

Isle of Wight Council Record of Decisions made at a meeting of the Cabinet on Thursday, 11 May 2023

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The following decisions were made by the Cabinet at its meeting on **Thursday, 11 May 2023**. These decisions will come into force on **Tuesday 23 May 2023**. A decision by the Cabinet may be called-in (in accordance with Part 3 Section 9 of the Council's Constitution) by **Monday 22 May 2023**. Any queries about a decision that has been made should be made in the first instance be made to Democratic Services at democratic.services@iow.gov.uk.

	Item	Reason for Decision:	Alternative options:	Lead officer:
1	Minutes RESOLVED: THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 9 March 2023 be approved.			
5a	Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2023-24 That Cabinet approves the proposed Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2023 as set out in Appendix 1, which incorporates all elements of the previous year's (2022) policy.	To work with local communities to maintain and ensure appropriate local school provision and support students with learning difficulty or disabilities to continue into Post 16 training or education. It is a statutory requirement for the Council to consult and publish a Post 16 Transport Policy annually. There are no proposed changes to the 2023 Post 16 policy statement.	Option 2. Not to approve the proposed Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2023 as set out in Appendix 1 for the 2023/24 academic year.	Director of Children's Services

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5b	<p>Household Support Fund 4</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the following:</p> <p>The approval of funding of up to £945,390 to be granted to provide food vouchers for up to 12,101 households, as detailed in paragraph 36 of the report.</p> <p>A grant of £100,000 to be held by the connect4communities programme to be allocated to schools in the form of a discretionary grant that will enable them to provide financial support to families in need with food, generic uniform, warm clothing / bedding or wider essential, as detailed in paragraph 42 of the report.</p> <p>A grant of £150,000 is made available to Citizens Advice for them to financially support over 500 households with fuel bills, provide a telephone signposting service to the connect4communities programme, offer an outreach support and advice service in Foodbank Café's and Community Pantries and for the provision of energy efficient white goods where the need is identified. Such grant will be provided on terms to be agreed by the Director of Children's Services and in accordance with the grant criteria set out in paragraph 18 of the report.</p>	<p>This project links to the Economic Recovery aspect of the Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025, addressing poverty and working towards reducing the number of residents who are living in poverty.</p> <p>The recommendations also help to meet the Administration's aspirations relative to strategic partnerships and Covid-19 recovery of addressing poverty and inequalities in the Island's most deprived areas and improving the Island's resilience to wellbeing relative to its position when national lockdown ended in July 2021.</p>	<p>Not to approve the recommendations proposed in the IOW offer but recommend an alternative delivery plan.</p>	<p>Director of Children's Services</p>

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	<p>Funding of £55,000 to be granted to the Footprint Trust to provide advice to households on reducing energy costs, and for the provision of energy efficient white goods across the Island, as well as items such as hot water tank insulation, draft excluders etc. in. This grant is expected to benefit around 800 households.</p> <p>Grants of £170,000 to be used to expand and support the network of community pantries across the Isle of Wight, offering a more sustainable approach to helping households, as detailed in paragraphs 55-58 of the report. Such grants will be provided on terms to be agreed by the Director of Children's Services.</p> <p>A grant of £30,000 to be awarded to The Isle of Wight Foodbank for the purchase of food, energy efficient kitchen appliances and assisting with the set-up of a community garden to grow fresh vegetables, as detailed in paragraph 63 of the report.</p> <p>It is recommended that Cabinet delegates approval to the Director of Children's Services to approve community grant awards to organisations delivering services that meet the criteria of the grant (as set out in paragraph 18 of the report for targeted financial support for those in need until 31 March 2024 in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills totalling £500,000.</p>			

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	<p>Funding of up to £30,000 be ringfenced to commission Third Party Organisations to provide support and advice on budgeting, finances, maximising income as well as accessing other help, as detailed in paragraph 70 of the report. Such grant will be provided on terms to be agreed by the Director of Children's Services.</p> <p>A grant of £45,000 to IW Carers who support c. 800 unpaid carers on the Island. The grant is to be used to support 200 unpaid carers with clothing, travel, medical equipment, and kitchen appliances. Detail is set out in paragraph 72 of the report.</p> <p>A grant of £50,000 to Age UK for the delivery of hygiene packs to 1,000 pensioners, particularly those struggling with the cost of incontinence products and in rural areas as detailed in paragraph 74 of the report.</p> <p>It is recommended that Cabinet delegates approval to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills, to agree a fund of £20,000 to be used to assist exceptional and genuine emergency cases with housing costs in accordance with DWP grant conditions, as detailed in paragraphs 76 – 80 of the report.</p> <p>That Cabinet delegates approval to the Director of Children's Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills to approve the</p>			

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	reallocation of any Household Support Fund underspend to organisations delivering services that meet the criteria. This will ensure that where spend does not meet the approvals set out in this report, the Isle of Wight Council can rapidly adapt the approach to ensure needs are met.			
6a	<p>Dementia Hub at Parklands, Cowes</p> <p>Option 1: That Cabinet approves a 25-year lease of the Parklands Centre to be awarded to the Alzheimer Café IW for the purpose of developing an IW Dementia Hub. Where terms of the lease are to be agreed, delegated authority shall be given to the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing Needs</p>	The development of a Dementia Hub is one of the key commitments within the new Isle of Wight Dementia Strategy 2022-25. The strategy was written following extensive co-production and engagement with the public. Feedback received during this engagement clearly identified people's wish for a central and trusted source of advice, practical support and day care services.	<p>Option 2 – Cabinet does not approve an award of a 25-year lease of the Parklands Centre to the Alzheimer Café IW.</p> <p>Option 3 - Cabinet does not approve an award of a 25-year lease of the Parklands Centre to the Alzheimer Café IW. The Parklands site is offered to the market for residential development.</p> <p>Option 4 – Cabinet does not approve an award of a 25-year lease of the Parklands Centre to the Alzheimer Café IW. The Parklands Centre is re-used for commercial purposes.</p>	Director of Adult Social Care
6b	<p>Adult Social Care CQC Briefing Paper and Self-Assessment</p> <p>That the introduction of the Care Quality Commission's new inspection framework be noted, and that Cabinet and senior staff fully</p>	The CQC have set out their interim framework to assess and assure Adult Social Care across the country. They intend to begin assurance from 1 st April 2023. Adult	Option 2 – Consideration not to support ASC to deliver and promote assurance.	Director of Adult Social Care

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	appraise themselves and promote the direction of assurance, supporting Adult Social Care and Housing Needs to showcase the positive and reflective impact it has on residents. Strategic and partner support is required to support the oversight and impact of assurance.	Social Care are preparing for assurance by updating and completing a self-assessment, to ensure that we are showing the best possible view of our department. Cabinet oversight and support is required, to understand, communicate and promote a realistic view of Adult Social Care and Housing Needs on the Isle of Wight.		
7a	<p>Dinosaur Isle – future provision</p> <p>Cabinet notes the outcome of the Julia Holberry Associates' report in that;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Dinosaur Isle Museum should remain in Sandown b) The council should seek a partner to support the management of the Collection (Academic or and/or Museum Partner) c) The council should explore the options for a Trust (with a commercial operation) to operate the Dinosaur Island Museum. d) That Cabinet provides delegated authority for the Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Cabinet member for Climate Change, Environment, Heritage, Human Resources and Legal and Democratic 	<p>One of the council's values is being effective and efficient. By changing the way in which we operate Dinosaur Isle we are aiming to achieve both of these. Utilising a partner such as NHM with a strong reputation to support the management of the collection will bring with it efficiencies and opportunities in managing the collection. Furthermore, utilising an experienced partner such a HCT that operates across Hampshire will bring an effective and efficient management of the commercial operation, which will assist the council in generating income and making the facility financially sustainable.</p> <p>These proposals support the council's Climate Change and Biosphere objectives in enhancing</p>	As detailed and evaluated in the report.	Director of Neighbourhoods

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	<p>Service, to enter into further negotiations with the Natural History Museum regarding the management of the collection, and the Hampshire Cultural Trust regarding the management of Dinosaur Isle.</p> <p>e) That a further report to Cabinet will seek approval for the council to enter any such arrangements following the results of the MEND funding application in December 2023 and that Democratic Services note a further report for the Forward Plan.</p>	the environmental and cultural benefits of the Dinosaur Isle Museum, the collection and the positive contribution made to the Bay area.		
8a	<p>Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP's)</p> <p>That Cabinet approves all three LCWIPs in the respective areas of the Island outlined, and to work with key local, regional and national stakeholders to seek funding to deliver the proposed infrastructure improvements.</p> <p>That council staff, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) undertake the required public consultation with a view to the council adopting all three LCWIPs as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) that can then be used as a material consideration in planning decision making.</p>	<p>The LCWIP supports a number of activities set out with the corporate plan. In addition continued investment in cycling and walking infrastructure was one of the recommendations arising from the work of the Transport Infrastructure Task Force.</p> <p>Design of public realm and transport infrastructure has a key role to play in regeneration and place shaping is a key element of the council's regeneration strategy.</p>	<p>Option 2 To not approve the three LCWIPs. Future funding from DfT for cycling and walking infrastructure will be linked to council's having cycling and walking infrastructure plans in place.</p> <p>Option 3 To adopt one or two of the selected reports and to work with key local, regional and national stakeholders to seek funding to deliver infrastructure improvements. In addition, Planning Services to undertake the required period of public consultation as set out in the relevant planning legislation with a view to adopting all</p>	Director of Neighbourhoods

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			three LCWIPs as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs) (that will be subject to a future Cabinet decision).	
9a	<p>Adoption of new Planning Enforcement Strategy</p> <p>To adopt the Planning Enforcement Strategy, introduce the approach to delivering planning enforcement as set out in the strategy and continue to collaborate with parish, town and community councils about the most appropriate models of delivering additional enforcement capacity.</p> <p>and</p> <p>To delegate to the Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement and the Strategic Manager for Planning and Infrastructure Delivery the ability to agree to make minor presentational, consequential and typographical changes to the Planning Enforcement Strategy, as long as any changes do not materially change the content of the strategy agreed by Cabinet.</p>	<p>The council's current Enforcement Policy was published in 2015. A peer review of Planning Services was independently undertaken by the Local Government Association (LGA) in May 2022, which made a number of recommendations in relation to planning enforcement. These included the implementation of a new Planning Enforcement Strategy.</p> <p>Within the Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025 there are key areas of activity that will be the main areas of focus for the lifetime of this plan which will need to be central to everything we do as a council.</p> <p>The council demonstrates that it takes its regulatory role seriously and that it will work with the community to secure compliance. It creates transparency for all stakeholders, providing the manner in which the council intends to operate through promoting consistency and proportionality in</p>	<p>To amend and then adopt the Planning Enforcement Strategy, introduce the approach to delivering planning enforcement as set out in the strategy and continue to collaborate with parish, town and community councils about the most appropriate models of delivering additional enforcement capacity.</p> <p>Not to adopt the Planning Enforcement Strategy and continue to base the approach to planning enforcement on the 2015 Planning Enforcement Policy.</p>	Director of Regeneration

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		regulation. It further provides the council with a basis for a robust defence to any challenges that may be encountered and demonstrates commitment to compliance with the Regulators' Compliance.		
9b	<p>Draft Island Planning Strategy</p> <p>Option 4 - To not agree with the recommendation and to not progress either route as set out and for Cabinet to propose an alternative, as below;</p> <p>The Leader will provide a verbal update to Full Council on 17 May 2023.</p> <p>This verbal update will satisfy the Full Council motion agreed in January 2023 requiring the Cabinet to inform Full Council by the end of June 2023 of the Cabinet's approach to taking the Draft IPS forward.</p> <p>The Cabinet is not bringing forward the Draft IPS at this moment in time, as the proposed changes to national planning policy and transitional arrangements have not yet been confirmed and published by the government. As soon as practicable after the government have done this, and Cabinet has understood the implications on local plan-making, Cabinet will come back to Full Council setting out how it proposes to progress the draft local plan.</p>	Once adopted the IPS will be a key document in helping the Council plan for and deliver affordable housing for Island residents. It will set the thresholds for the amount of affordable housing a development site will need to provide. It also recognises that a new home that is classified as affordable under the NPPF does not, in practical terms, equal an affordable home in the context of the Island.	<p>Option 1 – To agree all of the recommendation in this report and recommend to Full Council that;</p> <p>a) no earlier than three months after publication of the new National Planning Policy Framework (or within such time period as set out in the new framework that allows any transitional arrangements to come into force), submission to Full Council of a revised draft Island Planning Strategy as amended by the Cabinet, with the Cabinet's reasons for any amendments made to the draft Island Planning Strategy, for Full Council's consideration;</p> <p>and/or;</p> <p>b) as soon as is practicably possible, commence preparation work on a new local plan under the new plan making</p>	Director of Regeneration

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			<p>system (which will be set out in the Levelling Up & Regeneration Act and 'go live' in late 2024), and that new local plan to consider a case for 'exceptional circumstances'.</p> <p>Option 2 - To agree only part (a) of the recommendation and recommend to Full Council that:</p> <p>a) no earlier than three months after publication of the new National Planning Policy Framework (or within such time period as set out in the new framework that allows any transitional arrangements to come into force), submission to Full Council of a revised draft Island Planning Strategy as amended by the Cabinet, with the Cabinet's reasons for any amendments made to the draft Island Planning Strategy, for Full Council's consideration;</p> <p>Option 3 - To agree only part (b) of the recommendation and recommend to Full Council that:</p> <p>b) as soon as is practicably possible, commence preparation work on a new local plan under the new plan making</p>	

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