

Isle of Wight Council Record of Decisions made at a meeting of the Cabinet on Thursday, 9 March 2023

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The following decisions were made by the Cabinet at its meeting on **Thursday, 9 March 2023**. These decisions will come into force on **Tuesday 21 March 2023**. A decision by the Cabinet may be called-in (in accordance with Part 3 Section 9 of the Council's Constitution) by **Monday 20 March 2023**. Should there be 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. Any declaration of interest made by any member of the Cabinet is shown below.

	Item	Reason for Decision:	Alternative options:	Lead officer:
1	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 9 February 2023 be approved.</p>	The Cabinet was satisfied that it was an accurate record.		
5a	<p>Determine Academic Year Term Dates 2024/25</p> <p>The decision was deferred to a later date.</p>	Due to an administrative error the required notice had not been given to determine the matter.		Director of Children's Services
5b	<p>Early Years Childcare Sufficiency Report</p> <p>That, having been presented with the statutory sufficiency assessment, the Cabinet is satisfied that the local authority</p>	<p>The Cabinet was satisfied.</p> <p>Statutory guidance requires that</p>	None	Assistant Director of Children's Services (Children and Families)

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	has met its statutory obligations in respect of the Early Years Childcare Sufficiency Assessment.	the Council must, as far as is reasonably practicable, secure sufficient childcare for working parents and to undertake a sufficiency assessment to be brought to Executive Members on an annual basis.		
6a	<p>Review of the Public Health Partnership Function between Isle of Wight Council and Hampshire County Council.</p> <p>That Cabinet agrees to option one:</p> <p>That the Cabinet approves the continuation of the Public Health Partnership until September 2025 when an updated agreement will be considered.</p>	<p>The continuation of the Public Health Partnership will facilitate further progress and support the further improvement of public health outcomes for Isle of Wight residents.</p> <p>The Public Health Strategy is clearly aligned with the Corporate Plan 2021-2025, specifically the core values:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Being community focussed – understanding the needs of people living and accessing services on the Isle of Wight underpin the development of new service specifications. b. Working together – specialist teams and individual work 	<p>Option 2</p> <p>Cabinet does not approve the continuation of the Partnership and makes a decision to follow termination procedures.</p>	

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		<p>closely with key partners both within the Council and the ICS.</p> <p>c. Being effective and efficient – evaluation and/or audit processes are embedded within service provision. Key performance indicators (based on the latest evidence of effectiveness) are routinely reported and shared with stakeholders</p> <p>d. Being fair and transparent – quantitative and qualitative data derived from the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment, service reviews, and service user feedback inform decision making.</p>		
6b	Director of Public Health Annual Report: A Golden Age – ageing well on the Isle of	To record that the Director of Public Health presented their report and to	None	Director of Public Health

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	<p>Wight</p> <p>To note the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2022/23.</p> <p>To endorse the ambition within the Annual Report to continue to provide and support organisations and services to enable, empower and facilitate residents, to be happy, healthy and active as they get older.</p>	<p>record the support for the ambition.</p> <p>The Director of Public Health has a statutory duty to produce an annual report about the health of the local population. The content and structure of the report is decided each year by the Director of Public Health, based on key issue of health and wellbeing that would benefit from a focused review. The requirement placed on Isle of Wight Council as the relevant local authority is to publish the report.</p>		
6c	<p>Working Together to improve Health and Care for Isle of Wight residents</p> <p>That Cabinet agree that the existing partnership is replaced by a new Isle of Wight Health and Care Partnership (IHCP) and a new Isle of Wight Health and Care Executive Delivery Group (IEDG).</p> <p>That Cabinet approve the suggested membership and responsibilities for both the IHCP and IEDG as per the terms of reference (as amended) in Appendix 1.</p> <p>That Cabinet agree that these new groups are established by April 2023, with the current partnership having its last meeting in March</p>	<p>The decisions support the Council and its statutory health and care partners to achieve these aims.</p> <p>The council’s corporate plan 2021 to 2025 emphasises the provision for the council to work to the island being a place where everyone “is part of the community and enjoys good health”. Active engagement with the Isle of Wight Local Place Based Partnership arrangements for the Island would support the council in delivering this aspiration.</p> <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board at its July 2022 meeting received and approved both the Island’s Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022 to</p>	<p>Not to approve the existing partnership are replaced by new arrangements and cease any structured joint working arrangements with health and care partners on the Island.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p>

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	2023.	2027 and the Island's Health & Care Plan 2022 to 2025. Both are closely aligned, which ties together the quest to improve health inequalities and health and care outcomes on the Island.		
6d	<p>Carers' Strategy 2023-2028</p> <p>Cabinet approves the Isle of Wight Carers Strategy 2023 – 2028 enabling the strategy to progress to approval and adoption by the Isle of Wight Health and Care Partnership Board</p>	<p>The Carers Strategy 2023 – 2028 supports the core values as outlined in the Corporate plan 2021 – 2025 including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Being community focused • Working together • Being effective and efficient • Being fair and transparent 	<p>Option 2 – Cabinet does not approve and endorse the Carers Strategy 2023 – 2028 resulting in the council not having an up to date or relevant strategy outlining the support available to local unpaid carers and assisting in the discharge of our statutory functions in this area.</p>	<p>Director of Adult Social Care</p>
7a	<p>Local Housing Benefit Scheme Review</p> <p>That Cabinet recommends to Full Council the approval of the continuation of the Isle of Wight Council's discretionary scheme to disregard War Disablement and War Widow's Pensions in full, from the calculation of income for Housing Benefit purposes (Option A),</p> <p>And that Cabinet recommends that Full Council delegates future minor changes or reviews to this scheme to the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Transformational Change and Corporate Resources in consultation with the</p>	<p>This recommended scheme supports the corporate aim to <i>'Provide greater support to those on low incomes, including through the local council tax support scheme'</i> as residents in receipt of Housing Benefit are considered to be 'low-income households' and include those with vulnerabilities. Many of these residents will also be in receipt of local council tax support, under which these pensions are also fully disregarded.</p>	<p>Option B That Cabinet recommends to Full Council to end the Isle of Wight Council's current scheme to disregard the above prescribed incomes in full from the calculation of Housing Benefit and revert to disregarding only £10 per week as per the statutory national scheme.</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Services</p>

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	Benefits Manager (Option C).			
7b	<p>Council Tax Premiums on Second Homes and Empty Properties</p> <p>That the Cabinet recommends to Full Council that Full Council declares its intention to implement and approve the following council tax premiums, to be applied from 1 April 2024 or as soon thereafter as possible, subject to the legislation being in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) A 100% premium for second homes; ii) A 100% premium for properties that have been empty and unfurnished for a period of between 1 and 5 years – that does change the current policy of charging a 100% premium where a property has been empty and unfurnished for a period of between 2 and 5 years. 	<p>The Island is facing a housing crisis. Since the onset of the pandemic over 80 per cent of its private rented stock has become unavailable for long term lets. Approximately 15,000 households struggle to accommodate themselves in the local housing market. Those on the lowest incomes and highest needs struggle to afford current market rents and prices, well below the Government's accepted standard definition of affordable housing. Hence by reducing the amount of time a property can be empty and introducing a premium on second homes we can potentially bring empty properties back into use sooner and increase the charge for second homes thereby discouraging their use and the impact this has on local communities.</p>	<p>Not to make any comment in relation to the bill until such time as it is enacted.</p>	<p>Director of Corporate Services</p>
8a	<p>The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Wroxall) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2022</p> <p>To approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Wroxall) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2022 with amendment.</p>	<p>To ensure the expeditious and safe movement of people, services, and goods on the island's highway and to reflect the result of the consultations.</p>	<p><u>Option 1</u>: To approve the proposed restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Wroxall) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2022 as proposed.</p>	<p>Director of Neighbourhoods</p>

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	<p>Cabinet agrees to abandon part of the proposed restriction in both sides of the High Street, from the junction with Clarence Road to the entrance of the local inn's car park. The rest of the proposed restriction in Plan 1 of Appendix 1 to be implemented.</p> <p>Cabinet agrees to proceed with proposals as indicated at St John's Road in close proximity to the junction with Worsley Drive (Plan 3 of Appendix 1).</p> <p>Cabinet agrees to remove and no implement the proposed scheme at St John's Road in the area directly opposite Cleveland Terrace (Plan 2 of Appendix 1).</p>		<p><u>Option 2</u>: Not to approve the restrictions that are subject to this report in relation to The Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Wroxall) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2022, and to abandon the proposal.</p>	