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## Agenda

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date	<b>WEDNESDAY 17 MAY 2023</b>
Time	<b>6.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Members of the committee	All Members of the council

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1. **To elect a Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.**
2. **To appoint a Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.**
3. **Minutes** (Pages 7 - 12)  
To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2023.
4. **Declarations of Interest**  
To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.
5. **Chairman's Official Announcements**  
To receive the Chairman's official announcements.



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6. **Leaders Annual Report (20 minutes)** (Pages 13 - 20)

- a) To receive the Leader's Annual report (5 minutes maximum).
- b) Members questions on the Leader's update report (15 minutes maximum).
- c) To note the Annual reports of individual Councillors.

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

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**

- (a) 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 (Pages 21 - 38)
- (b) Appointments to Outside Bodies (Pages 39 - 50)

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

- (a) By Councillor Brodie

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 4 councillors from the Alliance Group, any 4 councillors from the Conservative 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.

10. **Member Questions to the Leader and to any other Cabinet Member (30 minutes)**

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CHRISTOPHER POTTER  
Monitoring Officer  
Tuesday, 9 May 2023

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These forms will be numbered in the order they are handed back.

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If time allows after dealing with any written questions, the Chairman will then ask those who have submitted a form to put their question. These will be in the order they were received. As the subject matter is known, the Chairman should be able to indicate which member will reply. If time permits the Chairman may accept further questions.

The option to ask a supplementary question will be at the Chairman’s discretion.

Once the defined period of time allowed for questions has passed (and assuming the Chairman has not extended this) then all remaining oral questions are left unanswered.

No oral question will receive a guaranteed written response, unless the member responding indicates as such.

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## Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and Time	<b>WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 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 Andre, P Brading, G Brodie, V Churchman, R Downer, W Drew, S Ellis, P Fuller, A Garratt, S Hendry, C Jarman, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, K Lucioni, J Medland, J Nicholson, M Oliver, T Outlaw, G Peace, L Peacey-Wilcox, M Price, R Quigley, C Quirk, R Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Stephens, N Stuart and I Ward
Apologies	CLLrs D Adams, J Bacon, M Beston, I Dore, K Love, C Mosdell and D Pitcher

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### 42. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2023 be approved subject to the word Social to be changed to Stroke in the final paragraph of Minute 41.

### 43. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

### 44. **Public Question Time**

Mr B Hardy had submitted a written public question on behalf of the Youth Council (PQ-13-23).

### 45. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

The Chairman advised that she had attended various events over the last few week's which included a ceremony for the new ArchDeacon in Ryde and a flag raising event to mark International Woman's Day at County Hall. She had also attended a citizen ceremony held at Seaclose offices and had been invited to the Isle of Wight athletics club AGM and prize giving as the patron.

46. **Leaders Update Report**

47. **Report of the Leader**

The Leader introduced her report and advised that since her report was published The Living Well and Early Help services had won Gold at the 2023 Local Government Chronical Awards.

A question was asked regarding future delivery of social housing on the Island by the administration, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Digital Transformation, Housing, Homelessness and Poverty advised that conversations were being held with rental providers, he advised that a full written response would be provided.

Thanks were given to Steve Crocker and Brian Pope who were retiring soon, for the work they had undertaken for the Authority, Thanks were also given to Paul Thistlewood the Council's Statutory Scrutiny Officer who was also retiring at the end of the month.

It was noted that International Women's Day had been acknowledged by the authority and the Leader was asked how to encourage women into the roles, the Leader advised that she was pleased to see two young ladies from the Youth Council in the public gallery and hoped to inspire young people into democracy.

The Leader was asked if it would be practical to ringfence income generated by the council to fund anti-poverty initiatives. The Leader asked if Cllr Garratt could email the Section 151 Officer.

48. **Report on the use of Special Urgency Provisions**

The Leader introduced the report highlighting a decision that was made under the Special Urgency Provision.

RESOLVED

That this report be noted.

49. **Report of the Monitoring Officer**

49a **Approval of the Members Allowance Scheme 2023-2024**

The Monitoring Officer advised Full Council that the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) had been consulted on the recommendations and these were in line with what the IRP had agreed.

It was noted that the scheme agreed the previous year had included an indexation provision which enabled changes in line with the National staff pay awards to be



made. Negotiations for the 2023/24 pay award were ongoing and following any decision the IRP would be consulted.

Concern was raised regarding the current budget position and the level of increase in the previous year.

It was noted that the Monitoring Officer had granted on 12 January 2022 all councillors a four-year dispensation under Section 33 (2) of the Localism Act 2011 to take part and vote in respect of the Members' Allowance Scheme and associated matters.

The recommendations were duly seconded and a vote was taken, the result of which was:

**RESOLVED:**

1. THAT the Isle of Wight Council Members' Allowance Scheme ('the Scheme') be approved to take effect on and from 1 April 2023, with the basic allowance for 2023/2024 being the existing amount for 2022/2023 of £8,832 plus an annual indexation amount for 2023/2024 (if any agreed nationally) under the terms of the Scheme.

THAT, before implementation of any adjustment to the 2023/2024 basic allowance amount and any adjustments for subsequent years up to and including 2025/2026, the Independent Remuneration Panel be consulted.

**50. Reports of the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Transformational Change and Corporate Resources**

**50a Local Housing Benefit Scheme Review**

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Transformational Change and Corporate Resources presented the report seeking to use the authority's discretion for War Disablement and War Widow's pensions.

**RESOLVED**

1. THAT Full Council approves 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);

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 Benefits Manager (Option C).

## 50b Council Tax Premiums on Second Homes and Empty Properties

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Transformational Change and Corporate Resources introduced the item. He advised that the Levelling Up Bill was currently going through Parliament, noted that all conditions requested 12 months' notice prior to implementation, and stated that the report sets out the Council's intention to implement.

Concern was raised that the item was potentially misleading, and the rationale for the figure being set at this stage was asked for. The following amendment was proposed and duly seconded. A vote was taken the result of which was:

RESOLVED

That Full Council declares its intention to implement and approve the additional council tax premiums, to be applied from 01 April 2024, or as soon thereafter as possible, subject to the legislation being in place with a figure to be determined for such premiums.

A motion to move to the next item of business was proposed and duly seconded, in accordance with the Council's Constitution (Part 4B – Procedure Rules Governing how Full Council, Cabinet, Committees, Sub-Committees and Boards Operate section Rules of Debate) this was immediately put to the vote the result of which was:

RESOLVED

THAT the motion fell

Following debate on the substantive motion in accordance with the Council's Constitution (Part 4B – Procedure Rules Governing how Full Council, Cabinet, Committees, Sub Committees and Boards Operate section Voting) a named vote was requested by four Councillors, a named vote was taken the result of which was:

For (19)

Cllrs P Brading, G Brodie, V Churchman, W Drew, S Ellis, S Hendry, A Garratt, J Nicholson, M Oliver, T Outlaw, G Peace, M Price, R Quigley, C Quirk, R Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, N Stuart, I Ward

Against (12)

Cllrs D Andre, R Downer, P Fuller, C Jarman, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, M Lilley, K Lucioni, J Medland, L Peacey Wilcox, I Stephens

Abstain (1)

Cllr C Critchison

RESOLVED:

That Full Council declares its intention to implement and approve the additional council tax premiums, to be applied from 01 April 2024, or as soon thereafter as

possible, subject to the legislation being in place with a figure to be determined for such premiums.

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

52. **By Councillor Lilley**

Councillor M Lilley moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

In light of eligibility of free school meals has risen by 63% over the last 4 years on Isle of Wight and eligibility of free school meals being an indicator of child poverty:

Isle of Wight Council resolves to reaffirm its motion of 16th January 2019, to reduce child poverty on the Isle of Wight over 5 years up to 2028, through development of a specific child poverty reduction strategy with targets and outcomes.

Following debate a vote was taken the results were as follows:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Isle of Wight Council resolves to reaffirm its motion of 16th January 2019, to reduce child poverty on the Isle of Wight over 5 years up to 2028, through development of a specific child poverty reduction strategy with targets and outcomes.

53. **Member Questions to the Leader and to any other Cabinet Member**

Cllr N Stuart submitted a written question, the Cabinet Member for Levelling up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism provided a written response. (MQ 03/23).

CHAIRMAN

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Committee: **FULL COUNCIL**

Date: **17 MAY 2023**

Title: **LEADER'S ANNUAL REPORT**

Report of: **LEADER OF THE COUNCIL**

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Chairman, I submit the following leader's report as a summary of the achievements of last year by the Alliance Administration. The achievements were as a result of the efforts of many people across all sectors, working together with common purpose, including, for example, the voluntary sector, town, parish and community councils and other stakeholders as well as our staff at the Isle of Wight Council.

It has without doubt been a difficult year for everyone; the post pandemic period has brought with it many challenges, the most significant being the cost-of-living crisis which has touched all our lives. We have focused our efforts on doing whatever we can to alleviate the pressures for Islanders. We remain committed to tackling these issues alongside our communities who have done so much to provide local support.

Against the backdrop of economic decline, February Full Council saw the approval of the budget for the 2022/23 financial year. This period of budget setting was one of the gravest situations this council has faced. With inflationary pressures, rising service demand and legacy impact of the pandemic, we have strived to deliver the savings required to secure a balanced budget whilst minimising the impact on services. We will continue to focus our attention on economic recovery. Despite these challenges, we have remained as a committed administration and one which remains determined to work together with our communities to address the needs of our island and the people who live, work and visit.

Delivering services for our local community is not only about focusing on large scale projects but is also about those small differences that we can make daily. The summary of activity below reports on the wide range of activity that has been delivered by this council in the last year:

### **People and Communities**

- Trailblazer for Family Hubs - in 2022 Children's Services were successful in their application to the "Start for Life and Family Hubs" Government led programme. This project will better enhance the current Family Centre offer, providing families with improved access points to integrated family support services for

early help with social, emotional, physical and financial needs. Family hubs provide support to families from conception until the age of 19 (or 25 for young people with SEND).

- This year Children's Services were announced as 1 of 14 Local Authorities across the UK to achieve Trailblazer status. This work has already commenced and will cease at the end of the programme in March 2025.
- Safety Valve - we have also launched the Department for Education's Safety Valve programme with schools, an ambitious programme that includes:
  - building capacity in mainstream schools to support more children and young people with SEN support.
  - the establishment of a new special school, which will enable more children with complex needs to be educated within the local community.

The Safety Valve programme provides the opportunity for the high needs deficit to be paid off by 2027.

- The past year has continued to be challenging for Adult Social Care and Housing Needs. The impact of the pandemic and the cost of living crisis continues to shape demand for support and this in turn has impacted on capacity to deliver the care and support required. Our staff team continues to shine and to work harder than ever to ensure that Island residents are able to access the help that they need. Against a backdrop of increase demand and reduced budget the Isle of Wight has continued to lead the way in a number of areas.
- The recommissioned Living Well and Early Help Service has been nationally recognised, winning the Gold award in the Public Sector Transformation Awards in the Health and Care Category. Delivered in partnership with Aspire Ryde, who are supported by their own community partners – West Wight Sports and Community Centre, Pan Together and Ventnor Town Council, the service has gone from strength to strength. The new Living Well and Early Help Service, which is accessible to all IOW residents through four key geographic locations and to rural localities through a mobile support hub, went live on 1 April 2022. Since the service was implemented less than one per cent of the people who have been supported by it have been referred for statutory service intervention. Help is including anything from social contact and building people's support circles, to referrals into community groups nearby or linking local people with the job centre, Carers Isle of Wight, housing support, health and social care assistance or cost of living help, the wide range of support and the way in which it is being delivered has hugely benefited local people.
- In addition, Following the 2022 independent 5 year review of care provision quality undertaken by TrustedCare (and published in January 2023) the Isle of Wight has ranked first place in the UK with 97% of homes on the Island achieving a CQC Good or Outstanding rating. This is a huge triumph for the county as back in 2017 we were only 2 spots above the bottom of the table with just 70% of services on the Island having been awarded a Good or Outstanding rating. Since 2017 the council has worked in partnership with Mountbatten to develop and provide the Island Better Care Programme which has been made

available at no charge to all CQC registered care services. The sole purpose of the programme has been to equip care providers with the knowledge and skills to bring about sustainable quality improvements. The significant shift in the quality of care and support for local people is a testament to the Programme and to the dedication, hard work and determination of our local care home and home care providers and their hardworking staff teams.

- The Housing Needs team have over the last year effectively managed the high number of requests received for support against a backdrop of a challenging private rental sector. The team have dealt with around 2,000 approaches in the last 12 months. Every effort is being made to ensure that we continued to ensure no family exceeds 6 weeks in bed and breakfast despite the increasing pressures on the service. In 2023/24 a total of 372 households had their homelessness prevented or relieved by the Housing Solutions Team, compared to 289 in 2022/23. This means we are preventing 25% more households from experiencing homelessness than in the previous year. In addition to the day to day activity the team have also successfully lead a programme to provide new accommodation to support homeless people and five flats have been purchased for single homeless individuals or couples to rent here on the Island. The programme was delivered through grant from DLUHC via the Rough Sleepers Accommodation Grant and our own Section 106 monies for “affordable homes” via the planning system. These flats have given homeless people a place to call home and somewhere they can build a new life from.
- This month has seen the closure of the Gouldings for the essential refurbishment. The works have now commenced on site. The programme of work will see the service re-opening in late Autumn 2023 and able to provide a higher quality of care and support for local people.
- In addition, the council’s graduate programme for care and support workers has launched with the team attending sessions with 3 on Island further education providers. We have already started to receive interest and applications for the 20 new apprenticeship style roles which are due to start in July 2023. The programme is a rolling 2-year opportunity to increase the social care workforce here on the Island and to ensure future stability in caring roles. Working with local provider partners, including the NHS Trust, the programme is aimed at ensuring that people who are new to roles in the care sector are fully supported and able to maximise the opportunities related to a caring role. It is anticipated that the new programme will improve the retention and development of our local workforce.
- The business centre team have continued to support local residents during the cost-of-living crisis. Over the past year they have paid 2856 new housing benefit claims within an average 13 days and processed 61899 changes to claims within an average of 3.5 days to ensure that residents receive the financial support they are entitled to. Some 444 exceptional hardship applications have been assessed awarding 272 payments to the value of £54,745. This is in addition to council tax discretionary relief payments of £67,277 awarded to 51 residents to aid households experiencing exceptional circumstances. In November the 21/22 benefits subsidy claim was audited and signed off by the Department for Work and Pensions. The auditors found only four errors on the claim totalling £40 which given that the claim is for £33 million is testament to the great work the team are undertaking in protecting the finances of the council by maintaining a high level of accuracy, thereby avoiding penalties being applied

by the Department for Work and Pensions.

- The revenues team have administered the energy rebate grants and made a total of 56,231 payments to households living in properties banded A-D banded equating to £8,434,650. Another £326,260.00 was paid to households under the discretionary scheme to assist with household bills.
- In November the Adult Community awards ceremony was held as part of the National Festival of Learning. The occasion was an opportunity to share and showcase inspiring stories of Islanders going the extra mile for their community and for the winners to highlight how learning not only supports the gaining of qualifications, but the impact on people's lives.
- The annual review of the council's apprenticeship programmes identified we have 130 members of staff engaged on this type of training, maximising the use of the apprenticeship levy. Learners are a mix of new start apprentices and existing staff go upskill or change skills, with an age range of 16 - 63 years. We are working with 31 apprenticeship providers from all over the country delivering 70 different apprenticeship programmes. We have delivered year one of the Government's 3 year 'Multiply' programme to support adults with numeracy skills. As part of this programme we are also supporting people at work, people seeking work and also parents with finding out how best to support their children's maths at home.
- Our community wealth building work continues. We are now an associate member of Shaping Portsmouth and are planning to have an Island presence at the Portsmouth and South Coast Business week next year. We have also engaged with Greenwich Council who launched their community wealth building strategy last year, to understand how they built and developed their network with local organisations to create a strong anchor network.
- The council's new website is complete with all content from the old site having been transferred by the 31 March deadline and the BETA site operating in parallel during its development switched off, affording access to all the council's webpages on one site. This new platform offers improved features and functionality and works on all devices and is responsive to user needs. Further development of the website will continue as part of normal service.
- Our new digital strategy has set the scene to make the most of the opportunities that digital transformation presents, and which also keep the council's data and information secure. Cyber security is a key consideration for councils across the country with ever increasing threats and attacks being apparent. The Deputy Leader of the council, in his capacity as portfolio holder for digital transformation, has arranged for the council to take part in the Local Government Association Cyber 360 exercise that focuses on cyber security culture within local government. This free support provided by the Local Government Association aims to help councils improve their understanding of cyber risk; prevent and resist cyber-attacks more effectively and develop cyber security skills at every level of the organisation. The review will be conducted over three days in June by a team of external council officers and industry experts.



- **The Council's public health work has gone from strength to strength with a focus on**
  - **Mental Health with the network** growing to over 40 organisations working on mental health and wellbeing and the adoption by partners of a joint Mental Wellbeing Plan with the key priorities of community resilience and information; reducing stigma and discrimination; suicide prevention (self-harm support and bereavement support are key highlights); reducing inequalities and wider determinants. The mental wellbeing small grants fund that our administration insisted upon has funded projects to meet the above objectives.
  - **Substance misuse** – the setting up of the Island Strategic Drug and Alcohol Partnership and collaboratively developed the local delivery plan which demonstrates how key stakeholders will work together to deliver the ambitions of the national 'from harm to hope' strategy has built on previous work. We have secured additional government monies from various sources (Supplementary grant, rough sleepers initiative and probation funding) bringing these together into one plan to better support our most vulnerable residents.
  - **Healthy Lifestyles -the development of a Healthy Lifestyle Plan.** This focuses on the key areas of healthy weight, tobacco control, physical activity and alcohol consumption with a golden thread of NHS Health Checks. Smoking in pregnancy has been a key area of focus and our rates have shown a consistent decrease such that our smoking at time of delivery rate is now statistically similar to the England value.
  - Supported the management of **health protection incidents** and outbreaks in education, care settings and hospitals. This included focused activity in relation to the peak in Group A Streptococcus activity at the end of 2022, helping education and early years settings. Also, jointly supported efforts to monitor and manage the monkeypox outbreak across our local authority area, together with our sexual health commissioners and commissioned services.
  - Supported the roll out of the **COVID-19 autumn and spring vaccination campaigns**, as well as the Influenza vaccination programme. This included various communication activities for the general public and social care staff.
  - Development of numerous communication activities to support uptake of **immunisation and screening programmes**, to help address the impact of the pandemic on uptake of these programmes across our local population
  - Relaunch to the **Joint Strategic Needs Assessment** to enable service planning to meet the needs of the island population
  - We established the Domestic Abuse Partnership Board in line with the new Act and have completed a domestic abuse needs assessment, appointed a survivor voice representative organisation and continue to work towards Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance accreditation

## Environment

- **Waste** – Residents across the Island should receive their annual waste services booklet and calendar in the first two weeks of May. The booklet contains really useful information to help you to recycle the right materials! This year residents will receive stickers in the booklets for the wheeled bins. Following the change in ownership of the waste partner we need your help in de-branding your bins. This activity is paid for by the new company and not the council. The stickers used to do this will also use icons to help residents remember what you can recycle and what waste goes in which bin.
- **Coastal** – Urgent repair works are continuing along Ventnor eastern esplanade to repair the damaged seawall. I would like to thank the community in Ventnor for their patience while this work is proceeding. Similarly in Seaview, damage to the Pier Road slipway over the winter has meant a temporary closure, which we know is a concern for users. A structural survey has been ordered and repairs will be made as soon as possible. In the Bay area, we are continuing to clear remaining cliff fall debris from behind the catch fencing on the promenade between Shanklin and Sandown. Beach users in Bonchurch will soon see beach reprofiling to move shingles back to the beach areas which has been moved in storms.
- **Dinosaur Isle** – We are currently reviewing the operations at our Dinosaur Isle Museum which currently attracts around 40,000 visitors a year. We want to safeguard the valuable dinosaur collection which is second in importance to the Natural History Museum in London, as well as enhance the visitor experience to the museum.
- **Highways and Transport Improvement Schemes** – the works to improve the Ryde Esplanade and pier are coming to completion. This project of a combined value of over £50 million is a DfT funded partnership involving Network Rail, Southwestern Trains and Wightlink ferries. The improvements and enhancements make a real difference to the appearance of one of our key gateways to the Island. This year also saw the completion of a number of other highway improvement schemes including the Smallbrook roundabout with the aim of creating a safer junction for road users. We have also been successful in attracting funding for cycle schemes including around £700k for improvements in Ryde. We have also obtained further funding from DfT to make safety improvements to the main A3057 route.

## Economy

- The last 12 months has seen the delivery of key regeneration projects supporting the Island's recovery from the worst effects of the pandemic. The opening of the Island's first modern co-working space at Building 41 based on the BAE campus will be built on the opportunity of the Island becoming full fibre connected by the end of this year. New businesses starting, existing ones growing and people dropping in while visiting relatives are all using this fantastic facility. Our Biosphere vision has also been brought to life by the development at Branstone Farm, working in partnership with Vectis Housing new homes for 54 island families, a new business centre and a new brewery have all opened to great acclaim. Living and working together while protecting our natural environment the Branstone scheme is an example of the right kind of development which suits the Island.

- The East Cowes Marine hub, Levelling Up fund project has delivered more marine jobs through a new boat hoist and more manufacturing space, the development of the barracks and a new public area, designed in conjunction with the local community, are next to be done this year.
- Investment in the heritage action zones in Ryde and Newport, shopfronts improvements, new public friendly space are one example of our area regeneration approach, working with town and parish councils across the Island to prioritise local improvements. A new programme for helping those struggling to get work and extended support for businesses are key features of the shared prosperity funding we are deploying on the Island.
- Next month Cabinet will consider a new cultural strategy for the Isle of Wight which will seek to shine a light on the fantastic businesses and organisations that improve our economic and social wellbeing through use of their creative skills. Nurturing this sector and working with them Arts council on projects such as The Department in Ryde will be an important element of the next phase of our regeneration programme, capped off by the development of the new film studio at Kingston and the development of a business case for a new cultural centre for the Island based at Newport harbour
- The Event season is due to start in June and the Islands Safety Advisory Group are working hard to ensure the safety of events to those attending or living in the vicinity.

### **Housing Renewal**

- The Eco flex scheme is now live on the Island which will enable eligible Island residents to access free energy efficiency measures for their property. The scheme is an extension of the Energy Company Obligation (ECO4) to improve domestic property energy efficiency focusing on low income and vulnerable households. There are 3 authorised suppliers on the Island and to find out further information look on the council's website under energy initiatives. This helps to meet the Government and councils fuel poverty and net zero commitments.
- In 2022/23 demand was the highest ever seen on the Island for Disabled Facilities Grants. Following some excellent joint working, prioritisation and hard work the team have managed to reduce the waiting list substantially.

### **Draft Island Planning Strategy**

- The local authority has been working towards further progressing its draft planning strategy against the background of ever changing events at national level.
- Councillors were formally updated on the Draft Island Planning Strategy on 18 January 2023 and Full Council resolved at that meeting that no later than the end of June 2023 that I should inform Full Council again.
- On 11 May 2023 the Cabinet will be considering a report on the Draft Island Planning Strategy.

- I shall accordingly update councillors orally at the Annual Council meeting as to what Cabinet resolved to recommend to Full Council.

### **Community Safety**

- The Community Safety Partnership has recently published its annual strategic assessment and partnership plan. Whilst there has been some increase in overall crime rates the Isle of Wight crime rate continues to be lower than the national average. The council is a key partner in this delivery and works jointly with the other partners, highlights for the last year include the Joint Action Group to tackle antisocial behaviour issues, delivery of the Violent Crime Unit with the OPCC and safer street 3 which improved the safety of our night time economy areas.

### **Draft Island Planning Strategy**

- The local authority has been working towards further progressing its draft planning strategy against the background of expected changes to national planning policy, guidance and new legislation.
- Councillors were formally updated on the Draft Island Planning Strategy on 18 January 2023 and Full Council resolved at that meeting that no later than the end of June 2023 that I should inform Full Council again.
- On 11 May 2023 the Cabinet will be considering a report on the Draft Island Planning Strategy, which outlines the issues we face and the potential benefits of extending the time before establishing the most appropriate route to taking our local plan forward.

I shall accordingly update councillors orally at the Annual Council meeting as to what Cabinet resolved to recommend to Full Council

I would like to thank everyone for these outstanding achievements. It would be remiss of me not to also make reference to the many other successes and great work that has been delivered right across the council. There are too many to mention here but suffice it to say it is through the dedication of staff that we make such progress against our priorities for the island and the commitment of cabinet members in delivering our ambitions, for which I am extremely grateful. A final thank you to all those councillors throughout the chamber who have helped, supported and worked with us.

Lora Peacey-Wilcox



Purpose: For Decision

## FULL COUNCIL REPORT

Meeting	<b>ANNUAL COUNCIL</b>
Date	<b>17 MAY 2023</b>
Title	<b>REVIEW OF POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY, ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES, ALLOCATION OF SEATS, NOMINATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES (INCLUDING CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS) AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES</b>
Report of	<b>MONITORING OFFICER</b>

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The review of the political proportionality arrangements is triggered by law each year at the annual meeting (under section 15(1)(b) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989) in respect of bodies that are required to be politically proportionate.
2. The last review took place on 18 January 2023 as a result of the formation of the Liberal Democrat political group, and alternative arrangements were agreed at the meeting held on 18 January 2023 (in respect of the membership of the Pension Fund Committee and the Appeals Committee).
3. At the time of writing this report (4 May 2023) the proportionality figures have not changed from when last calculated and reported on 18 January 2023 to Full Council and the alternative arrangements made at that meeting. Should there be any change(s) formally notified, then the proportionality figures will need to be recalculated and adjustments duly made. There has been no change in the number, size and terms of reference of council committees.
4. Appendix 1 to this report sets out the committees, their size and their membership including substitutes (where permitted) and positions of chair and vice-chair to be appointed (subject to any subsequent changes that are to be made to that Appendix).
5. The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny last month issued its long awaited guidance on 'The review and redrafting of constitutions: guidance for English authorities' together with other guidance, and this will be of assistance in the current ongoing review of the local authority's constitution. In the meantime, delegated authority is being sought for the Director of Corporate Services to have power to

declare a vacancy in the office of councillor for the purposes of section 86 of the Local Government Act 1972 (including where such office has been vacated due to failure to attend meetings under section 85 of that Act).

6. Members are advised to read and consider this report (together with Appendix 1 to this report as may be amended) and to decide what changes, if any, are to be made to the arrangements following the conduct of this particular review.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

7. That the existing committees be reappointed with no changes to their size or terms of reference.
8. That the political proportionality review and arrangements be formally approved subject to the maintenance of the alternative arrangements agreed on 18 January 2023.
9. That the appointments set out in Appendix 1 to this report (as amended) be approved.
10. 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.

## BACKGROUND

11. Political proportionality is the system by which each 'political group' is represented on certain council bodies in proportion to the numbers of members of the political group relative to the size of the council as a whole.
12. Section 15 (1) ('duty to allocate seats to political groups') of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 imposes a statutory duty to undertake a review of the political proportionality arrangements when certain circumstances arise after the council has divided itself into one or more political groups as defined in the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended ('the 1990 Regulations'). One of those circumstances is the holding of the annual meeting. Such a review is required under section 15(1)(b) of the Act to be carried out at each annual meeting or as soon as practicable thereafter.
13. On 18 January 2023 Full Council last agreed the reviewed political proportionality and agreed that alternative arrangements for the Pension Fund Committee and the Appeals Committee would operate in order that Cllr Andrew Garratt could continue to serve on the Pension Fund Committee, with a consequential change so that the loss of the unaligned seat was compensated through the Liberal Democrat allocated seat on the Appeals Committee being allocated to the unaligned group.
14. For ease of reference, the table below sets out the overall proportionality of the three existing political groups and the four unaligned councillors in relation to the total membership of the local authority (39):

		% of the whole council to nearest two decimal points
Alliance Group	17	43.59
Conservative Group	17	43.59
Liberal Democrat Group	2	5.13
Unaligned	3	7.69
Total:	39	

15. There are, however, complex statutory rules under section 15(5) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 which apply to the allocation of seats proportionality to political groups on certain committees where such seats are required to be proportionate (and no alternative arrangements are in place).
16. Normally all four of the statutory principles would apply, but the second principle within section 15(5)(b) is not relevant in circumstances where there is no one political group which is a majority political group.
17. This disregarded second principle is: That 'the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership' i.e. the majority political group gets a majority on the body. But there is no such majority political group at the present time.
18. In performing the duty under section 15(3) of the Act (as modified by regulation 16(2) of the 1990 Regulations) to allocate seats to political groups 'to determine the allocation to each of those groups of such of the seats which fall to be filled by appointments made from time to time by that authority or committee as bear to the total of all those seats the same proportion as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority', the review must, so far as is reasonably practicable, follow the statutory principles laid down in section 15(5) of the Act, namely:-

**Principle 1** (section 15(5)(a) of the Act)

That 'all the seats are not allocated to the same political group' i.e. no council body can be exclusively the preserve of one political group.

**Principle 3** (section 15(5)(c) of the Act)

That, subject to priority being given first to principle 1, 'the number of seats on the **ordinary committees** of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total number of all the seats on the **ordinary committees** of that authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority'.

This requires that proper categorisation is undertaken to identify those bodies which are 'ordinary committees' and that the TOTAL number of seats on those ordinary committees allocated to political groups reflect the proportionate strength of the political groups on the whole council. This is not the same as the subordinate principle 4 below.

**Principle 4** (section 15(5)(d)) of the Act)

That, subject to priority being given to the above principles in order of priority (1 & then 3), 'the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority'.

This principle seeks to ensure each body (whether or not an 'ordinary committee') is proportionate but this principle is overridden by principles 1 and then 3 which as stated above have priority in their respective order.

19. As section 15 (4) of the Act makes clear, this duty to apply these 'section 15(5) principles' imposes a requirement 'to make only such determinations as give effect, so far as reasonably practicable, to the principles...' This recognises that mathematics only takes us so far as one has to deal with whole numbers. It is recommended that so far as reasonably practicable numbers are rounded up to the nearest whole number if .5 and above, and rounded down if .4 or below. Adjustments to the allocation of seats to political groups will need to be made to reflect the principles in their respective order of priority. Hence the law recognises that it is ultimately so far as is reasonably practicable. The review reflects this.
20. Section 16 of the Act imposes a duty to give effect to allocations by making appointments in accordance with the expressed wishes of the respective political groups as regards their allocated seats on bodies required to be politically proportionate. The council cannot override the wishes of those political groups by majority vote.
21. Seat allocations between political groups are non-transferable as to do so undermines the statutory political proportionality rules and is an impermissible attempt to introduce alternative arrangements without going through due process.
22. As there are non-aligned councillor(s) (i.e. ungrouped councillor(s)), there is a duty as regards seats not allocated to political groups (i.e. those left over) 'to make appointments as to secure that the persons appointed to those seats are not members of any political group' (see section 16(2A) of the Act). This ensures that seats are available to non-grouped councillors, but no such councillor cannot demand to be appointed to any specific seat on any particular body as their collective or individual wishes as to nomination are not required to be followed. It is the proportion of seats that must be respected by the council (subject to alternative arrangements).
23. There are no changes proposed to the existing number, size or terms of reference of council committees, and the review has proceeded on this basis.
24. The council may disapply the political balance requirements in whole or in part provided no councillor votes against those alternative arrangements (see section 17(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and regulation 20 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990).
25. Appendix A to this report sets out the ordinary committees and other bodies which are required to be politically proportionate (and includes the alternative arrangements made on 18 January 2023), and the nominations so far as is known to such bodies together with nominations for appointments for chair and vice-chairs



of such bodies.

26. Appendix A (prepared as at 4 May 2023) is subject to any revisions to reflect any changes in wishes expressed by the relevant political groups in respect of their seat allocations, and any changes in alternative arrangements agreed. Indeed, there are a number of vacancies which stand to be filled or left vacant.
27. The local authority's constitution is currently being reviewed and further engagement with councillors will take place as soon as practicable.
28. As mentioned in the summary to this report, this review will be aided by the recent publication of guidance from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny [Practical Guidance Archives - Centre for Governance and Scrutiny \(cfgs.org.uk\)](#). A fourth publication relating to meetings of full council is expected later this year.
29. In the meantime, councillors are being recommended to grant delegated authority to the Director of Corporate Services to discharge the duty to declare vacancy in office in certain cases set out in section 86 of the Local Government Act 1972, including where a councillor has failed to comply with the minimum attendance requirements in section 85 of that Act. Such delegated authority would enable effective and efficient administration to take place.
30. Guidance jointly published by the Association of Electoral Administrators, Lawyers in Local Government and the Association of Democratic Services Officers urges local authorities to grant such delegated authority where a councillor has ceased to be a member of the local authority where there has been a breach of section 85 of that Act. Although failure to attend any qualifying meetings for six consecutive months (without specific prior approval for such specific absence having been granted by the full council) results in such a councillor ceasing to be a member of the local authority, there is a second stage required namely the formal declaration of a casual vacancy. Section 86 of that Act requires the local authority to declare that office vacant 'forthwith'. At present there is no delegation of this duty and it must be performed by the full council in the absence of such grant of delegation.
31. The guidance advocates as a matter of good practice the grant of delegated authority so as to avoid potential delay occasioned by having to wait until a meeting of the full council is called and held. The requirement to declare such a vacancy forthwith creates an understandable expectation that such declaration will be made promptly without delay. Councillors are therefore requested to grant delegated authority to the Director of Corporate Services to declare any vacancies under section 86 of that Act.

## CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

32. The [Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025](#) and its corporate aims are furthered through having effective corporate governance arrangements in place. Good governance arrangements are therefore essential to the delivery of the council's services and the decision-making process that support this.

## CONSULTATION

33. A copy of this report was sent to all Group Leaders and to the three non-aligned councillors.

## FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

34. There are no additional costs associated with the proposals contained in this report. The recommendations accord with the resources available within the overall budget agreed by Full Council in February 2023.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

35. As set out in the report.

## EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

36. The council as a public body is required to meet its statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equal opportunities between people from different groups and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. It is not considered that the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

## OPTIONS

37. Option 1: That the existing committees be reappointed with no changes to their size or terms of reference.
38. Option 2: That changes be made to existing committee arrangements.
39. Option 3: That the political proportionality review and arrangements be formally approved subject to the maintenance of the alternative arrangements agreed on 18 January 2023.
40. Option 4: That other alternative arrangements be agreed.
41. Option 5: That the appointments set out in Appendix 1 to this report (as amended) be approved.
42. Option 6: That other appointments be made.
43. Option 7: 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.

44. Option 8: That Full Council does not delegate authority under section 86 of the Local Government Act 1972.

### RISK MANAGEMENT

45. The recommendations are to ensure that the council meets its corporate governance requirements and responds to changing requirements and demands. These should lessen the risks arising from any challenge to the decision-making process by way of judicial review or other such legal action.

### EVALUATION

46. Council could make changes to its existing agreed committee arrangements but in view of the size of membership of the local authority (39 councillors) no change is being recommended at this stage.
47. Full council considered political proportionality and agreed alternative arrangements at its meeting on 18 January 2023. This review is only triggered due to this meeting being the annual meeting of council.
48. Council has no option and must respect the duly expressed wishes of the respective political groups and to appoint those nominated to their allocated seats and to appoint those nominated as substitutes (unless no such wishes were expressed within the prescribed statutory deadline in which case the council has discretion to appoint – this is not yet applicable as time only begins to run after the decision to allocate seats has been made and after the Monitoring Officer has given due written notice). Council must also respect the proportion of seats required to be allocated to non-aligned councillors, though is not required to appoint any particular councillor to any specific seat.
49. To discharge in a more timely manner the duty to formally declare vacancies in certain cases under section 86 of the Local Government Act 1972 would be achieved through the grant of delegated authority.

### APPENDIX 1 ATTACHED

50. Appendix 1 - sets out the committees to be re-established (with no changes to their size or their terms of reference) and appointments to such committees (including substitutes where permitted) and to the positions of chair and vice-chair of such committees which are required under Part 4A Section 1 to be appointed at each annual council meeting.

### BACKGROUND PAPERS

51. None.

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**Proposed Nominations and Appointments at 17 May 2023 Annual Council**

**Appeals Committee (10) (With alternative arrangements continuing)**

[Alliance Group: (4); Conservative Group: (4); Liberal Democrat Group: (0); Ungrouped: (2)].

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Ungrouped</b>	TBA	TBA

Chair of Appeals Committee: TBA

Vice-Chair of Appeals Committee: TBA

**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.

NB. Swop of non-aligned seat on Pension Fund Committee to non-aligned on Appeals Committee, with Lib Dem seat lost on Appeals Committee going to Pension Fund Committee – January 2023 alternative arrangements.

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

[Alliance Group **(3)**; Conservative Group:**(2)**; 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 Substitutes*</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group</b>	Cllr Lora Peacey-Wilcox [Holds position due to post of Executive Leader] (Chairman) TBA	TBA
<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Ungrouped</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: TBA

### **Audit Committee (7)**

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

NB. Ideally cannot be Cabinet Members or members of a Scrutiny committee due to potential conflict of interests.

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Liberal Democrat Group</b>	TBA	TBA

Chair of the Audit Committee: TBA

Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee: TBA

**Corporate Scrutiny Committee (10 – but 9 elected IOWC councillors)**

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

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

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group Substitutes</u>
<b>Alliance Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Ungrouped</b>	TBA	TBA

Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee: TBA

Vice-Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee: TBA

Co-opted: Cllr Cameron Palin serves on the Corporate Scrutiny Committee as the co-opted voting representative nominated by the IWALC

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

**Harbour Committee (7)**

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

Chairman is the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport.

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u>
<b>Alliance Group</b>	Cllr Jonathan Bacon* Cllr Chris Jarman** Cllr Phil Jordan*** (Chairman)	TBA
<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Ungrouped</b>	TBA	TBA



Includes \* the Cabinet member for Environment, Heritage and Waste Management, \*\* the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Corporate Resources and Transformational Change, and \*\*\*the Cabinet Member for the Highways PFI, Infrastructure and Transport.

**Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (5)**

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

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Ungrouped</b>	TBA	TBA

Chair of the Investigatory & Disciplinary Committee: TBA

Vice-Chair of the Investigatory & Disciplinary Committee: TBA

**Licensing Committee (11)**

[Alliance Group:(5); Conservative Group:(5); 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</b>	TBA
<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA
<b>Ungrouped</b>	TBA

Chair of the Licensing Committee: TBA

Vice-Chair of the Licensing Committee: TBA

**Pension Fund Committee (7)**

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

NB. Cannot be a Pension Board Member.

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group</b>	TBA	TBA

<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Liberal Democrat Group</b>	TBA	TBA

Chair of the Pension Fund Committee: TBA

Vice-Chair of the Pension Fund Committee: TBA

NB. Swop of non-aligned seat on Pension Fund Committee to non-aligned on Appeals Committee, with Lib Dem seat lost on Appeals Committee going to Pension Fund Committee – January 2023 alternative arrangements.

**Planning Committee (13 – but 12 elected IOWC councillors)**

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

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group Substitutes</u></b> *
<b>Alliance Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Liberal Democrat Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Ungrouped</b>	TBA	TBA

Chair of the Planning Committee: TBA

Vice-Chair of the Planning Committee: TBA

**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 IOWC councillors)**

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

NB. Cannot be a Cabinet member.

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Ungrouped</b>	TBA	TBA

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

Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Children Services, Education & Skills:  
TBA

Vice-Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Children Services, Education & Skills: TBA

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

[Alliance Group:**(3)**; Conservative Group:**(3)**; 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</b>	TBA	TBA

<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Liberal Democrat Group</b>	TBA	TBA

Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Health & Social Care: TBA

Vice-Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Health & Social Care: TBA

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

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

NB. Cannot be a Cabinet member.

	<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Named Group Substitutes</u></b>
<b>Alliance Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Conservative Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Liberal Democrat Group</b>	TBA	TBA
<b>Ungrouped</b>	TBA	TBA

Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods & Regeneration: TBA

Vice-Chair of the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods & Regeneration:  
TBA

**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 and other bodies continue.**





Purpose: For Decision

## Full Council Report

Date **17 MAY 2023**

Title **APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES**

Report of **MONITORING OFFICER**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to receive nominations of councillors to serve on outside bodies that are required to be appointed by the council and to make any required appointments, and to note appointments to be made by the Leader of the Cabinet.
2. It also lists nominations for representatives to be put forward for appointment by external organisations.

### RECOMMENDATION

3. That the council appointments as set out in the Appendix 1 to this report (as revised) be approved.
4. 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.
5. 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.

### BACKGROUND

6. Outside bodies are external organisations, including those with which the local authority has formal or informal arrangements.
7. Participation in outside bodies contributes to the local authority's strategic functions, priorities or community leadership roles, supports partnership and joint working, and enables councillors to gain and share knowledge and expertise.
8. Under the constitution, the Annual Meeting will receive nominations of councillors to

serve on outside bodies that are required to be appointed by the council (Part 4A Section 1 on page 137). [PART 4A - Annual Meetings.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

9. The function of making appointments to outside bodies has been reserved by members and so no officer delegations exist presently.
10. Part 3 of the Constitution lists the 'local choice functions' set out in Schedule 2 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000. The relevant part is paragraph 16 on page 75 of the Constitution which, in effect, provides for the Leader of the Cabinet to make the appointment where the appointment relates to the discharge of 'executive functions', and for the council to appoint where the appointment concerns the discharge of 'non-executive functions'. [PART 3 - Local Choice Functions.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#). Difficulties may arise where any appointment relates to the discharge of both 'executive functions' and 'non-executive functions', in which case it is recommended that such appointments or nominations as representatives for appointment are made with the agreement of the executive.
11. Appendix 1 to this report sets out the nominations received at the date of writing this report (5 May 2023) for appointments to be made by the council. It will be updated if and when changes are made.
12. Appendix 2 to this report lists (as at 5 May 2023) appointments made or to be made by the Leader of the Cabinet (which when made will be duly reported to Full Council).
13. Appendix 3 contains nominations requested for representatives for external organisations (who make the appointments).

#### CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

14. The recommendations in this report support the [Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025](#) in delivering the corporate priorities and vision contained within it.

#### CONSULTATION

15. The draft report was circulated to group leaders and ungrouped councillors.

#### FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

16. None arising from this report.

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

17. Some appointments to outside bodies are made because of a statutory or legal requirement to appoint one or more councillors to them. In other cases, for example, the constitution of outside bodies may require a councillor to be appointed. However, most appointments to outside bodies are discretionary, and take into consideration how representation on them adds value in terms of contributing towards the local authority's strategic priorities.



18. Those councillors or members who are appointed to other bodies or by other bodies are advised to update their notifications for their relevant register(s) of interest, where appropriate.

## EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

19. The council as a public body is required to meet its statutory obligations under the Equality Act 2010 to have due regard to eliminate unlawful discrimination, promote equal opportunities between people from different groups and to foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it. The protected characteristics are: age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation. It is not considered that the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

## OPTIONS

20. Option 1: To make appointments as set out in the Appendix 1 to this report (as revised) in respect of council appointments.
21. Option 2: Not to make such council appointments.
22. Option 3: To note 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).
23. Option 4: Not to note such appointments made or to be made by the Leader of the Cabinet.
24. Option 5: To agree nominations for representatives for external organisations (who make the appointments) as contained in Appendix 3 to this report (as revised) in so far as those organisations are relevant to the exercise of council functions.
25. Option 6: Not to agree nominations for representatives for external organisations (who make the appointments) as contained in Appendix 3 to this report (as revised).

## RISK MANAGEMENT

26. Councillors who are involved in the management of outside bodies have responsibilities to that body that must be acted upon. Their role, responsibilities and potential liabilities will depend upon the legal nature of the organisation (e.g. another local authority, company, trust, charity, unincorporated association) and the capacity in which they have been appointed (e.g. director, trustee, member with voting rights or member with observer status). Failure to act in a proper manner may give rise to personal liability or liability for the local authority.
27. Councillors should therefore carefully consider the implications and responsibilities of being involved with particular outside bodies, including time commitments, managing potential or actual conflicts of interest, personal risk arrangements and the extent of any insurance cover, and obligations to report back to the local authority.

28. For instance, with the continued emphasis on partnership working, councillors (as community leaders) have an important role to fulfil in supporting and advising outside bodies. However, this can give rise to conflicts of interest, particularly where the organisation is seeking or receiving funding from the local authority. Councillors always need to be clear about their roles and alert to potential conflicts of interest in order to ensure transparency and public confidence in local democracy, including the local government decision-making process.
29. All councillors taking up such appointments are recommended to make sure that when they take up their appointment with the relevant outside body they have access to the important documents regulating that organisation such as its constitution or terms of reference to ensure that they are aware of what the body can and cannot do, and receive a proper briefing on that body and their role within it if necessary.
30. Those councillors taking up such appointments are obliged to continue to comply with the local authority's Members' Code of Conduct, to comply with the code of conduct of the outside body they are appointed to if one exists, and to declare a personal interest in any business of the local authority where it relates to a body they are appointed to by the local authority.

#### EVALUATION

31. Where appointments are not made to all of the outside bodies, there is a risk that this could hinder the local authority in furthering its interests and corporate priorities, and not further develop the external facing role of councillors. In those cases where appointments are required to be made, there would be a risk of legal challenge. Where the option is taken not to appoint to particular outside bodies, consideration should be given whether there are any implications arising from that decision by not making an appointment.

#### APPENDICES ATTACHED

32. Appendix 1 – Full council appointments.
33. Appendix 2 – Executive function appointments.
34. Appendix 3 – Nominations for representatives on external organisations.

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

35. None.

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# ANNUAL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS MAY 2023

	ORGANISATION	REQUIREMENTS	July 2022	Annual Council 2023
1	ACCESS Pool Joint Committee*	1 Member of Pension Fund Committee + Deputy from Pension Fund Committee	1. V Churchman 2. D Andre	1. 2.
2	Adoption Panel	1 Member	1. D Andre	1.
3	Armed Forces Champion	1 Member	1. I Dore	1.
4	Corporate Parenting Board**	1 Member of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills and at least 1 minority group member and 1 from either the Fostering or Adoption Panel.	1. D Andre 2. R Quigley 3. S Ellis	1. 2. 3.
5	Fostering Panel	1 Member	1. D Andre	1.
Page 43	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association	3 Members (1 should be Leader)	1. L Peacey Wilcox 2. I Stephens 3. P Jordan	1. 2. 3.
7	Hampshire Police and Crime Panel***	1 Member 1 Deputy	1. K Lucioni 2. I Ward (deputy)	1. 2.
8	Health and Wellbeing Board****	Executive Leader Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, Cabinet member for Adult Social Care and Public Health and Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Digital Transformation (or such Cabinet member as takes on such responsibilities from time to time)	1.L Peacey Wilcox 2. D Andre 3. K Love 4. K Lucioni	1. 2. 3. 4.
9	Isle of Wight Athletic Club (IWAC)	1 Member in the position of President (previously Chairman by position)	1. C Critchison	1.
10	Isle of Wight Lifeboat Board	1 Member in the position of Vice-President (previously Chairman by position)	1. C Critchison	1.

11	IW Pension Board*****	1 Member	1. M Lilley	N/A
12	Joint Consultative Meeting (JCM) (Working Group)	6 members from elected councillors, proportionate to political balance, one of whom should be the Leader, Deputy Leader or Cabinet Member responsible for Human Resources plus:  Unison (4 members + Branch Secretary plus a young member representative) GMB (1 member) Unite (1 member) FBU (1 member) Teaching Unions representative (1 member)	1. L Peacey Wilcox 2. I Stephens 3. D Andre 4. J Robertson 5. C Quirk 6. I Ward	1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6.
13	Mental Health Champion	1 Member	1. M Lilley	1.
14	Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)*****	2 Members + appointment of all other members of SACRE Group A: faiths and belief representatives of the local communities, including Christian denominations other than the Church of England Group B: representatives of the Church of England Group C: representatives of the teaching profession Group D: representatives from the LEA, including councillors and RE advisors.	1. D Andre 2. C Critchison <u>Group A:</u> Members representing the Roman Catholic Church Sister Stella Kelly Mrs Alison Burt  Members representing non-Christian faiths Dr. Lionel Alexander (Jewish faith) Mrs Anne Sechiari (Buddhist) Sylvia Clare (Buddhist) Mr Simon Bligh (Humanist) Mrs Norma Corney (Baha'i) Ebrahim Jeeewa (Muslim) Nick Wilde (Quaker) Muhammed Bahar (Muslim)	1. 2.

			<p><u>Group B:</u> Representing the Church of England Mrs Beryl Miller Mr Harry Kirby Janice Wilmott Sue Rogers</p> <p><u>Group C:</u> Representing the teachers of the Isle of Wight Secondary Bay Academy Miss Beth Feltham Sandown Ms Claire Slade-Carter St Georges Kirstie Thomas Cowes Primary Rebecca Lennon Brighstone</p> <p><u>Group D:</u> Representing the Local Authority. See above for two elected members. Mr Stuart Brenchley, Christ the King College</p>	
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[Constitution](#) Part 3 (section 8) – Joint Arrangements

\*ACCESS Pool Joint Committee - Full Council to appoint a member of the Pension Fund Committee + deputy.

\*\* Corporate Parenting Board - Including a member of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children’s Services, Education and Skills and at least one minority group member and one from either the Fostering or Adoption Panel.

\*\*\* Hampshire Police and Crime Panel (PCP) - Full Council to appoint one elected member to act as its representative on the PCP.

\*\*\*\* Health and Wellbeing Board - Not required to be politically balanced by law.

\*\*\*\*\* IW Pension Board – [Constitution](#) Part 3 (section 6) – Terms of Reference of Committees and Boards - One of the employer representatives shall be an elected member of the council. Board members cannot be a member of the IW Pension Fund Committee. Appointment is for four years, which may be extended by decision of the administrating authority for a further four years, subject to remaining eligible for re-nomination and re-selection.

\*\*\*\*\* Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE - Council to appoint all members).

For information only

## EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS – ANNUAL COUNCIL 17 MAY 2023

The following are appointments made or to be made by the Leader of the Cabinet at a later date.

	<b>ORGANISATION</b>	<b>POSITION</b>	<b>2022 MEMBER(s)</b>	<b>2023 Changes</b>
1	Augusta Wilder Almshouse Charity	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Cllr Love	
2	Combined Fire Authority (CFA)	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Fire and Rescue	Cllr Lucioni	
3	Corporate Parenting Board	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Childrens’ Services (Chair).	Cllr Andre	
4	Economic Development Board (Cabinet committee)	3 Elected Members appointed by the Leader	1. Cllr Peacey Wilcox 2. Cllr Jarman 3. Cllr Jones-Evans	
5	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA)	1 Elected Member appointed by the Leader	Cllr Lucioni	
6	Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Public Protection	Cllr Lucioni	
7	Isle of Wight Cultural Education Partnership (IWCEP)	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Childrens’ Services.	Cllr Andre	
8	Local Government Association	By Position – Leader (council is a paid-up member to the LGA, but no formal appointment is made. Leader will receive paperwork and delegate as appropriate) *	Cllr Peacey Wilcox	

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8	Local Care Board	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Cllr Love	
9	Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL)	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Environment and Transport + 1 deputy	1. Cllr Jordan 2. Cllr Bacon (deputy)	1. Cllr Jordan 2.
10	Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Cllr Love	
11	Safeguarding Children Partnership Board	By Position – Lead Member for Children’s Services (participant observer)	Cllr Andre	
12	Solent Growth Forum (SLEP)	By Position – Chairman of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration	Cllr Lever	
13	Solent Local Enterprise Partnership Board	Nominated representative for LEP election process – Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism	Cllr Jones-Evans	
14	Solent Transport (formerly Transport for South Hampshire and Isle of Wight)	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Environment and Transport	Cllr Jordan	
15	Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for flooding and coastal erosion	Cllr Bacon	
16	Visit Isle of Wight Ltd (Destination Management Organisation)	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Tourism	Cllr Jones-Evans	

\*Note that this includes being a member representative on the LGA General Assembly  
Appointments after Annual Council 17 May 2023



# Outside Bodies Nominations - ANNUAL COUNCIL MAY 2023

Councillors are nominated to organisations as representatives in a non-management capacity with no role in the governance of the organisation.

Where a Councillor is nominated as a representative pursuant to the above, they may not subsequently accept a role on the organisation's board as a Trustee/Director or in any other management capacity such as Treasurer.

	ORGANISATION	REQUIREMENTS	October 2022	Annual Council 2023
1	Armed Forces Day Parade organising committee	1 representative	1. Vacant	1.
2	Community Action IOW – Board of Trustees	2 Representatives	1. M Lilley 2. J Medland	1. 2.
3	IOW AONB Partnership Steering Committee	2 Representatives	1. J Bacon 2. P Fuller	1. 2.
4	IOW Local Access Forum	2 Representatives	1. R Downer 2. J Medland	1. 2.
5	SCOPAC 1 + 1 Deputy (Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline)	1 Representative (+ deputy)	1. J Bacon 2. P Fuller (deputy)	1. 2.
6	Solent Forum	1 Representative	1. P Fuller	1.
7	Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	1 Representative	1. P Fuller	1.
8	Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners Elected Councillors' Advisory Committee	1 Representative (+ deputy)	1. P Spink 2. C Jarman (deputy)	1. 2.

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