



Minutes

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| Name of meeting | CABINET |
| Date and Time | THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2023 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM |
| Venue | COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT |
| Present | Cllrs D Andre, J Bacon, P Fuller, C Jarman, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, K Lucioni and I Stephens (Chairman) |
| Also Present | Sharon Betts, Laura Gaudion, Wendy Perera, Chris Potter |
| Also Present (Virtual) | Steve Crocker |
| Apologies | Cllrs L Peacey-Wilcox and K Love |

57. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2022 be approved.

58. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

59. **Public Question Time - Maximum 15 Minutes for Written Questions and 15 Minutes for Oral Questions**

A written question was received from Mr M Jefferies on behalf of Ventnor Town Council ((PQ 01-23) regarding the proposed Traffic Regulation Order in St Catherine's Street, Ventnor. The question was read out by the Deputy Leader and a response provided, indicating that a written reply would be sent.

A written question was also received from Mr S Cowley (PQ 02-23) regarding the sale and closure of Yarmouth Primary School site. The question was read out by the Deputy Leader and a verbal response given.

60. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman was deputising for the Leader and had no announcements to make,

61. **Report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills**

61a **School Funding Formula & Budget Setting 2023/24**

This was an annual report to Cabinet with the funding arrangements for the 2023/24 financial year. The report had been circulated to members prior to publishing. The deadline to inform DfE of the decision was 20 January 2023 to be applied from April 2023. The final formula from the DfE had only been received just prior to Christmas and staff were thanked for their prompt action in finalising the report. A question was raised regarding the 4.3% uplift to free school meals and whether this applied locally or nationally. This would be clarified by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills.

RESOLVED:

That the 2023/24 school funding formula and wider Dedicated Schools Grant budget allocations detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 to the report be approved.

62. **Report of the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport**

62a **The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Ryde) (Traffic Regulation) Order No.2 2022 and The Isle of Wight Council (Residents' Parking Places) Order No.1 2022**

This was part of a programme of review of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) coming forward to address safety concerns rather than simply to remove off-road parking for other reasons. Some proposals were administrative corrections in relation to previous TROs. In response to a query raised, it was confirmed that the proposals resulted from the previous safety register. Staff were thanked for their work in bringing these proposals forward. There would be more schemes to come, and it was proposed that they would be reviewed on a regular basis.

RESOLVED:

Option 3: To approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Ryde) (Traffic Regulation) Order No1 2022 and The Isle of Wight Council (Residents' Parking Places) Order 1 2022 with amendment - to abandon the proposals in some locations, and to implement the rest of the restrictions.

In agreeing this option, Cabinet agrees not to deliver the TRO schemes as proposed in the Ryde area at Church Lane/Pitts Lane, Binstead, and at Newnham Road, Binstead, at this time.

62b **The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Nettlestone and Seaview) (Traffic Regulation) Order No1 2022**

This was also part of the programme of review of Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) coming forward to address safety concerns and to rectify some previous TROs.

RESOLVED:

Option 3: To approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Nettlestone & Seaview) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2022 with amendment - to abandon the proposals in some locations, and to implement the rest of the restrictions.

In agreeing this option, Cabinet agrees not to deliver the TRO scheme proposed in the Nettlestone area at Nettlestone Green, Nettlestone, at this time.

63. **Cabinet Member Announcements**

The Cabinet Member for Community Protection, Regulatory Services and Waste wished to reassure residents that they were still able to take upholstered furniture to the Household Waste Recycling Centre, however items that were in good condition with the correct fire safety labels could be collected for free by certain charities. There was information on the council's website in relation to free collection.

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement reported that in relation to the Draft Island Planning Strategy there would be a motion to Full Council on 18 January following government changes to planning and the Levelling- Up Bill. Should Full Council agree to postpone the decision, there would be a briefing for all councillors on Monday 23 January.

The Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism gave an update on the Cultural Development Fund award from the Arts Council for the old 'Packs' building in Ryde and reported that a design team had now been appointed.

Work was progressing with the team at the film studios at East Cowes. A 'meet the team' was to be held to discuss the skills etc that would be needed to get the studios up and running.

Following the government's acceptance of the council's plan to use the Shared Prosperity Fund, three new area managers had been appointed for place-making. This was fully funded for a three-year period.

Members and staff were encouraged to obtain the 'One Card' for use at the council's leisure facilities.

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Transformational Change and Corporate Resources reported that he had completed the planning consultation and encouraged others to do likewise, although the document was challenging to complete. The council's budget consultation was underway and had so far been very successful in the number of responses compared to the previous year.

64. **Consideration of the Forward Plan**

It was noted that the Isle of Wight festival land hire agreement due for February's Cabinet was under the portfolio of the Cabinet Member for Levelling Up,

Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism, and the Forward Plan should be amended accordingly.

The Council Tax Premiums on Second Homes and Empty Properties had been deferred on the advice of the Monitoring Officer and further advice from the LGA, as the legislation was still in draft form and had not yet received Royal Assent. Confirmation was given that the legislation would not apply to Town, Parish and Community Councils as they were not billing authorities.

65. **Members' Question Time**

No Members' Questions were received.

CHAIRMAN



Public Question time

To view any public questions that were put to this committee, they will be listed as an additional PDF document below the public question time section within the online minutes, an example is displayed below:

32. [Public Question Time](#) [PDF 87 KB](#)

Questions must be delivered in writing
later than 5pm on Friday, 15 January 20

Additional documents:

- [PQ 11-21](#)  [PDF 85 KB](#)
- [PQ 12-21](#)  [PDF 90 KB](#)

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Cabinet – 12 January 2023

Written question from Mark Jefferies, Ventnor Town Council, to the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport

Residents in St Catherines st have submitted a petition signed by 700 Ventnor residents against the proposals for removing all parking in st Catherines st. Including 5 disabled bays. The lack of alternative parking has provoked this response. Also, the FOI request asking for original reports submitted in 20012 has revealed that these reports have not been retained for reference.

My question to councilor Jordan therefore is . Considering the time-lapse and the lack of evidence to support this proposal, also the lack of alternative parking for residents . Please would Cllr Jordan disregard this proposal?

Response

The matter in question is due to be discussed at the Cabinet meeting on 9 February as part of a review of TROs in Ventnor. Any representations made by the Town Council or other parties will be used to inform any decisions made in this regard.

A written response has been drafted and will be sent to VTC within the next two days.

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Cabinet – 12 January 2023

Written question from Steve Cowley to the Leader

Please will you let me know when the decision was made, and by whom, to sell the Yarmouth School site?

Response

As with many capital funded projects the disposal of a former site, if surplus to requirements, often forms part of the funding strategy. The disposal of the former school site (Mill Road, Yarmouth) forms part of the funding agreement between the DfE and IWC to build the new school, the IWC is entitled to retain the first £400,000 towards funding the new school, but the remaining balance must be returned to the DfE immediately. The funding strategy was approved by the former Chief Executive and S151 Officer in October 2021.

Yarmouth School in Yarmouth is now closed. May I also have evidence that the IWC and HCC have been through the proper processes, as laid down by the DfE, for the closure of Yarmouth School?

Response

Yarmouth CE Primary School has not closed. The decision to relocate the school was taken by the Governing Body of the Federation of Church Schools of Shalfleet and Yarmouth on 13 January 2020. The Council support this decision and supported its implementation.

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