



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and Time	<b>WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs C Critchison (Chairman), M Lilley (Vice-Chairman), D Adams, D Andre, J Bacon, M Beston, P Brading, G Brodie, V Churchman, I Dore, R Downer, W Drew, S Ellis, P Fuller, A Garratt, S Hendry, C Jarman, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, K Love, K Lucioni, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, T Outlaw, G Peace, L Peacey-Wilcox, M Price, R Quigley, R Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Stephens, N Stuart and I Ward
Apologies	Cllr C Quirk

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The Chairman understood that she was likely to be nominated for Chairman of the Council and therefore advised that she would vacate the Chair before the first item of business and leave the room for that agenda item. The Chairman then left the room and the Vice Chairman then took the Chair.

1. **To elect a Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.**

The names of Councillor Claire Critchison and Councillor Chris Quirk were separately moved and seconded. Following the vote it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Claire Critchison be elected as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Councillor Critchison formally declared her acceptance of office and took the chair.

2. **To appoint a Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.**

Councillor Karl Love was nominated and duly seconded, there were no other nominations. Following the vote it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Karl Love be elected as Vice Chairman of the Council for the

ensuing year.

Councillor Love formally declared his acceptance of office.

3. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023 be approved.

4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

5. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

The Chairman advised that she had attended a range of events over the last year including citizenships, local charities and schools. In the last few months, she had attended coronation church services, the 250<sup>th</sup> Ramblers gate opening and marshalled for Walk the Wight. A primary school had visited County Hall to learn about the Council, Lieutenancy and voting process.

The Chairman thanked Councillor Lilley for all the help and support he had given her in his role as Vice Chairman for the last year.

6. **Leaders Annual Report**

The Leader congratulated the Chairman and Vice Chairman for their appointments. She advised that there would be a restructure of the Cabinet which would be circulated as soon as it was available.

A question was raised regarding the Island Deal and how this was being pursued, the Leader advised that she would continue to fight for more funding for the Island.

The Leader was asked to give thanks to the team at 1leisure for the work being carried out supporting island residents to turn their health around, the Leader thanked the team for all the work they had undertaken and acknowledged that she understood how it was changing lives.

A question was raised regarding the community wealth building initiative and hoped that any restructure threads through the community wealth building, the Leader thanked Cllr Quigley for all his work and once the restructure was completed she would keep this in mind.

The Leader was asked how many affordable and low cost rental homes had been delivered in the last four months and how many they expect to be delivered in the next 12 months. She stated that a written response would be provided.

Councillors asked for information regarding development projects within the next year for island residents, and were advised that it took time to bring projects

forward. A further question was asked regarding working with Vectis Housing Association to provide housing, The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Digital Transformation, Housing, Homelessness and Poverty advised that conversations were ongoing with Vectis Housing Association.

The Leader advised that the Cabinet was not bringing the Draft Island Planning Strategy forward at this time. Changes to National Planning Policy and transitional arrangements had not been confirmed and published by the Government. Once this had been done and the implications understood on local plan making, the Cabinet would report to Full Council how it proposes to progress with the draft local plan.

**7. To approve the following programme of ordinary Council meetings for the ensuing year.**

RESOLVED:

THAT the following dates be approved:

19 July 2023  
20 September 2023  
15 November 2023  
17 January 2024  
28 February 2024 (Budget)  
20 March 2024  
15 May 2024 (Annual)

**8. Reports of the Monitoring Officer**

**8a Review of Political Proportionality, Alternative Arrangements, Appointments of Committees, Allocation of Seats, Nominations and Appointments to Committees (including Chairs and Vice-Chairs) and other Constitutional Issues**

Following the publication of the Revised appendix one further nominations had been received and a further updated version was circulated to Councillors at the meeting (attached to and forming part of these minutes).

The following nominations for Chairman of Committees were put forward and duly seconded without being contested and appointments duly

RESOLVED:

Audit Committee – Councillor A Garratt  
Appeals Committee – Councillor I Dore  
Corporate Scrutiny – Councillor J Robertson  
Harbour Committee – Councillor P Jordan  
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee – Councillor D Andre  
Licensing Committee – Councillor G Peace  
IW Pension Fund Committee – Councillor C Jarman  
Planning Committee – Councillor W Drew

Councillor R Quigley and Councillor S Ellis were separately moved and seconded for the position of Chairman for Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills following a vote it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor R Quigley be appointed Chairman for Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills.

Councillor M Lilley and Councillor J Nicholson were separately moved and seconded for the position of Chairman for Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care. The vote was tied and in accordance with Part 4B, section 10 (Voting) the Chairman used her casting vote and it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor M Lilley be appointed Chairman for Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care.

Councillor N Stuart and Councillor M Beston were separately moved and seconded for the position of Chairman for Policy and Scrutiny for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration, following a vote it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor N Stuart be appointed Chairman for Policy and Scrutiny for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration.

The following nominations for Vice Chairman of Committees were made and duly seconded following a vote it was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the following be appointed to the role of Vice Chairman for the following Committees:

RESOLVED:

Appeals Committee – Councillor J Bacon  
Appointments and Employment Committee – Councillor J Robertson  
Audit Committee – Councillor V Churchman  
Corporate Scrutiny Committee – Councillor P Spink  
Harbour Committee – Councillor G Peace  
Investigating and Disciplinary Committee – Councillor W Drew  
Licensing Committee – Councillor I Ward  
IW Pension Fund Committee – Councillor V Churchman  
Planning Committee – Councillor C Quirk  
Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills –  
Councillor S Ellis

Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care – Councillor J Nicholson  
Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration – Councillor  
J Lever

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the existing committees be reappointed with no changes to their size or terms of reference except that the Audit Committee shall be renamed the Audit and Governance Committee.
2. THAT the political proportionality review and arrangements be formally approved, with the membership of the Harbour Committee being seven elected councillors, two of which should be Cabinet portfolio members.
3. THAT the appointments set out in Appendix 1 (as amended) be approved.
4. THAT the Director of Corporate Services be granted delegated authority to declare any vacancy in the office of councillor under section 86 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended and that the constitution be updated accordingly.

#### 9. **Appointments to Outside Bodies**

Councillor M Lilley advised that he would step down from the Pension Board. Council agreed to provide nominations to a future meeting of Council.

A vote was taken, and the result of which was:

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the council appointments as set out in the Appendix 1 to this report (as revised) be approved.
2. THAT the appointments made or to be made by the Leader of the Cabinet in respect of executive appointments as listed in Appendix 2 to this report (as revised) be noted.

THAT nominations for representatives for external organisations (who make the appointments) as contained in Appendix 3 to this report (as revised) be agreed in so far as those organisations are relevant to the exercise of council functions.

#### 10. **Motions Submitted under Part 4A, Procedure Rule 9 of the Council's Constitution**

##### 10a **By Councillor Brodie**

Councillor Brodie moved the following amended motion:

Full Council agrees to establish a politically proportionate 'Future Governance Working Group' to make recommendations to Full Council January 2024

regarding moving to a Committee system of governance (including the future Committee structure, decision-making powers, etc.). The intention being to recommend for approval a formal resolution to that meeting to bring about such a change in governance with effect on and from the Annual Council 2024.

The Future Governance Working Group shall consist of ten councillors, namely any 3 councillors from the Alliance Group, any 4 councillors from the Conservative Group, any 1 councillor from the Empowering Islanders Group, any 1 councillor from the Liberal Democrat Group, and any 1 non-aligned councillor, plus staff support. Its terms of reference are to develop a new Committee system of governance for the Isle of Wight Council and to make recommendations for its implementation to Full Council.

In so doing, the Future Governance Working Group shall, amongst other things, consider how other local authorities have made a transition back to the Committee system of governance model and what lessons can be learnt from that experience, and shall consider examples of best practice, to inform those recommendations. The Chairman advised that under Part 4A Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution, she had determined that as the subject matter would have financial implications it would be considered further and referred without discussion to the Cabinet.

RESOLVED:

THAT the motion be referred to Cabinet.

#### 11. **Member Questions to the Leader and to any other Cabinet Member**

Cllr P Brading submitted a written question. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Digital Transformation, Housing, Homeless and Poverty provided a written response. (MQ 04/23).

Cllr V Churchman asked how the Authority were addressing developer commitment to building affordable houses on the island, The Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement advised that affordable homes were a corporate priority, government had recognised the importance of building affordable homes for local people.

Cllr P Spink asked for confirmation that Planning Committee members were entitled to vote against officer recommendations provided it is based on material planning considerations, that the possibility of an appeal was not a material planning consideration and that any form of action should not be taken against the councillor concerned. The Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement agreed to provide a written response.

Cllr C Mosdell asked when the speeding review feedback would be available. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport advised that it was due after the summer

Cllr C Mosdell asked a supplementary question for the list of hot spot sites to be provided so that town, parish and community councils could ensure specific roads had been included. The Cabinet Member advised that the information would not be provided.

Cllr G Brodie asked if the Cabinet Member would agree that the problems experienced by Planning Authority over the last two years had almost disappeared with the formation of the new group and membership of the committee. The Cabinet Member responded that he was not sure.

Cllr V Churchman asked if the appointed councillors to the Parking And Traffic Outside of London (PATROL) had attended any meetings in the last two years. They both advised that they had been unable to attend any. Cllr Churchman advised that she would be happy to attend on their behalf. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport was happy for her to attend on his behalf.

Cllr A Garratt asked if the Cabinet Member could confirm if there was a list of hotspots for the speeding review. The Cabinet Member advised that there was no list to provide. A supplementary question was asked to go back to officers to request such a list. The Cabinet Member advised there was no list in process of a review and collating data into a report.

Cllr M Price asked if the town, parish and community councils could be provided with the roads or areas that had been assessed to ensure areas had not been missed. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport advised much of the review had been carried out under the scope set out before the review commenced.

Cllr I Ward asked the Cabinet member if he recalled when they worked together to develop housing policy to build more housing it was met with opposition, and one cannot build what one does not have planning permission for. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Digital Transformation, Housing, Homeless and Poverty agreed. The Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement advised that utilising resources within the Local Planning Authority he had requested affordable housing scheme planning applications to be fast tracked.

Cllr P Spink questioned the terminology used when referring to affordable housing, his preference being social housing for rent. The Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement advised that within the draft Island Planning Strategy it would be referred to as Island affordable housing.

CHAIRMAN

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## Proposed Nominations at 17 May 2023 Annual Council

### Appeals Committee (10)

[Alliance Group: (3); Conservative Group: (4); Empowering Islanders Group: (1); Liberal Democrat Group: (1); Ungrouped: (1)].

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u>
<b>Alliance Group (3)</b>	1. Cllr Jonathan Bacon 2. Cllr Ian Dore 3. Cllr Karen Lucioni	1. Cllr Debbie Andre 2. Cllr Claire Critchison 3. Cllr Paul Fuller 4. Cllr Joe Lever 5. Cllr Karl Love 6. Cllr Julie Jones-Evans 7. Cllr Phil Jordan 8. Cllr Lora Peacey Wilcox 9. Cllr Ian Stephens
<b>Conservative Group (4)</b>	1. Cllr Vanessa Churchman 2. Cllr Suzie Ellis 3. Cllr John Nicholson 4. Cllr Matthew Price	1. Cllr Paul Brading 2. Cllr Warren Drew 3. Cllr Stephen Hendry
<b>Empowering Islanders Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr David Adams	1. Cllr Chris Jarman 2. Cllr John Medland 3. Cllr Peter Spink
<b>Liberal Democrat Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Andrew Garratt	1. Cllr Michael Lilley 2. Cllr Nick Stuart
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (1)</b>	1. Cllr G Brodie	1. Vacancy

Chair of Appeals Committee: Current Chairman – **Cllr Ian Dore**

Vice-Chair of Appeals Committee: Current Vice-Chair – **Cllr Jonathan Bacon**

**Co-opted**: Cllr Mick Lyons (with Cllr Patricia Redpath as substitute) appointed to serve as the IWALC non-voting co-opted member of the Appeals Committee, when determining a Code of Conduct investigation into the conduct of a town, parish or community council councillor.

## **Appointments and Employment Committee (6)**

[Alliance Group: (2); Conservative Group:(2); Empowering Islanders Group: (1); Liberal Democrat Group: (0); Ungrouped:(1)].

NB. The chairman of the committee is the Executive Leader.

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes *</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group (2)</b>	1. Cllr Lora Peacey Wilcox [Holds position due to post of Executive Leader] 2. Cabinet Member with portfolio for particular post being recruited too.	1. Cllr Debbie Andre 2. Cllr Ian Dore 3. Cllr Paul Fuller 4. Cllr Julie Jones-Evans 5. Cllr Phil Jordan 6. Cllr Karen Lucioni 7. Cllr Ian Stephens
<b>Conservative Group (2)</b>	1. Cllr Paul Brading 2. Cllr Joe Robertson	1. Cllr Warren Drew 2. Cllr Suzie Ellis 3. Cllr Clare Mosdell 4. Cllr Chris Quirk
<b>Empowering Islanders Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr John Medland	1. Cllr David Adams 2. Cllr Chris Jarman <b>3. Cllr Peter Spink</b>
<b>Liberal Democrat Group (0)</b>	No entitlement	No entitlement
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (1)</b>	1. Cllr Geoff Brodie	<b>1. Vacancy</b>

\*Includes the Cabinet Member relevant to the post under consideration.

Chair of the Appointments and Employment Committee: Leader of the Council

Vice-Chair of the Appointments and Employment Committee: Current Vice-Chair – **Cllr Joe Robertson**

## **Audit and Governance Committee (7)**

[Alliance Group:(2); Conservative Group: (3); Empowering Islanders Group: (1); Liberal Democrat Group: (1); Ungrouped: (0)].

NB. Ideally cannot be Cabinet Members or members of a Scrutiny committee due to potential conflict of interest(s).

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group (2)</b>	1. Cllr Karen Lucioni 2. Cllr Claire Critchison	1. Cllr Debbie Andre 2. Cllr Ian Dore 3. Cllr Rodney Downer 4. Cllr Paul Fuller 5. Cllr Joe Lever 6. Cllr Julie Jones-Evans
<b>Conservative Group (3)</b>	1. Cllr Vanessa Churchman 2. Cllr Gary Peace 3. Cllr Ray Redrup	1. Cllr Paul Brading 2. Cllr Warren Drew 3. Cllr Suzie Ellis 4. Cllr Martin Oliver
<b>Empowering Islanders Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Chris Jarman	1. Cllr David Adams 2. Cllr John Medland 3. Cllr Peter Spink
<b>Liberal Democrat Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Andrew Garratt	1. Cllr Michael Lilley 2. Cllr Nick Stuart
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (0)</b>	No entitlement	No entitlement

Chair of the Audit Committee: Current Chairman – **Cllr Andrew Garratt**

Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee: **Vacancy**

## **Corporate Scrutiny Committee (10 – but 9 elected IWC Councillors)**

[Alliance Group:(3); Conservative Group:(4); Empowering Islanders Group: (1); Liberal Democrat Group: (0); Ungrouped:(1)].

NB. Cannot include any Cabinet Member. Cannot include any Audit Committee Member.

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group (3)</b>	1. Cllr Joe Lever 2. Rodney Downer 3. Karl Love	1. Cllr Claire Critchison 2. Cllr Ian Dore
<b>Conservative Group (4)</b>	1. Cllr Warren Drew 2. Cllr Suzie Ellis 3. Cllr Chris Quirk 3. Cllr Joe Robertson	1. Cllr Michael Beston 2. Cllr Paul Brading 3. Cllr Vanessa Churchman 4. Cllr Gary Peace

<b>Empowering Islanders Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Peter Spink	1. Cllr David Adams 2. Cllr Chris Jarman 3. Cllr John Medland
<b>Liberal Democrat Group (0)</b>	No entitlement	No entitlement
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (1)</b>	1. Cllr Richard Quigley	1. Cllr Geoff Brodie

Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee: Current Chairman – **Cllr Richard Quigley**

Vice-Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee: Current Vice-Chair – **Cllr Chris Quirk**

Co-opted:

**Vacancy** co-opted voting representative nominated by the IWALC (following the resignation of Cllr C Palin).

There is a **vacancy** for one non-voting co-opted representative from HALC.

### **Harbour Committee (7)**

[Alliance Group:(2); Conservative Group:(3); Empowering Islanders: (1); Liberal Democrat Group: (0); Ungrouped:(1)]

Chairman is the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport.

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group (2)</b>  <b><u>NB. Constitution change?</u></b> <b><u>Part 3 Section 6 – to bring into line with Statutory Proportionality rules</u></b>	1. Cllr Jonathan Bacon 2. Cllr Phil Jordan	1. Cllr Julie Jones-Evans
<b>Conservative Group (3)</b>	1. Cllr Gary Peace 2. Cllr Matthew Price 3. Cllr Ray Redrup	1. Cllr Vanessa Churchman 2. Cllr Martin Oliver
<b>Empowering Islanders Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr John Medland	1. Cllr David Adams 2. Cllr Chris Jarman 3. Cllr Peter Spink
<b>Liberal Democrat Group (0)</b>	No entitlement	No entitlement
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (1)</b>	<b>1. Vacancy</b>	<b>1. Vacancy</b>

**Chairman of the Harbour Committee:** Current Chairman – **Cllr Phil Jordan**

**Vice-Chairman of the Harbour Committee:** Current Vice-Chair – **Cllr Gary Peace**

## **Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (5)**

[Alliance Group: (2); Conservative Group: (2); Empowering Islanders: (0); Liberal Democrat Group: (1); Ungrouped: (0)].

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group (2)</b>	1. Cllr Debbie Andre 2. Cllr Lora Peacey Wilcox	1. Cllr Jonathan Bacon 2. Cllr Claire Critchison 3. Cllr Ian Dore 4. Cllr Rodney Downer 5. Cllr Paul Fuller 6. Cllr Julie Jones-Evans 7. Cllr Phil Jordan 8. Cllr Joe Lever 9. Cllr Karl Love 10. Cllr Karen Lucioni 11. Cllr Ian Stephens
<b>Conservative Group (2)</b>	1. Cllr Warren Drew 2. Cllr Chris Quirk	1. Cllr Suzie Ellis 2. Cllr Stephen Hendry 3. Cllr Martin Oliver 4. Cllr Gary Peace
<b>Empowering Islanders Group (0)</b>	No entitlement	No entitlement
<b>Liberal Democrat Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Andrew Garratt	1. Cllr Michael Lilley 2. Cllr Nick Stuart
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (0)</b>	No entitlement	No entitlement

Chair of the Investigatory & Disciplinary Committee: Current Chairman – **Cllr Debbie Andre**

Vice-Chair of the Investigatory & Disciplinary Committee: Current Vice-Chair – **Cllr Warren Drew**

### **Licensing Committee (11)**

[Alliance Group:(4); Conservative Group:(5); Empowering Islanders: (1); Liberal Democrat Group: (0); Ungrouped: (1)].

No Substitutes permitted (to prevent circumvention of statutory rules as to size).

	<b><u>Members</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group (4)</b>	1. Cllr Jonathan Bacon 2. Cllr Paul Fuller 3. Cllr Julie Jones-Evans 4. Cllr Debbie Andre
Conservative Group (5)	1. Cllr Michael Beston 2. Cllr Suzie Ellis 3. Cllr Clare Mosdell 4. Cllr Gary Peace 5. Cllr Ian Ward
<b>Empowering Islanders Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Chris Jarman
<b>Liberal Democrat Group (0)</b>	No entitlement
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (1)</b>	<b>1. Vacancy</b>

Chair of the Licensing Committee: **Vacancy**

Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee: Current Vice-Chair – **Cllr Gary Peace**

### **Pension Fund Committee (7)**

[Alliance Group: (3); Conservative Group:(3); Empowering Islanders: (1); Liberal Democrat Group: (0); Ungrouped:(0)].

NB. Cannot be a Pension Board Member.

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group (3)</b>	1. Cllr Debbie Andre 2. Cllr Claire Critchison <b>3. Vacancy</b>	1. Cllr Ian Dore 2. Cllr Rodney Downer 3. Cllr Joe Lever 4. Cllr Karen Lucioni

<b>Conservative Group (3)</b>	1. Cllr Paul Brading 2. Cllr Vanessa Churchman <b>3. Vacancy</b>	1. Cllr Warren Drew 2. Cllr Suzie Ellis 3. Cllr Stephen Hendry
<b>Empowering Islanders Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Chris Jarman	1. Cllr David Adams 2. Cllr John Medland <b>3. Cllr Peter Spink</b>
<b>Liberal Democrat Group (0)</b>	No entitlement	No entitlement
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (0)</b>	No entitlement	No entitlement

Chair of the Pension Fund Committee: Current Chairman – **Cllr Chris Jarman**

Vice-Chair of the Pension Fund Committee: Current Vice-Chair – **Vacancy**

### **Planning Committee (13 – but 12 elected IWC Councillors)**

[Alliance Group:(4); Conservative Group: (5); Empowering Islanders: (1); Liberal Democrat Group (1); Ungrouped:(1)].

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes *</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group (4)</b>	1. Cllr Debbie Andre 2. Cllr Claire Critchison 3. Cllr Jonathan Bacon 4. Cllr Julien Jones-Evans	1. Cllr Karen Lucioni 2. Cllr Joe Lever 3. Cllr Karl Love  (no more than 3)
<b>Conservative Group (5)</b>	1. Cllr Vanessa Churchman 2. Cllr Warren Drew 3. Cllr Martin Oliver 4. Cllr Matthew Price 5. Cllr Chris Quirk	1. Cllr Paul Brading 2. Cllr Suzie Ellis 3. Cllr Ian Ward  (no more than 3)
<b>Empowering Islanders Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Peter Spink	1. Cllr David Adams 2. Cllr Chris Jarman 3. Cllr John Medland  (no more than 3)
<b>Liberal Democrat Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Nick Stuart	1. Cllr Andrew Garratt 2. Cllr Michael Lilley
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (1)</b>	1. Cllr Geoff Brodie	<b>1. Vacancy</b>  (no more than 3)

Chair of the Planning Committee: **Vacancy**

Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee: Current Vice-Chair – **Cllr Warren Drew**

**Emma Cox** is the co-opted non-voting IWALC representative nominated by IWALC.

\*Please note that no more than **three substitutes** may be appointed to the Planning Committee for each political group under Part 4B rule 5.

**Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children Services, Education and Skills (11 but 7 elected IWC Councillors)**

[Alliance Group: (2); Conservative Group:(2); Empowering Islanders: (1); Liberal Democrat Group (1); Ungrouped: (1)].

NB. Cannot be a Cabinet member.

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group (2)</b>	1. Cllr Rodney Downer 2. Cllr Joe Lever	1. Cllr Claire Critchison 2. Cllr Ian Dore 3. Cllr Karl Love
<b>Conservative Group (2)</b>	1. Cllr Stephen Hendry 2. Cllr Tig Outlaw	1. Cllr Paul Brading 2. Cllr Warren Drew 3. Cllr Suzie Ellis 4. Cllr Martin Oliver
<b>Empowering Islanders Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr David Adams	1. Cllr Chris Jarman 2. Cllr John Medland 3. Cllr Peter Spink
<b>Liberal Democrats Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Nick Stuart	1. Cllr Michael Lilley
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (1)</b>	1. Cllr Richard Quigley	<b>1. Vacancy</b>

Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Children Services, Education & Skills: Current Chairman – **Cllr Richard Quigley**

Vice-Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Children Services, Education & Skills: Current Vice-Chair – **Cllr Joe Lever**

**4 statutory education co-optees** – Existing reappointed.



## **Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care (7)**

[Alliance Group:(2); Conservative Group:(3); Empowering Islanders: (1); Liberal Democrat Group (1); Ungrouped:(0)].

NB. Cannot be a Cabinet member.

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group (2)</b>	1. Cllr Rodney Downer 2. Cllr Joe Lever	1. Cllr Claire Critchison 2. Cllr Ian Dore
<b>Conservative Group (3)</b>	1. Cllr Clare Mosdell 2. Cllr John Nicholson 3. Cllr Joe Robertson	1. Cllr Vanessa Churchman 2. Cllr Suzie Ellis 3. Cllr Martin Oliver 4. Cllr Tig Outlaw
<b>Empowering Islanders Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr John Medland	1. Cllr David Adams 2. Cllr Chris Jarman 3. Cllr Peter Spink
<b>Liberal Democrat Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Michael Lilley	1. Cllr Nick Stuart
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (0)</b>	No entitlement	No entitlement

Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Health & Social Care: Current Chairman – **Cllr John Nicholson**

Vice-Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Health & Social Care: Current Vice-Chair – **Vacancy**

## **Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration (7)**

[Alliance Group:(3); Conservative Group:(3); Empowering Islanders: (0); Liberal Democrat Group (1); Ungrouped:(0)].

NB. Cannot be a Cabinet member.

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group (3)</b>	1. Cllr Rodney Downer 2. Cllr Joe Lever 3. Cllr Karl Love	1. Cllr Claire Critchison 2. Cllr Ian Dore
<b>Conservative Group (3)</b>	1. Cllr Michael Beston 2. Cllr Chris Quirk 3. Cllr Ian Ward	1. Cllr Warren Drew 2. Cllr Suzie Ellis 3. Cllr Tig Outlaw
<b>Empowering Islanders Group (0)</b>	No entitlement	No entitlement
<b>Liberal Democrat Group (1)</b>	1. Cllr Nick Stuart	1. Cllr Michael Lilley
<b>Ungrouped Cllrs (0)</b>	No entitlement	No entitlement

Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods & Regeneration: Current  
Chairman – **Cllr Joe Lever**

Vice-Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods & Regeneration: Current  
Chairman – **Vacancy**

**For the avoidance of doubt, the above committees are appointed with the terms of reference as set out in the constitution (as amended by decision of the Council). No further changes are made to any existing arrangements.**

## Annual Council – 17 May 2023

### Written question from Cllr Brading to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Digital Transformation, Housing, Homeless and Poverty.

I was acting as a substitute at the last Planning Committee meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> April and was very alarmed and concerned by the discussion during members questions that followed the decision, and the subsequent sharing of voting records. This clearly highlighted what many of us have known for some time – that a vocal minority of Members of the Planning Committee have consistently voted against Officer's recommendations, thereby blocking the delivery of housing on the Island. The right sort of housing is desperately needed by the younger, and less wealthy, members of our communities.

Several of these committee members have also seemed to have ignored the Monitoring officer's advice with regards to predetermination on multiple occasions, behaviour which is in breach of the Isle of Wight Council constitution (Section 13, Code of Practice for Members and Officers Dealing with Planning Matters, Decision Making, page 242). This was highlighted in the recent Planning Service Peer review as causing the IWC reputational damage, and it fundamentally undermines the Local Authority's credibility with the Inspectorate, therefore undermining the DIPS and potentially incurring financial risk via the appeals process.

If delivering housing for Islanders is this Council's number one priority, what actions are you going to take to address this unacceptable and damaging situation?

## ***Response***

Thank you for your question Cllr Brading and for highlighting your concerns. In preparing this response I have liaised with my colleague Cllr Fuller, who is the Cabinet member responsible for Planning and Enforcement.

The Planning Committee is, of course, an important committee that acts as a shop window for the council. It plays a crucial role in providing democratic and transparent decisions on sometimes controversial issues.

As I know you'll be aware, the Planning Committee should be determining the planning applications it sees on their own merits and in accordance with the development plan, unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

The Administration recognised its importance by including the committee within the scope of the Peer Review into the Planning Service, which was undertaken by the Local Government Association at the Administration's request.

I am aware that at the last Planning Committee there was a discussion relating to the issues raised in this question, and that the Chair of the Planning Committee was asked to provide information on voting records at a future committee meeting. I would expect that this exercise will facilitate further conversations and reflection from within the Committee, if required, on this issue.

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