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## Agenda

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date	<b>WEDNESDAY 19 JULY 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. **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](mailto: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,  
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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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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.





## Minutes

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED:

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

ensuing year.

Councillor Love formally declared his acceptance of office.

3. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

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

4. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations received at this stage.

5. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

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

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

6. **Leaders Annual Report**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED:

THAT the following dates be approved:

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

**8. Reports of the Monitoring Officer**

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

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

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

RESOLVED:

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED:

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

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

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

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

Councillor Brodie moved the following amended motion:

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

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

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

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

RESOLVED:

THAT the motion be referred to Cabinet.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CHAIRMAN

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Committee	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date	<b>19 JULY 2023</b>
Title	<b>LEADER'S UPDATE</b>
Report of	<b>LEADER OF THE COUNCIL</b>

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Following a successful competitive tender Public Health have a new weight management service offer. The service will be known locally as Gloji Isle of Wight for the respective geographies and went live on 1 July 2023. Gloji is a specialist, experienced provider of well-being improvement services, committed to bringing about real, lasting improvements to the communities in which they operate. The offer will include a more traditional proposal; digital weight loss programme and a community physical activity pathway.

Adult Social Care and Housing Needs have confirmed that the partnership between Wightcare and the Ambulance Service to support people who fall in their own homes has been nominated for an award in the Health Service Journal (HSJ) Awards 2023. Also, DLUCH have recently undertaken an assurance visit relating to our approach to Rough Sleeping visit last week; we are awaiting the final report but the visit was positive overall. Finally, Wightcare have secured its re-accreditation with the TSA.

The council recently completed a Cyber 360 engagement with the Local Government Association (LGA). Over a three-day period, consultants interviewed councillors, senior officers, managers and a range of staff from across the council. At the heart of a Cyber 360 is improving cyber security culture. The resulting feedback will aid the council in prioritising ways we can improve, governance, awareness, and training. It will also look at the ways our technology selection and usage may impact on the Cyber Security culture.

The revenues team have recently had confirmation from the Business Grants and Investments Directorate (part of the Department for Business and Trade) with regard to the reconciliation of all the business grants which the revenues team administered during Covid, and we were delighted to hear that 'based on the assurance evidence supplied by the council, none of the businesses that were assessed have been identified as ineligible for the grant they received. The administration of business grants whereby the team made over 17,000 payments equating to more than £100 million is an example of great teamwork, and we should all be proud of the hard work and dedication that has gone into achieving this. It should not be underestimated how many businesses this financial support assisted and the impact this support had on the Island's economy'. The government's alternative energy rebate schemes established to assist residents who did not receive the

energy rebate directly from their supplier or who use an alternative fuel closed at the end of May. As the application process was challenging the revenues team joined forces with 'Pan Together' colleagues to promote the schemes at the Pan Community Centre and local school to encourage take up of the government funding. 1211 applications were received across the two schemes of which 1125 were paid totalling £362,200.00.

The benefits team are continuing to process new claims within an average of 13 days and changes to claims within 5 days to ensure that monies are received as soon as resident's circumstances have changed thereby ensuring that they receive the correct entitlement to benefits and that monies are paid in a timely manner. A member of the team took part in a podcast series with Vectis Radio to promote the support available to residents who are experiencing financial difficulties as a result of the cost of living crisis.

In March we signed up for the National Age Friendly Pledge and earlier this month a review meeting was held which was an opportunity for us to showcase the various initiatives we have put in place to evidence that we are an age friendly employer. They were keen to hear about our approach to flexible and hybrid working enabling staff to juggle their work commitments with that of childcare or caring responsibilities and were particularly interested to learn about our carers group set up by Laura Gaudion providing support for colleagues who have caring responsibilities. They will be sharing this initiative with other organisations at the LGA conference.

The Island's first modern co-working space at Building 41 based on the BAE campus is proving very popular and is building on the opportunity of most areas 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 from the mainland 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. 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 perfectly.

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 brilliant new public area, designed in conjunction with the local community, are next to be done this year. I was delighted to host Michael Gove at the Islands Forum in East Cowes and he congratulated us on this great package of projects. I'm also pleased to see the long awaited plans for the new Red Funnel terminal have been put out for consultation.

Our new cultural strategy was given a massive boost last month when the National Gallery chose Newport as the pop up location for John Constables "Cornfields". Over 2500 people visited the exhibit which is another great example of partnership with the new Community council offices providing the ideal location.

As one of the 14 UK Trailblazing Local Authorities for the Government funded Start for Life and Family Hub programme, the Isle of Wight hosted a visit from the Government's Early Years Advisor Dame Andrea Leadsom MP last week.

The visit allowed a range of cross-sector partners to come together to share their collective work to develop the Family Hub offer, with a range of presentations and sessions, as well as an opportunity for Dame Andrea and her team to visit Ryde Family Centre.

The initial feedback from Dame Andrea was extremely positive; whereby she stated that she wished to personally write to us with her feedback on the way in which we are developing the programme. Dame Andrea and the team shared that they were impressed by the way in which we co-produce and locate services for expectant parents and families.

Housing Renewal: Officers have successfully reduced the DFG waiting list. We are still reporting the highest ever demand for these grants with an expected end of year commitment to be in the region of £4million.

Environmental Health: The internal audit has been completed with some exception reporting and recommendations. At the beginning of the quarter the team were involved with an outbreak investigation. This has now been passed to the Health and Safety Executive. The event season has now started and officers are busy 7 days a week. All proactive inspections from 22/23 relating to Pollution Prevention Control (PPC) and Petroleum Licensing completed.

Trading Standards: Trading Standards have saved £43,169 through interventions. This was achieved through a mix of direct referrals to the Service including scams and financial abuse, along with referrals from the national Scams Hub. In addition, we have installed call blockers at identified vulnerable consumer's homes who have been victims of scams and this has been a mixture of units obtained from the national team and our own units. The Service has several large investigations ongoing at present with significant financial detriment to local residents. Further enforcement action has been taken around illegal vapes with a quantity of unsafe ones being seized from a local premise. Underage Sales test purchasing enforcement has also been carried out including working with the Police on 'Operation Sceptre' for knives, alcohol and vapes at the IW Festival and a separate vapes test purchasing operation. The Festival was compliant with this and with the Weights and Measures checks that were conducted at the bars on site. However, our test purchasing outside of the event and on the separate operation with retailers across the island has shown some non-compliances that we are in the process of following up.

Licensing: The service undertook a joint exercise with VOSA and the police on our taxi trade and compliance of vehicles. The service has had a considerable increase of Temporary Event Notifications this year.

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## Full Council Report

Date **19 JULY 2023**

Title **APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

Report of **MONITORING OFFICER**

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### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to note that the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) held its annual meeting on 29 June 2023 and to appoint the relevant IWALC representatives.
2. IWALC has duly put forward its representatives for formal appointment to the Planning Committee, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That IWALC's representative Emma Cox be appointed to continue to serve on the Planning Committee as a non-voting member.
4. That IWALC's representative Simon Cooke be appointed to serve on the Corporate Scrutiny Committee as a voting member.
5. That IWALC's representative June Davison be appointed to serve on the Health and Wellbeing Board as a voting member.

### BACKGROUND

6. The Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) has notified the Council of its representatives for appointment to the Planning Committee, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board.

#### Planning Committee

7. On 21 July 2021 Full Council received a report from the Leader of the Council and amended the constitution to permit the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils to have one non-voting co-opted member on the Planning Committee.

8. Following its annual meeting held on 29 June 2023, IWALC has put forward Emma Cox to continue to serve as its representative on the Planning Committee.

#### Corporate Scrutiny Committee

9. At the same meeting on 21 July 2021 Full Council restored the voting rights to the IWALC representative serving on the Corporate Scrutiny Committee.
10. Following the resignation of the previous IWALC representative from the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, there is currently a vacancy to be filled on the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, and Simon Cooke has been put forward for appointment to serve as the co-opted member from IWALC.

#### Health and Wellbeing Board

11. Under the constitution, IWALC have a voting representative on the Health and Wellbeing Board and June Davison has been chosen as IWALC's representative.
12. Councillors are therefore requested to appoint these IWALC representatives to the fill these positions allocated to IWALC under the current constitution.

#### CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

13. Good governance arrangements are essential to the delivery of the council's services and the decision-making process that supports this.
14. The appointment of members to such committees contributes to good governance and enables [Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025](#) delivery of the corporate priorities and vision contained within it.

#### CONSULTATION

15. None.

#### FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

16. 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 the Full Council on 22 February 2023.

#### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

17. The power to appoint to committee seats is that of the local authority acting through the Full Council.
18. This power to appoint persons to committees (and indeed the power to remove persons from committees) cannot be delegated by the Full Council to a committee or to any officer of the council but must be exercised by the Full Council itself.

## 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. The current constitution allocates certain seats for IWALC representatives, and the Full Council are requested to make such appointments in accordance with the present constitution.
21. There are no other options unless changes are made in the future to the constitution.

## RISK MANAGEMENT

22. 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 legal action.

## EVALUATION

23. Council has no option and must respect the duly expressed wishes of IWALC and to appoint their representatives to their allocated seats on committees.
24. An effective governance system for the council is essential to enable business to be transacted openly and in a timely manner.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS

25. None.

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## Full Council Report

Date	<b>19 JULY 2023</b>
Title	<b>REPORT ON MOTION BY COUNCILLOR G BRODIE</b>
Author	<b>CABINET</b>

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### RECOMMENDATION FROM CABINET

That the Cabinet recommends to Full Council that the motion be referred to the Audit and Governance Committee.

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