

Isle of Wight Council Record of Decisions made at a meeting of the Cabinet on Thursday, 14 September 2023

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The following decisions were made by the Cabinet at its meeting on **Thursday, 14 September 2023**. These decisions will come into force on **Tuesday 26 September 2023**. A decision by the Cabinet may be called-in (in accordance with Part 3 Section 9 of the Council's Constitution) by Monday 25 September 2023. Any queries about any decision that has been made should be made in the first instance to Democratic Services at democratic.services@iow.gov.uk.

	Item	Reason for Decision:	Alternative options:	Lead officer:
1	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2023 be approved.</p>			
5a	<p>Children's Services - Future Arrangements</p> <p>To agree to the termination of the current partnership agreement with effect from 31 January 2024 returning the overall leadership and management of all Children's services functions, including education, in-house, with arrangements for 'buy-back' of specialist service support/provision where there is a cost-benefit for a minimum period of twelve months.</p>	<p>Contained within the council's corporate plan 2021 – 2025 is a commitment to ensure that children and families on the Isle of Wight benefit from a well performing children's services department. As a highly regulated and inspected area of the council's activity with some 200 statutory duties to fulfil, it is imperative that the council continues to perform these functions well. As critical, is its accountability for</p>	<p>Option 1: To agree to the termination of the current partnership agreement with effect from 31 January 2024, returning the overall leadership and management of all Children's services functions, including education, in-house.</p> <p>Option 3: To enter a new strategic partnership with another local authority.</p>	Chief Executive

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		ensuring the safeguarding of children and young people. There is a strong ambition for school improvement on the Island and equally so for children with special needs. In determining the most appropriate and cost-effective future business model for the discharge of children's services functions, it is necessary to keep those ambitions clearly in sight.	Option 4: To commission/create a not-for-profit Trust for the alternative delivery and governance arrangements for Children's Services outside the operational control of the local authority. Option 5: To align children's services with adult social care and housing needs services under one directorship.	
6a	<p>QPMR Q1 - 2023-24</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the Performance Report for the Quarter ended 30 June 2023, and the priority report detail as set out in appendices 1-12.</p>	Ongoing management and monitoring of performance data, the council's strategic risk profile and financial situation is required to support the successful delivery of council priorities. As such, this report provides the Cabinet (and subsequently the council's scrutiny function) with the necessary information to record achievements, challenge areas of underperformance and to account for it to the wider community.	Option 1: Cabinet does not approve the Performance Report – Quarter ended 30 June 2023 and the priority report detail as set out in appendices 1-12.	Director of Corporate Services
7a	<p>Better Care Fund 2023-2025</p> <p>That the cabinet note the 2022/2023 BCF End of Year submission and approve the BCF 2023-2025 BCF submission.</p> <p>That the cabinet delegate authority to the Director for Adult Social Care and Housing</p>	There is significant risk to both the IW Council, ICB and the wider system if the BCF plan for 2023 - 2025 is not agreed and subsequently approved by regulators.	Option 2 – For cabinet not to note the 2022/2023 BCF End of Year submission and approve the BCF 2023-2025 BCF submission and delegate to the Director for Adult Social Care and Housing Needs the authority on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council in consultation with	Director of Adult Social Care

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	Needs the authority on behalf of the Isle of Wight Council in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Housing, Public Health and Homelessness Needs to further develop and submit the BCF 2023 – 2025 templates in line with the national deadlines, and make amendments to the allocations and provision of services within the BCF during its 2 year period.		the Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs to further develop and submit the BCF 2023 – 2025 templates in line with the national deadlines, and make amendments to the allocations and provision of services within the BCF during its 2 year period.	
9	<p>Housing Affordability Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)</p> <p>That the 'Housing Affordability Supplementary Planning Document' as at Appendix 1 to this report be formally adopted; and</p> <p>That any final editorial and presentational changes to the supplementary planning document are delegated to the Strategic Manager for Planning in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Planning, Coastal Protection & Flooding and Adult Services & Housing, Public Health & Homelessness. These changes will not alter the meaning of the document and will be restricted to grammatical, presentational and typographical errors.</p>	<p>The Housing Affordability SPD will introduce guidance to try and help address some of the challenges that are apparent in meeting the island's affordable housing needs. The document will help to ensure all that is possible is being done through the planning process to deliver an appropriate mix of affordable housing.</p> <p>Therefore adopting the SPD to be used as a material consideration in the determination of planning applications will make a positive contribution towards securing the type of affordable housing that can benefit island residents.</p>	<p>Option B - To further amend and then adopt the Housing Affordability Supplementary Planning Document;</p> <p>or</p> <p>Option C - To not adopt the Housing Affordability Supplementary Planning Document;</p>	
10a	<p>Adoption of EV Chargepoint Infrastructure Strategy</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the draft EVCI Strategy.</p>	<p>This proposal supports the Corporate Plan in seeking to enhance the Island's infrastructure by accelerating the deployment of EV chargepoints for residents, businesses and visitors. The</p>	<p>Option 1: Do nothing - there is an option to do nothing at this stage if it is felt that the chargepoint network does not need to be further developed or the council does not need to be involved.</p>	Director of Neighbourhoods

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		<p>strategy looks at extending the initial network that has been installed to provide reassurance to those that have not yet purchased an EV due to concerns about range and recharging. It will align with the Local Transport Plan (LTP) 4 and the emerging Island Planning Strategy which will seek to support the aims of the EVCI strategy.</p>	<p>Option 3: Adopt the EVCI Strategy with modifications – to adopt the strategy subject with minor amendments.</p>	
<p>10b</p>	<p>Local Bus Service Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme</p> <p>That Cabinet approves the Isle of Wight Enhanced Partnership Plan (EP Plan) and Isle of Wight Enhanced Partnership Scheme (EP Scheme), as detailed within, and appended to this report, as the local response to “Bus Back Better”, the national bus strategy, building on the Isle of Wight Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) that was approved in October 2021.</p> <p>Furthermore, that authority is given to formally ‘make’ the EP Plan and EP Scheme in line with Government guidance, to include establishing the governance structure for the Enhanced Partnership.</p>	<p>This report’s recommendation is in line with the Key Areas for Action set out within the recently adopted Corporate Plan for 2021-2025, both in respect of supporting sustainable travel and local economic recovery.</p>	<p>Option 2 – Not to approve the EP Plan and scheme. Therefore, require further revisions to the proposed EP Plan and Scheme which would require further consultation.</p>	<p>Director of Neighbourhoods</p>