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Agenda

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date	WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 2023
Time	6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Members of the committee	All Members of the council

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1. **Minutes** (Pages 9 - 16)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2023.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

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

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, 14 July 2023.



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4. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

To receive the Chairman's official announcements.

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

- 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 Monitoring Officer**

- (a) Appointments to Committees (Pages 21 - 24)

7. **Motion by Cllr G Brodie** (Pages 25 - 26)

To consider Cabinets response to Cllr Brodie's motion submitted to the last meeting of Full Council:

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.

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

- (a) By Councillor M Lilley

IW Council resolves:

That every child and young person on the Isle of Wight should have accessible out of school youth service/provision that is of a consistent quality where ever they live on the Island.

That the Council as the Unitary Authority works with every parish,

community and town council, youth organisations, and voluntary sector to ensure every child and young person has equality in access to a youth (out of school) service across the Island.

(b) By Councillor J Bacon

The health of the oceans and the waters that surround us as an Island are inextricably linked with our climate, human health, wellbeing and prosperity. However, decades of irresponsible marine exploitation and pollution have led to significant levels of degradation, and this, together with the detrimental impacts of our changing climate on marine ecosystems, has led to national and global recognition that the world ocean is in crisis.

On the Isle of Wight we are witnessing the ocean crisis first-hand. Poor water quality is impacting seafood and safe bathing. Our beaches suffer from litter with each tide, much of it plastic, and our coastline is fragile, increasing the risk to infrastructure and properties, and increasing the risk of flooding and storm damage.

Island residents are being disproportionately impacted relative to inland communities, in particular because the ocean is a key part of our heritage and economy.

Urgent action is needed to halt these devastating changes. We must do what we can to assist in recovering the health of the ocean and we must strive to develop a sustainable and equitable local blue economy that delivers both ocean recovery alongside local prosperity.

We must also recognise the extensive local designations that exist on the coasts and waters around us and the fact that the entirety of the waters that surround us have been given UNESCO Biosphere status. These designations provide potential tools to address the issues and achieve the aims set out in this motion, which also tie in with the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

This Motion therefore asks the Isle of Wight Council to declare and support an urgent need for Ocean Recovery as follows:

We recognise that we need ocean recovery to meet our net zero carbon targets, and that we need net zero carbon to recover our ocean.

The Council therefore pledges, through requesting Cabinet to:

1. Ensure that the Climate and Environment Board receives regular updates as part of its ongoing work on actions and projects that will assist ocean recovery around the Island.
2. Embed ocean recovery in all strategic decisions, plans, budgets and approaches to decisions by the Council (particularly in planning, regeneration, skills and economic policy), aligning with climate change mitigation and adaptation requirements, and considering ocean-based solutions in our journey towards a carbon-neutral and climate-resilient future.
3. Promote close working between the Isle of Wight Council and all relevant partners with interests and responsibilities relating to the waters around us. In particular ensure that local planning policy

supports ocean recovery, working closely with the Marine Management Organisation to embed strong links between the Local Plan and the South Marine Plan to support ocean recovery.

4. Ensure that the forthcoming Local Nature Recovery Strategy strives to support ocean recovery and that this is supported and enhanced by the Local Planning Strategy and relevant local, national and international designations.
5. Work with partners locally and nationally, in particular SIFCA, so as to deliver increased sustainability in local marine industries, including the local fishing industry, and develop a sustainable and equitable blue economy that delivers ocean recovery alongside local prosperity.
6. Through local schools and colleges, seek to grow ocean literacy and marine citizenship as well as, wherever possible, through physical and digital means, promote similar understanding and appreciation of the ocean and its importance amongst all residents, local businesses and visitors to the Island.
7. Write to the Government asking them to put the ocean into net recovery by 2030 by
 - a) Ensuring Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authorities and Natural England have the resources they need to effectively research and monitor our growing number of marine protected areas, and to set and enforce appropriate fishing levels that support local economies and deliver environmental sustainability.
 - b) Ensuring coastal communities have a meaningful say in the development of marine policy to ensure it delivers equitable and sustainable outcomes.
 - c) Appoint a dedicated Minister for Coastal Communities.
 - d) And by listening to marine scientific advice, including marine social science, to update the Marine Policy Statement and produce a national Ocean Recovery Strategy which will:
 - i. Enable the recovery of marine ecosystems rather than managing degraded or altered habitats in their reduced state.
 - ii. Consider levelling up, marine conservation, energy, industrial growth, flood and coastal erosion risk management, climate adaptation and fisheries policy holistically rather than as competing interests.
 - iii. Develop a smarter approach to managing the health of the entire ocean that moves beyond Marine Protected Areas and enables links to be made across sectors towards sustainability.
 - iv. Establish improved processes for understanding the benefits of ocean recovery, leaving no doubt the links between this and human lives, livelihoods, and wellbeing.
 - v. Stop plastic pollution at source by strengthening the regulations around single-use plastics and set standards for microfibre-catching filters to ensure that all new domestic and commercial washing machines are fitted with a filter that captures a high percentage of microfibres produced in the wash cycle.
 - vi. Place a duty on water companies engaged in sewage disposal to ensure untreated sewage is not discharged

from storm overflows into inland and coastal waters and to provide targets and timelines to ensure this change is achieved.

(c) By Councillor D Andre

That this Council supports Southampton and Isle of Wight Music Hub's bid for funding from the DfE and Arts Council England to be the Hub Lead Organisation for our geographical region.

Southampton and Isle of Wight Music Hub's aim is to make quality musical opportunities accessible, affordable, enjoyable and educational to all children and young people aged 0-18. Through supporting and delivering music in schools and the community, Isle of Wight Music Hub ensures that every child has access to the ongoing music making that drives long lasting, meaningful transformation.

The partnership draws upon the strengths of the collective group, reflective of the cultural and artistic diversity of the island and celebrates the musical achievement of children and young people on the Isle of Wight. As trustees of The Island Collection and Chair of IWCEP they are very well versed in the Cultural Strategy and they align with the direction of travel.

They currently work with 100% of schools and settings across the island in some capacity. Their hub programme of activities this year alone has reached close to 7500 children (close to 50% of the IOWs school population) through events, performances, activities, workshops, and CPD. Schools, headteachers and music leaders all see them as a first point of contact for support with music due to the quality of their delivery or training or the offers that they give them via the hub menu to take part in projects, workshops and events for free.

Funded by the DfE via the Arts Council their core funding for Southampton and Isle of Wight has enabled them to secure a further £556,000 of funding plus a further £2 million of leveraged funding, supporting the wider music and cultural ecosystem on the IOW supporting and allowing greater access to music, instruments, and performance opportunities for schools and young people.

IOW Music Hub is committed to ensuring that there are high quality musical activities to meet the needs of all children and young people. Through a range of innovative approaches, they seek to develop inclusion, participation and progression for children in schools, the community and beyond. They have referral systems with the IOW YOT for NEET YP and work closely with all the SEND settings using music as an intervention and to support wellbeing and social and emotional outcomes.

The IOW Music Hub have a proven track record in excellence. Their experience in rehabilitating what was a non-existent partnership on the IOW in the past 7 years has provided them with the vision, innovation and strategy needed to successfully manage a full and varied offer. If they are successful in this bid, they will be able to continue to inspire and enthuse our island young people for the next academic year and beyond.

(d) By Councillor K Love

That the Isle of Wight Council's Staff Parking Permit Scheme be amended to reflect the modernisation of its slimline workforce in delivering multiple service and business needs to the people of our Island by extending the Scheme to cover all 24/7 parking for a registered vehicle in all council Long Stay car parks, with the permit attached to the registered vehicle and not as currently, to the named employee or volunteer. This enables equality of application use and parity between the public scheme and workplace use and therefore there is no need for complicated differential rules within enforcement procedures. This scheme recognises and values the additional unpaid efforts of our workforce and volunteers who so often go above and beyond to ensure that our customer's, the people of our Island, receive the best services of our council in a timely manageable and flexible way.

(e) By Councillor C Jarman

That this Council has no confidence in the Executive Leader's ability to lead a properly functioning Cabinet and Council and hereby removes them from the office of Executive Leader and hereby appoints the Leader of the Conservative Group to fulfil the office of Executive Leader with immediate effect to serve until the day of the annual meeting of the Full Council after the ordinary election in May 2025 and upon said appointment for the Executive Leader to then appoint a Deputy Leader and Cabinet with invitations to participate to all political groups and ungroup Members in recognition of there being 'no overall control' of the Council.

9. **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, 13 July 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, 11 July 2023

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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.

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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.

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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.