

## Isle of Wight Council Record of Decisions made at a meeting of the Cabinet on Thursday, 10 November 2022

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The following decisions were made by the Cabinet at its meeting on **THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2022**. These decisions will come into force on **DATE COME INTO FORCE ON TUESDAY 22 NOVEMBER 2022**. A decision by the Cabinet may be called-in (in accordance with Part 3 Section 9 of the Council's Constitution) by **MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER 2022**. Should you have any queries about any decision that has been made, contact should be made in the first instance to Democratic Services at [democratic.services@iow.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@iow.gov.uk). Any declaration of interest made by any member of the Cabinet is shown below.

	Item	Reason for Decision:	Alternative options:	Lead officer:
1	<p><b>Minutes</b></p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October be approved.</p>			
5a	<p><b>Quarterly Performance Monitoring Report (QPMR) Quarter 2 2022-23</b></p> <p>That Cabinet approves the Performance and Finance Report for the Quarter ended 30 September 2022, and the priority report detail as set out in appendices 1-10, together with the council's financial position as set out at appendices 11-12.</p>	<p>Ongoing management and monitoring of performance data, the council's strategic risk profile and financial situation is required to support the successful delivery of council priorities. As such, this report provides the Cabinet (and subsequently the council's scrutiny function) with the necessary information to record achievements,</p>	<p>Option 1: Cabinet does not approve the Performance and Finance Report – Quarter ended 30 September 2022 and the priority report detail as set out in appendices 1-10 and the financial information set out in appendices 11 to 12.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>

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		challenge areas of underperformance and to account for it to the wider community.		
5b	<p><b>Local Council Tax Support Scheme</b></p> <p>Record their preference to increase the maximum level of support for working age cases to 70 per cent (from the current maximum level of 65 per cent) subject to it being affordable to the Council and therefore considered alongside (and part of) the Council's overall Budget for 2023/24</p> <p>Add a local welfare payment disregard to mirror housing benefit regulations</p> <p>Disregard any increase in welfare benefit payments due to crisis or emergency provision.</p>	<p>The Local Council Tax Support scheme needs to be considered in the context of the council's overall financial position, budget strategy and the ability to continue to deliver public services on a sustainable basis. It also needs to be consistent with, and balance this with the Corporate Plan priorities that seek to ensure the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> <li>• Keeping the council solvent and take all the measures we can to improve the financial position of the council</li> <li>• COVID 19 recovery will be integral to everything we</li> </ul>	<p>Option 2 - To increase the earnings disregard to £30 from the current £25 per week</p> <p>Option 3 - To decrease the non-dependant deduction rate to £1 from £2 per week.</p>	Director of Corporate Services

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		<p>do for residents and Island business.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide greater support to those on low incomes, including through the local council tax support scheme.</li> </ul>		
6a	<p><b>Wightcare Options Review</b></p> <p>To retain the Wightcare service in-house and develop two-year cost recovery model from April 2023 to achieve financial breakeven, reducing dependency on public funds and stabilising the service for the future under statutory charging guidance. This recommendation is supported by an independent review of the service by the industry body, the TSA.</p>	<p>The Alliance Administration intends to proactively seek new streams of income that it can reinvest in services for the community by acting in a more commercial focused manner. It has set out the need for the council to be financially balanced and sustainable and this review has sought to understand the opportunities available to approaching a service redesign and reducing costs for the Wightcare service, while maximising the value and provisions offered to its residents.</p>	<p>Option 2 – Outsource service to private sector, there are various models this could form, and further work will need to be completed to understand any implications and costs.</p> <p>Option 3 – Create a Local Authority Trading Company under which Wightcare would trade commercially, further work will need to be completed to understand the costs and implications of this option.</p>	<p>Director of Adult Social Care</p>
7a	<p><b>Newport &amp; Ryde Commercial Frontages Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)</b></p> <p>That the Newport and Ryde Commercial Frontages Design Guide be adopted as a</p>	<p>As detailed in section 4.1.2 of the design guide document, upgrading building stock to reduce energy use will make an important contribution to the net zero targets set out in the <a href="#">Council's Climate and Environment</a></p>	<p>To not adopt Newport and Ryde Commercial Frontages Design Guide document as a supplementary planning document.</p>	<p>Director of Regeneration</p>

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	<p>supplementary planning document.</p> <p>That any final editorial and presentational changes to the draft supplementary planning document are delegated to the Director of Regeneration in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement. These changes will not alter the meaning of the document and will be restricted to grammatical and typographical errors.</p>	<p><u>Strategy.</u></p> <p>Shopfront design can help support climate action in a number of simple but effective ways:</p> <p><u>Longevity:</u> Buildings and shopfronts that last the longest are the most sustainable as the carbon embodied in their design is not lost but remains in use;</p> <p>- <u>Street use:</u> By making shops and the street a more comfortable place to be, people are encouraged to spend time in their local high street and shop locally rather than, perhaps, drive to a less sustainable out of town option;</p> <p>- <u>Energy Efficiency:</u> Historic buildings perform differently to modern buildings in terms of energy efficiency and there are a number of measures shopfronts can adopt to improve energy efficiency.</p> <p>Therefore adopting the design guide to be used as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications will make a positive contribution towards the Council's net zero ambitions.</p>		

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8a	<p><b>To dispose of Council-owned employment land at Kingston Marine Park, East Cowes</b></p> <p>Option 1 - Approve the freehold sale of KMP, to a third party, as detailed in Confidential Appendices 1,2 and 3, subject to contract and achieving detailed planning consent.</p> <p>Delegate the authority to approve final terms following this decision to both the Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism and the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Transformational Change and Corporate Resources in consultation with the Director of Regeneration and the council's Section 151 officer.</p>	<p>The proposal not only offers significant inward investment at nil cost to the council, it raises the profile and status of the Island, it offers employment and education opportunities, and it delivers an unexpected gain over and above the administration's specific regeneration, business development and tourism targets (listed at 35 and 36 in the Corporate Plan, such as Shanklin Spa and Newport Harbour) as well as directly hitting targets 37 and 38 (elevating creative industries as part of the regeneration strategy, and using empty properties). It is also likely that the digital nature of the creative industries sectors involved will lead to opportunities to connect with the Digital Island Strategy.</p>	<p><b>Option 2</b></p> <p>Reject this freehold offer and seek to agree a revenue producing leasehold transaction. As part of negotiations to date, the following alternate options have been discussed with and rejected by the third party:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the council retain the freehold and grant the developer a long ground lease (say 125 years), securing a long term, low risk revenue return</li> <li>• the council retain the freehold and fund all of the development costs via the Public Works Loans Board/ similar, in return for a short (say 25yrs) occupational lease at full market rent payable by the developer on the completed development</li> <li>• the council form a Joint Venture company with the developer, the council contributing the land in exchange for revenue via</li> </ul>	<p>Director of Regeneration</p>

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			<p>an equity share in the business</p> <p><b>Option 3</b></p> <p>Reject all current interest and instruct a national agent with regional experience and presence to carry out a full marketing campaign, with all options considered.</p>	