlights

Appendix 2 - Issues

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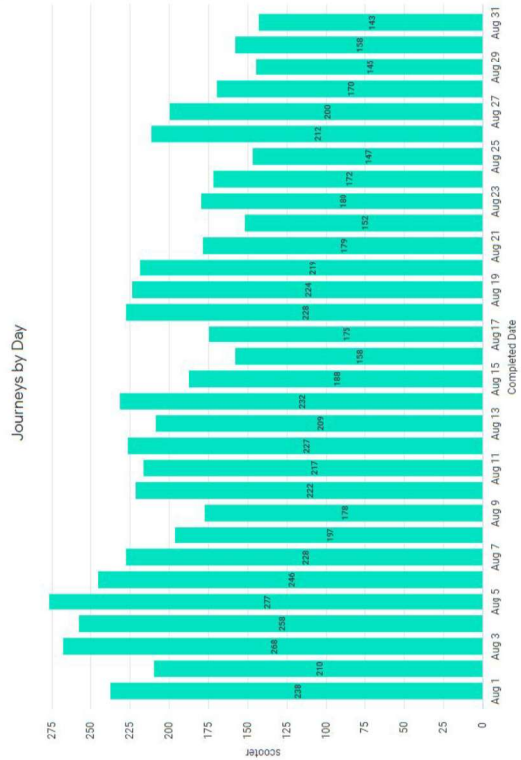
# Headlines

- **118** e-Scooters are currently on street.
- **6,257 e-Scooter rides** during August
- Average duration **22** minutes
- Average distance travelled **3.04 km**
- Average **2.8 rides** per day per scooter
- **95%** of scooter journeys are ending in a bay

## Popular Destination Bays

Name	Count of journeys
1 Red Jet Ferry Terminal ...	241
2 Taylor Road ...	222
3 Prince's Esplanade ...	186
4 Ryde Hoverport ...	185
5 Sandown Pier ...	160
6 Portland Inn ...	148
7 Natwest ...	143
8 Ryde Beach ...	138

## Rides per day



## Distribution of number of rides per user



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# Issues

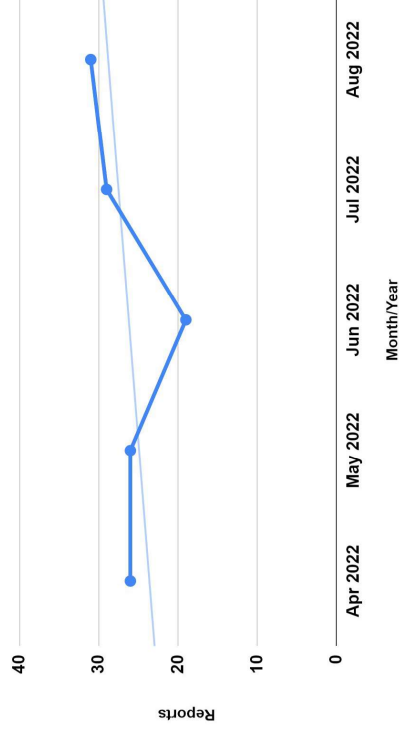
## Scooter misuse reports:

- Total number of vehicle misuse reports has risen slightly, which is to be expected with higher usage
- Missing vehicle total has remained unchanged since the last meeting
- Overall, number of vandalised vehicles continue to remain low, however we should continue to monitor especially as we are just coming out of the holiday season

## Update:

- No notable incidents or comms from police

LOW Misuse Reports - Past 6 Months



Issue category	Vehicle type	01/09/2022	Last meeting
Missing (<90 days)	Scooter	0	0
Lost (>90 days)	Scooter	1	1
<b>Total missing/lost</b>	<b>All</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>

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## Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration - Workplan 2022/25

The committee assists Cabinet in the development and implementation of key plans, policies and activities set out in the Corporate Plan relating to the delivery of relevant services, including:

- Waste and recycling
- Highways and transportation
- Regeneration
- Economic growth
- Housing
- Local Enterprise Partnership
- Countryside and environment
- Planning
- Heritage

DATE	AGENDA ITEMS	DESCRIPTION & BACKGROUND	LEAD OFFICER/ CABINET MEMBER
5 January 2023	Visit Isle of Wight	To consider the 2022 tourist season and marketing plans for 2023.	Managing Director - Visit IW Director of Regeneration Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism
	Develop a sustainable and accessible tourism campaign approach	The Corporate Plan indicates that it is the Council's intention to focus on regenerating our High Street and visitor economy to assist post Covid-19 recovery and growth by way of a sustainable and accessible tourism campaign to start in 2023	Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism
	Promote people-oriented place planning for town centres	By March 2023 in addition to the place plans already developed we will support the development of a place plan for the Bay area in collaboration with Lake, Sandown and Shanklin town councils and commence work on a place plan for the West Wight area	Cabinet Member for Levelling Up Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism

	Work towards the delivery of a new Records Office	We will plan and secure funds for the development of a new facility; construction works to start on site by April 2025, subject to the agreement to a full business case by March 2023	Cabinet Member for Environment, Heritage and Waste Management
	LGA Planning Peer Review Action Plan	To monitor the progress of actions arising from the LGA Planning Peer Review as reported to the 7 July 2022 meeting.	Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement Director of Regeneration
4 May 2023	Support Island wide digital connectivity to support Island businesses and residents.	The Corporate Plan indicates that it is the Council's intention to: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support Wight Fibre rollout of full fibre to the premises to June 2023</li> <li>• Identify options to reach non-commercial property to enable maximum possible coverage -June 2023</li> </ul>	Deputy Leader and Cabinet member for Digital Transformation, Housing, Homelessness and Poverty
	Beach Management Strategic Framework 2021-2026	To monitor the progress of the framework in line with the action plan and target dates that were approved by Cabinet in January 2021	Cabinet Member for Environment, Heritage and Waste Management Director of Neighbourhoods
July 2023	Post decision scrutiny – Policy for Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Penalties	To review the application of the policy approved by Cabinet on 16 June 2022 to ascertain the actions undertaken and any proposed amendments to the policy in the light of practical implementation.	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Digital Transformation, Housing, Homelessness and Poverty. Director of Neighbourhoods
October			



2023			
January 2024	Visit Isle of Wight	To consider the 2023 tourist season and marketing plans for 2024.	Managing Director - Visit IW Director of Regeneration Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism
May 2024			
July 2024			
October 2024			
January 2025	Visit Isle of Wight	To consider the 2024 tourist season and marketing plans for 2025.	Managing Director - Visit IW Director of Regeneration Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism
	Net zero waste to landfill Continue to develop successful waste management and increase recycling rates further	The Corporate Plan indicates that it is the Council's intention to develop successful waste management and increase recycling rates further so to reduce the volume of non-essential waste sent to landfill to achieve net zero by April 2025	Cabinet Member for Community Protection, Regulatory Services and Waste

	Delivery of a new Records Office	The Corporate Plan indicates that it is the Council's intention to plan and secure funds for the development of a new Records Office so that construction works to start on site by April 2025	Cabinet Member for Climate Change, Environment, Heritage, Human Resources and Legal and Democratic Services
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Issues identified from previous meetings but no date set:

1. Transport Infrastructure Task Group – To receive an update from the Chairman of the task group on key issues.
2. Works by utility companies/Co-ordination of works
3. Proposals relating to the redevelopment of Culver Parade, Sandown.
4. Cultural and Heritage Strategies – review
5. Final draft of the Local Transport Plan