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Agenda

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date	WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023
Time	6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Members of the committee	All Members of the council

Democratic Services Officer: Marie Bartlett
democratic.services@iow.gov.uk

1. **Minutes** (Pages 7 - 16)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 February 2023.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

Please note that the Monitoring Officer on 12 January 2022 granted all councillors a four year full dispensation under section 33 (2) of the Localism Act 2011 to remain in the meeting room and to speak and to vote on any report (including recommendations) of the Independent Remuneration Panel relating to any members' allowance scheme proposed for the Isle of Wight Council, and to remain in the meeting room and to speak and vote on whether or not to make and approve (with or without any amendments) any members allowance scheme (including payments and allowances), notwithstanding the existence of any disclosable pecuniary interest(s). For clarity this dispensation is intended to be wide and covers any item of business relating to members' allowance scheme and includes remaining, speaking and voting on any indexation provision linked to local authority staff pay, at national level or otherwise.



Details of this and other Council committee meetings can be viewed on the Isle of Wight Council's [website](#). This information may be available in alternative formats on request. Please note the meeting will be audio recorded and the recording will be placed on the website (except any part of the meeting from which the press and public are excluded). Young people are welcome to attend Council meetings however parents/carers should be aware that the public gallery is not a supervised area.

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

Questions may be asked without notice but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting, a question must be put including the name and address of the questioner by delivery in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services at democratic.services@iow.gov.uk, no later than two clear working days before the start of the meeting. Normally, Full Council is held on a Wednesday, therefore the deadline for written questions will be Friday, 10 March 2023.

4. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

To receive the Chairman's official announcements.

5. **Leaders Update Report (20 minutes) (Pages 17 - 18)**

- a) To receive the Leader's update report (5 minutes maximum).
- b) Members questions on the Leader's update report (15 minutes maximum).

6. **Report of the Leader**

- (a) Report on the use of Special Urgency Provisions (Pages 19 - 22)

7. **Report of the Monitoring Officer**

- (a) Approval of the Members Allowance Scheme 2023-2024 (Pages 23 - 28)

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

- (a) Local Housing Benefit Scheme Review (Pages 29 - 40)
- (b) Council Tax Premiums on Second Homes and Empty Properties

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

- (a) By Councillor Lilley

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.

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

To receive a reply to a question asked during Members' Question Time to the Leader or Cabinet Member, a question must be submitted in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 5pm on Thursday, 9 March 2023. A question may be asked at the meeting without prior notice but in these circumstances, there is no guarantee that a full reply will be given at the meeting.

CHRISTOPHER POTTER
Monitoring Officer
Tuesday, 7 March 2023

Interests

If there is a matter on this agenda which may relate to an interest you or your partner or spouse has or one you have disclosed in your register of interests, you must declare your interest before the matter is discussed or when your interest becomes apparent. If the matter relates to an interest in your register of pecuniary interests then you must take no part in its consideration and you must leave the room for that item. Should you wish to participate as a member of the public to express your views where public speaking is allowed under the Council's normal procedures, then you will need to seek a dispensation to do so. Dispensations are considered by the Monitoring Officer following the submission of a written request. Dispensations may take up to 2 weeks to be granted.

Members are reminded that it is a requirement of the Code of Conduct that they should also keep their written Register of Interests up to date. Any changes to the interests recorded on that form should be made as soon as reasonably practicable, and within 28 days of the change. A change would be necessary if, for example, your employment changes, you move house or acquire any new property or land.

If you require more guidance on the Code of Conduct or are unsure whether you need to record an interest on the written register you should take advice from the Monitoring Officer – Christopher Potter on (01983) 821000, email christopher.potter@iow.gov.uk, or Deputy Monitoring Officer - Justin Thorne on (01983) 821000, email justin.thorne@iow.gov.uk.

Notice of recording

Please note that all meetings that are open to the public and press may be filmed or recorded and/or commented on online by the council or any member of the public or press. However, this activity must not disrupt the meeting, and if it does you will be asked to stop and possibly to leave the meeting. This meeting may also be filmed for live and subsequent broadcast (except any part of the meeting from which the press and public are excluded).

If you wish to record, film or photograph the council meeting or if you believe that being filmed or recorded would pose a risk to the safety of you or others then please speak with the democratic services officer prior to that start of the meeting. Their contact details are on the agenda papers.

If the press and public are excluded for part of a meeting because confidential or exempt information is likely to be disclosed, there is no right to record that part of the meeting. All recording and filming equipment must be removed from the meeting room when the public and press are excluded.

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Arrangements for Submitting Oral Questions at Meetings of Council and Cabinet:

The front desk “opens” for public wishing to attend the meeting half an hour before the meeting.

In the circumstances that a member of the public wishes to ask an oral question, they should approach the front desk and notify them of their intention. They will be given a form to complete which details their name, town/village of residence, email address and the topic of the question (not the question in full, unless they wish to provide this).

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

The time for registering questions will be for a 20 minute period (up to 10 minutes prior to the start of the meeting). After that time expires the forms will be collected and given to the Chairman of the meeting.

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.