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Agenda

Name of meeting	CABINET
Date	THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER 2023
Time	5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Members of the Cabinet	Cllrs P Jordan (Chairman), D Andre, J Bacon, P Fuller, J Jones-Evans, K Lucioni, LPeacey-Wilcox and I Stephens
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1. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 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**

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4. **Chairman's Announcements**

5. **Report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Housing, Public Health and Homelessness**

- (a) Housing Strategy 2020 – 2025 Action Plan Progress Report 2023 (Pages 11 - 32)

6. **Cabinet Member Announcements**

To invite Cabinet Members to provide a brief update on matters concerning their portfolio.

7. **Consideration of the Forward Plan** (Pages 33 - 44)

Cabinet Members to identify decisions which need to be amended, added or to be removed from the Forward Plan.

8. **Members' Question Time**

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Monitoring Officer
Wednesday, 4 October 2023

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Minutes

Name of meeting	CABINET
Date and Time	THURSDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs L Peacey-Wilcox (Chairman), D Andre, J Bacon, P Fuller, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan and K Lucioni
Also Present	Cllr G Brodie Sharon Betts, Laura Gaudion, Wendy Perera and Christopher Potter
Also Present (Virtual)	Cllr C Critchison Dawn Lang, Colin Rowland and Claire Shand
Apologies	Cllr I Stephens

123. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2023 be approved.

124. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Jordan declared an interest in the item relating to the Better Care Fund (minute number 129a) as he was involved in care delivery on the island.

Cllr Lucioni declared an interest in the item relating to the Enhanced Bus Partnership Plan (minute number 132b) as her son worked for the local bus company.

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

A written question was received from Simon Richards (PQ 38-23) relating to school place planning. The Leader provided a response.

126. **Chairman's Announcements**

The Chairman reported that the HR and Learning Development Teams were working together to develop a case study for the Age Friendly initiative. One in five apprentices at the council were aged 50 or over.

£3.1 million had been received from the UK Government Youth Investment Fund to develop the former Sandown Town Hall for youth services. Local suppliers and contractors would be used where possible.

Newport library had reopened after a six-month period of limited service.

The winter vaccination programme was being promoted.

Evidence in relation to fair funding for the Island Deal had been submitted to the government. Minister Lee Rowley was to visit the island within the coming weeks.

Connectivity was to be included in the agenda for the next Islands Forum meeting.

127. **Report of the Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Strategic Oversight and External Partnerships**

127a **Children's Services - Future Arrangements**

The Appointments and Employment Committee had recently agreed to recruit a new Director of Children's Services for the island. The report had been considered by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee, who had endorsed the recommendation.

RESOLVED:

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.

128. **Report of the Cabinet Member for Finance, Climate Change and Biosphere**

128a **QPMR Q1 - 2023-24**

Some potential savings of £1.6 million had been identified which would ease the budget pressures. £2.4 million of additional income had been achieved in the previous year and placed into reserves for the current year which would bring greater resilience.

The Chief Executive of SSEN would be using the Island as an important test case for green energy, including an additional interconnector worth £55 million which would help with future proofing and contribute to net zero.

The Corporate Scrutiny Committee had requested some further details be added to future QPM reports in relation to housing.

RESOLVED:

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.

129. Report of the Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Housing, Public Health and Homelessness

129a Better Care Fund 2023-2025

This was the annual paper which listed the current allocation of funding. It was noted that it was to cover a two-year period. The recommendation included the provision of delegated authority for the Director to make any amendments to the plan, although it was hoped that amendments would not be necessary.

Having declared an interest in this item, Cllr Jordan abstained from voting.

That the cabinet note the 2022/2023 BCF End of Year submission and approve the BCF 2023-2025 BCF submission.

That the cabinet delegate authority to the Director for Adult Social Care and Housing 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.

130. Report of the Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding

131. Housing Affordability Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)

The document was intended to be a step towards the Island Planning Strategy. Affordable housing was in demand, and it was believed that the adoption of the SPD would help towards addressing the issue. The Corporate Scrutiny Committee had endorsed the recommendation but had made some relevant points regarding transient residents coming to the island. This would be looked at further.

RESOLVED:

That the 'Housing Affordability Supplementary Planning Document' as at Appendix 1 to this report be formally adopted; and

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.

132. Report of the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy

132a Adoption of EV Chargepoint Infrastructure Strategy

The strategy was a living document. Delivery of the strategy was being funded via Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund of £1.6 million capital funding. Highways were working on a solution to charging infrastructure for residents who have no off-road parking, and how to match the number of charge points to match demand on the island.

RESOLVED:

That Cabinet approves the draft EVCI Strategy.

132b Local Bus Service Enhanced Partnership Plan and Scheme

The report was taken as read and not discussed in detail. Small amounts of money were being received which would be used to improve services in some way.

RESOLVED:

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.

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.

133. Cabinet Member Announcements

The Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Lifelong Skills reported that the service was in a transitional phase with the ending of the partnership with Hampshire in the near future. Several initiatives were moving forward with the opening of the new family centre in Sandown, and the adult education programme, some of which was available for free, was detailed on the council’s website. The matter of surplus school places would be addressed to ensure a high level of service.

The Cabinet Member for Finance, Climate Change and Biosphere thanked the Leader for all she had done whilst Leader of the council.

The planning committee had recently given planning approval for two solar farms on the island.

There was a new decision-making tool available to assist with assessing the likely impact of decisions on the climate and biosphere.

The Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding reported that, in relation to Planning matters, discussions were ongoing with Town and Parish Councils regarding enforcement in their areas. The decision notice for the Worsley in Wroxall had now been completed. Newport and Carisbrooke Community Council had been instrumental in the restoration of two key properties in Newport High Street.

A total of 487 units had been granted planning permission in the past year, which was just over the figure contained in the Draft IPS.

The Government had issued the NPPF which failed to recognise the exceptional circumstances for islands.

In relation to Coastal protection, Ventnor Coastal Protection Scheme was ahead of schedule.

Seaview slipway had been restored.

The council would be working with the Environment Agency to work on the consultation for Yarmouth and Shanklin coastal protection issues.

The Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure reported that the Director of Regeneration had left the council, along with other members of the regeneration team.

A new species of dinosaur had been found and it was hoped that the remains would be displayed at Dinosaur Isle on the October Half Term.

Funding had been applied for to upgrade the museum.

The number of One Card memberships had increased and was now at 86% of pre-pandemic numbers.

New facilities and equipment had been installed at the heights and Medina Leisure centres.

The Solent Local Enterprise Partnership were working on a cultural strategy for the Solent area. Businesses could obtain free mentoring via the SLEP.

The Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy reported that contractual challenges were being faced with the Highways PFI. Legal advice had been sought in some cases.

The floating bridge dispute had concluded and improvements to the vessel were now in hand.

The Local Transport Plan had been delayed pending government guidance.

The Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services and Waste, Community Protection and ICT reported that 98% of household waste was now being diverted from landfill. There had been less than 20 missed collections per 100,000. Same-day bookings for the tip should be live within the next few months.

There was ongoing work with Regulatory Services regarding the underage sales of vapes.

Ryde and Cowes police were looking to have an open desk in the near future. The work of the Fire and Police cadets and the Prince's Trust were commended for their work with young people and the Cabinet Member was looking forward to an observation day with the police rapid response team.

134. Consideration of the Forward Plan

The contents of the Forward Plan were noted.

A call-in request had been received regarding the delegated decision for the lease of Browns Golf Course. The client department and legal department had been consulted and it was hoped that the issue would be resolved quite soon.

It was noted that a Cyber Security Strategy would be coming forward in the near future, and a report on securing the future of the Fairway Athletics track.

135. Members' Question Time

Written questions had been received from Cllr Brading (MQ 06/23) relating to the ending of the Children's Services partnership, and Cllr Lilley (MQ 07/23) regarding PTEC. A response to both questions was given by the Leader.

Cllr Brodie said that it was disappointing that all the achievements of the Cabinet had only been heard by those present at the meeting and asked what could be done to turn round the apparent negativity towards the council, especially within the media.

Cllr Fuller explained that in a recent planning consultation only 27 people had responded from thousands, and that he found personal engagement with residents beneficial.

The Leader responded that the council's facebook page is used to inform the public, but that consideration would be given to using radio broadcast more so that people would hear of the council's achievements whilst going about their daily business.

Cllr Bacon had recently carried out an interview with Vectis Radio.

CHAIRMAN



Cabinet report

Date	12 OCTOBER 2023
Title	HOUSING STRATEGY 2020-2025 ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT 2023
Report of	CABINET MEMBER FOR ADULT SERVICES AND HOUSING, PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of progress the council and its partners have made to develop and implement the Housing Strategy through an action plan since adoption of the strategy in October 2020.
2. The Cabinet is responsible for monitoring delivery of the action plan annually; this is the third annual review, but progress reports have been provided during this period.

RECOMMENDATION

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. That Cabinet notes the Housing Strategy 2020-2025 Action Plan Progress Report 2023 contained at Appendix 1 of this report. |
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BACKGROUND

4. The council adopted its current Housing Strategy 2020-2025 in October 2020 and this was supported by a detailed action plan which covered the five-year period.
5. The Covid-19 pandemic significantly increased housing pressures and service disruption throughout the sector, which serves to emphasise the urgency of delivery of the housing objectives outlined in the Housing Strategy 2020-2025

CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND STRATEGIC CONTEXT

Provision of affordable housing for Island Residents

6. The Housing Strategy 'vision' is "To enable everyone living on the Island to have a place they call home". Six strategic priorities underpin this vision which in turn shape the desired outcomes in the action plan to prioritise key actions and expected outcomes.

- **Strategic priority 1: New housing supply** – Ensuring the right supply and mix of new homes and increasing affordable housing delivery through the efficient use of land and capital resources including those the council owns or has control of.
- **Strategic priority 2: Housing affordability** – Defining “affordability” on the Island through detailed and on-going research of both incomes and housing costs to inform both planning and housing policy going forward.
- **Strategic priority 3: Private sector housing** – Ensuring that the private housing sector provides enough good quality market housing through support for developers and landlords and, where necessary, robust quality control and regulation.
- **Strategic priority 4: Partnerships** – Enabling housing associations and our other partners to build more new affordable homes for Island residents while maintaining their current homes to a high standard.
- **Strategic priority 5: Homelessness and housing need** – Reducing homelessness and rough sleeping through effective prevention work and building a new homeless pathway through property solutions and wrap-around services.
- **Strategic priority 6: Special housing needs and vulnerable people** – Ensuring that specialist accommodation is available for vulnerable people including primarily extra-care housing for older people and people with disabilities.

7. The housing strategy action plan commits the council and its partners to delivering the outcomes of the Housing Strategy together via agreed high-level strategic actions and contributions.

8. Details of progress made in delivering the Housing Strategy action plan is set out in Appendix 1 to this report. This also includes details of future milestones for delivery of those tasks not completed.

9. Responding to climate change and enhancing the biosphere

The council has set a target to achieve net zero emissions:

- in its business and delivery of services by 2030;
- across the school estate by 2035; and
- as an island by 2040.

10. The housing strategy promotes the use of new construction technologies to create high quality, net-zero carbon and environmentally resilient homes to offset carbon emissions in the longer term to meet the council’s 2030 zero carbon target and the government’s 2050 legal requirement.

11. Following a successful bid to the LGA a report was produced in partnership with a Registered Provider setting out how Net Zero Carbon Homes could be delivered on the Isle of Wight.

Economic Recovery and Reducing Poverty

12. The economic landscape has changed significantly due to the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic and it has never been more important for housing provision to meet local need and the council support its delivery.

13. The provision of housing is a key contributor to regeneration and economic recovery, supporting a large range of contractors on the Island, many of whom support skills development and apprenticeships for younger people.

Impact on Young People and Future Generations

14. The decisions the Council makes now not only affect current residents, but may have long term impacts, both positive and negative, on young people and future generations. These impacts may not immediately be apparent or may not emerge for a number of years or decades. Impacts will be interrelated across the various domains of young people's lives from housing, employment or training, health and the environment.
15. By providing adequate, affordable and good quality housing the strategy supports young people and future generations as housing has a significant impact on the life chances of individuals.

Corporate Aims

16. The Council set out their aspirations in the Corporate Plan 2021 - 2025 and this is based around a need to ensure that housing created is fit for purpose. They have prioritised truly affordable housing for Island residents, meaning housing that is not just affordable to rent or buy but affordable to live in and maintain.
17. The Corporate Plan includes the following key housing related activities, which are also included the Housing Strategy:
 - Work with partners, including town, parish and community councils to deliver innovative solutions to secure the provision of affordable housing for Island residents
 - Where necessary make use of the council's housing company to address market failure in meeting needs
 - Where possible use available powers including compulsory purchase
 - Introduce temporary housing schemes to meet local needs by September 2023
 - Increase the number of affordable housing units available by December 2023

PROGRESS & OUTCOMES

18. The Council has a Housing Strategy and associated action plan to bring together the full range of strategic thinking and possible housing interventions to give confidence to both local residents, and the wider economy including investors and the UK government to deliver more and better housing on the Island.
19. There has been good progress across the majority of deliverables as set out in Appendix 1 including a step-change in delivering some long-standing housing objectives for the Island.
20. New Housing Supply:
 - The target for 300 homes has been met. The following table provides details of the delivery of affordable homes over the last 4 years. *2022/23 figures are provisional

	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23*	Total
Homes granted planning permission	320	493	1005	487	2,305
Total homes built	253	445	490	357	1,545
Of which affordable homes	6	123	114	65	308
% of completed homes being affordable	2%	28%	23%	18%	20%

Breakdown of affordable tenure:	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Total
Total affordable homes	6	123	114	243
Of which affordable/social rent	0	103	69	172
Of which intermediate tenure (e.g. shared ownership)	6	20	45	71

- Two extra-care schemes providing 150 homes have been built on the Island and these offer high quality affordable housing for older people.
- The Council has a range of projects underway to support the delivery of affordable housing.
- A bid to the Brownfield Land Release Fund was successful and this has provided £950k to enable 3 council owned sites to be disposed of for affordable housing. We have recently been advised that a further £427k has been awarded for delivery on a further 3 sites. The aim is for Registered Providers to develop these sites so that the maximum number of affordable rented units are delivered.
- An Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document was progressed in 2023 to better clarify our approach and facilitate delivery of a new type of affordable housing. RentPlus is a new model of housing and will offer a rent to buy product.

21. Housing Affordability:

- A housing affordability tool has been created that provides evidence to support the need and incomes levels for affordable homes on the Island.
- The Island now re-qualifies for Social Housing Grant which enables housing associations to claim grant to provide affordable homes for rent and purchase. This was reimplemented following a campaign with partners in 2022.
- Conversations are taking place with Homes England around the Council accessing grant to support delivery of schemes on the Island.

22. Private Sector Housing:

- Disabled Facilities Grants delivered to improve accessibility for homeowners.

	£'000	No Grants completed in year
2021/22	1,162	157
2022/23	1,085	143

- A review of the position on empty properties has been carried out and an updated Empty Property Strategy has been approved which sets out the

proactive approach that will be taken going forwards to manage empty properties and support communities with the issues these can create.

- Approval of Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards Policy (2022) which applies to private rented properties and allows for a financial penalty to be imposed where standards are not maintained. Whilst this has been promoted no penalties have been issued to date.
- Adoption of a Civil Penalties Policy (2021) to support housing act enforcement to provide a simplified process for taking action. This has been used in 5 cases and resulted in fines of £1,875.

23. Homelessness and Housing Need:

- The Homeless Strategy was reviewed, and an action plan is in place to ensure outcomes are delivered, minimising the number of families who need to go into B&B. The strategy ends in 2024 and so this will be refreshed and co-produced over the next year.
- Grant funding to purchase five flats for homeless people was secured in 2020 and by April 2023 all had been purchased and were occupied.
- Grant funding to purchase 9 houses for refugees was secured in 2023 and the purchase of these properties are in progress. Occupation is planned for November /December 2023.
- Capital funding has been secured for 2023/24 to purchase a property for use as temporary accommodation.

24. Special Housing Needs and Vulnerable People

- The Allocation Policy has been reviewed and HomeFinder updated to include extra care properties.
- A new Pathways contract was tendered and awarded to alleviate the pressure on temporary accommodation and B&B provision. The Homeless support services are commissioned through the Single Homeless Pathway, which provides accommodation and support for 181 single individuals. This is provided by 4 different service providers. There is also a Families pathway providing accommodation and support for 35 families, these are provided by 2 service providers.

25. Organisational changes have been made to pull together the councils housing functions and a full-time Strategic Manager for Housing Enabling & Delivery has been appointed.

CONSULTATION

26. The Housing Strategy and agreed action plan were produced following a detailed consultation exercise with key partners and the public.

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

27. A report detailing the actions that have been taken with regards to the delivery of affordable homes on the Island, actions proposed, and a clear outline of the problems being encountered in the delivery of the Housing Strategy will be provided to the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration in October 2023 and any key points will be verbally updated at the meeting.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

28. The Housing Strategy and action plan refers to matters which are already reflected in approved budgets, and where additional resources are required to deliver the housing priorities set out in the strategy, the financial implications of these will be evaluated and reported once plans have been developed. Any further action requiring additional council funding will be the subject of a separate report to Cabinet.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

29. There are no direct implications arising from the Housing Strategy 2020-2025 Action Plan Progress Report 2023.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

30. 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.
31. There are no direct equality and diversity implications arising from the Housing Strategy 2020-2025 Action Plan Progress Report 2023. The equality impact assessment for the Housing Strategy stated that it had either a neutral or positive impact in respect of all the equality strands and is unaffected by this update report.
32. There are no direct implications arising from the Housing Strategy 2020-2025 Action Plan Progress Report 2023. The strategic asset management and property implications of the Housing Strategy are linked to the use and sale of the council's own land and property to deliver or facilitate the delivery of new homes as part of the regeneration programme. Proper process will be followed for all acquisitions and disposals.

SECTION 17 CRIME AND DISORDER ACT 1998

33. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 (as amended by Police and Justice Act 2006) provides that: '...it shall be the duty of each authority ... to exercise its various functions with due regard to the likely effect of the exercise of those functions on, and the need to do all it reasonably can to prevent, crime, disorder, antisocial behaviour adversely affecting the environment, and substance misuse in its area'.
34. The Local Development Framework provides the local policy context within which decisions on planning applications are made and their crime and disorder implications considered by our Planning Department.

OPTIONS

35. Option 1: That Cabinet notes the Housing Strategy 2020-2025 Action Plan Progress Report 2023 contained at Appendix 1 of this report.

36. Option 2: Not to note the Housing Strategy 2020-2025 Action Plan Progress Report 2023 contained at Appendix 1 and carry out a further update of the action plan.

RISK MANAGEMENT

37. Without the production of the annual update on progress there would be no overall view available on delivery against the Housing Strategy Action Plan.
38. A risk assessment is carried out for all relevant projects within the Housing Strategy and delivery is monitored through the housing governance framework.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

39. Appendix 1 – Housing Strategy Action Plan Progress Report

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Isle of Wight Housing Strategy 2020-2025.

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Housing Strategy - Action Plan Update 2023

Strategic Priority 1 - Affordable Housing Supply

Action	Activity Update - Aug 2023	Milestones
Adopt an Island Planning Strategy that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Seeks to enable the provision of new homes through a step change in delivery towards the Island's annual housing target when agreed with Government. Appropriately balances social, economic and environmental considerations for house building including net-zero carbon. Develops an Island affordable housing policy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Island Planning Strategy drafted following consultation Island wide needs analysis completed to inform planning policy LGA Peer Review of Planning Service completed. Corporate Scrutiny Committee to consider Draft Island Planning Strategy completed Sept 22 May 23 - The Leader updated Full Council of Cabinet's decision to await the expected publication of new legislation/policy/guidance by the Government in the 'spring' of 2024. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In the absence of this new legislation/policy/guidance in the 'spring' of 2023, the Cabinet will need to make a decision on whether to wait even longer for the Government publications, or to proceed with the IPS in its absence and then seek agreement of the approach to Full Council. Sept 23 - Currently programmed to take a report through Corporate Scrutiny and then Cabinet followed by Full Council in November. The content of the report is still to be confirmed, but the general approach has recently been discussed at informal Cabinet and will need to be established at the earliest opportunity to enable the papers to be prepared and submitted into the corporate cycle.
	Affordable Housing Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> March 23 - Draft SPD internal discussion and agreed to progress April 23 – Housing Members Board approval to progress with drafting and consultation June 23 – Final draft SPD agreed and issued for consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 23 - Cabinet approval of SPD

Action	Activity Update - Aug 2023	Milestones
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aug 23 – Consultation closed and SPD updated to reflect changes 	
Deliver or facilitate a programme of 300 homes 'affordable' homes through council led activity over the first three years of this strategy as part of the recovery plan (2020-2023)	Council enabling activities including assistance in securing Homes England Grants, Regular meetings with registered providers and Homes England to understand delivery and pipeline issues, provision of council owned sites, and project management support to enable development.	Target achieved <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 308 units delivered by Registered Providers and IWC (further details included in the covering report) Regular meetings in place with RP's who are actively working to deliver and have identified the potential for further c300 affordable units in the next 3 years
	Data analysis of affordability and market engagement to inform rent setting and viability challenges on the Island to inform their business cases and grant claims. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided for the Island Planning Strategy 	Complete 2022
Council direct delivery approach	Modular Homes project <ul style="list-style-type: none"> approx. 8 family homes or 16 flats Jan 22: cabinet decision to initiate project. March 22: budget approved by full Council Apr 22: site surveys commenced June 22: second stage PIN¹ to identify potential delivery partners June 22: review of project to date and request for direction moving forward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project removed – delays in delivery meant Covid requirement for the scheme no longer applicable
	Brownfield Land Release Fund 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential development of 80 new homes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oct 23 – Options agreements in place for disposal of sites

¹ The PIN or Prior Information Notice is used to engage with providers when we are either unsure of what we want/what the market can deliver and/or it is used to inform the market early of a future opportunity. This second PIN or a further request for information is only available for the original responders to complete and is the next step in the procurement journey of the Competitive Procedure with Negotiation. This further request for information was published to the included parties on 7th June 2022 and closes 28th June 2022.

Action	Activity Update - Aug 2023	Milestones
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feb 22– awarded govt £1M funding for 3 sites needing infrastructure to develop housing longer term. • June 22: Sites marketed Berry Hill (Lake), Weston School (Toland) and Thompson House (Newport) • May 23 – Decision on disposal of sites to RPs to maximise affordable units delivered • July 23 – Demolition of Thompson House complete 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 24 – Land disposals completed • Dec 24 - Planning permission achieved • March 25 - Start on site
	<p>Sandham Middle School (potential development of 50 new homes)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added to BLRF marketing exercise to increase development potential and “affordable” register provider demands for council owned sites • June 22: site marketed • Oct 22: Evaluation of offers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 23 – Site disposal being progressed with lawyers • Oct 23 – Cabinet to confirm disposal of site • Dec 24 – Disposal completed
	<p>Venture Quays</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approx. 100 new homes potential across 2 sites • Apr 22: Members presented with site options • May 22: Completion of IWC Market expressions of interest with limited speculative bespoke offers from the market. • June 22: Report received from Wilmott Dixon on site feasibility study indicating severe negative viability and no “affordable” housing provider interest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 23 – Homes England approved formal extension to March 24 for planning permission and March 25 start on site • July 23 – Sites remarketed • Oct 23 – Evaluation of bids • Nov 23 – Cabinet approval to dispose of site

Action	Activity Update - Aug 2023	Milestones
	<p>Community Led Housing Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First five new homes funded by council using this model commissioned with Ryde Aspire. Delivery expected within 12 months. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 23: Funding and legal agreements to be in place • Dec 23: Start on Site • Sept 24 – Completion of 5 units • Other schemes being progressed
	<p>One Public Estate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with NHS – OPE Round 9. Long term project (5 yrs) to enable development of key worker housing, extra care housing and general needs housing through North hospital and old library site. • Quarterly Meetings to progress strategic milestones agreed with Govt. On-going engagement and master planning of site with LGA, NHS and stakeholder parties through this process of joint planning. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ongoing • BLRF1 Funding of £950k achieved for Berry Hill, Thompson House and Weston School • BLRF2 Funding achieved of £427k for Medina Avenue, New Street and Lowtherville • North Hospital site – NHS progressing with mixed housing and step down facilities • Pyle Street land purchase with Homes England progressing
	<p>Crossways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept 22 – Housing Members Board discussion on sites to be progressed and agreed to focus on brownfield with review in 12 months 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sept 23 – Review of possible sites for development, including understanding costs and routes to market/develop
	<p>Eddington Road</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential approx. 70 new affordable homes • Jan 21 Preferred bidder identified through robust independent procurement exercise subject to planning approval. • April 21 - Heads of Terms agreed • June 21 – RP carried out initial consultation and design work at risk 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 23 – Review of future options for site

Action	Activity Update - Aug 2023	Milestones
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 21 - procurement paused as new administration. Need to obtain Cabinet approval to dispose of site • Sept 22 – Decision to focus on brownfield sites agreed by Housing Members Board 	
	<p>Rough Sleepers Accommodation Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for purchase of 5 properties • June 22: 4 properties purchased • Sept 22: Refurbishment of 4 properties completed and tenants moved in • Nov 22: Completion of 5th property. • Mar 23: Refurbishment of 5th property completed, and tenants moved in 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete - 5 properties purchased and all occupied by April 2023
	<p>LA Housing Fund</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 23 - Funding accessed to purchase 9 houses for refugees 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 23 – Occupation of 9 properties (2 x 4 bed and 7 x 2 bed)
	<p>RentPlus</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 22 – Initial meeting instigated by Portfolio Holder for Housing • Feb 23 – RentPlus presentation to Informal Cabinet • March 23 – Legal route for operation on IOW agreed and SPD route agreed to be progressed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oct 23 – Confirmation of initial RentPlus sites on Island and timescale for delivery agreed
	<p>Pan Meadows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May 23 - Outline Business case submitted to S151 for decision on way forwards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 23 – Decision on way forwards • Spring 24 – Update from BDW on estate completion • Summer/Autumn 24 – Delivery of new homes
<p>Enable the provision of around 100 new homes each year for those needing extra care in partnership with Housing associations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registered with Homes England as a provider of social housing, which allows the council to apply for grant funding to 	<p>Delivery of new homes covered in Council Direct Delivery above</p>

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	<p>subsidise development as an alternative delivery mechanism to the housing company in bringing forward “affordable housing” development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryde Village - 75 units occupied from Nov 20 • Green Meadows - 75 units occupied from Oct 21 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aug 23 – Work to update strategy including Extra Care housing survey to be carried out • Oct 23 – Island Independent Living Strategy refreshed and approved • Provision of units in progress – Polars 24 units for delivery Sept 24
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition Strategy linked to budget allocation to purchase up to 25 properties in 22/23 to meet needs for temporary accommodation provision • Sept 22 - Draft strategy criteria reported to Housing Members Board • Oct 22 develop financial criteria/business case to acquire properties 	<p>Complete - Acquisition Strategy approved by Cabinet in July 23</p>
<p>Create a council owned subsidiary housing company to increase the number of houses built on the Island to both invest in local communities and assist others on low or average household incomes to access housing.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Company registered in Dec 2019. Focus on "affordable" housing and commercial business cases but evaluation needed to reassess purpose of company. • July 22 - session held to review the next steps and legal processes needed to progress operation of the company • March 23: Commissioned legal work for the legal procedures and governance requirements connected to set up of the housing company including a shareholders agreement between the council and company. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July 23: Property portfolio review to commence to identify sites that are suitable for development • Dec 2023 Complete business case to assess the position on the company being able to trade once all legal arrangements are in place

Strategic Priority 2 - Understanding Island Housing Affordability

Action	Activity Update - Aug 2023	Milestones
Define and monitor 'true affordability' levels on the Isle of Wight.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing affordability tool created and used to provide evidence of the affordability of renting or buying homes in all IWC Wards or IWC Lower Super Output Areas. Affordability based on household earnings and average prices. Data can be drilled down to 1-5 bedroom properties and the affordability can be judged on mean, median or lower quartile income. Updates can be provided on a monthly, quarterly or ad-hoc basis. 	Complete 2022
Maintain a data base and develop tools that can drill down "affordability" to postcode and area level based on both wages and housing cost ratios for ongoing strategic and recovery planning.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing Tool and data updated and will be used in the new IPS. Currently can drill down to LSOA or Ward level but not to individual postcodes Annual refresh of Housing Affordability Tool in place 	Complete 2022
Incorporate our developing evidence base on "affordability" into the adopted Island Plan to increase the number of new 'affordable' homes delivered.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data will be used to define policy in IPS Bespoke reports available for the underlying data that feeds to Housing Affordability Tool Agreed bespoke data reports for inclusion in Island Plan Data can be produced and shared with all appropriate stakeholders 	Complete 2022
Produce a special cases evidence base to challenge government agencies on non-availability of grant for our housing associations to provide 'affordable' housing at 60% of market levels as needed on the Island.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence case submitted to MP and now address in new Homes England Grant Funds from April 21 Housing Tool can be used to identify the areas where housing would need to be 	Complete 2022

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	<p>60% of market level or lower to be considered affordable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ad-hoc reports on affordability in support of grant bids or appeals can be provided 	
Complete a formal review of the scheme of allocation for 'affordable' housing - Home-Finder.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed by the housing needs team 	Complete 2022
Intervene in the market where possible to tackle the growing (un)affordability of rents, especially for vulnerable groups and those on low incomes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Housing pressures unprecedented currently. Constantly being evaluated and assessed on a regular basis. Interventions as with projects above. 	Ongoing (see projects above)

Strategic Priority 3 - Private Sector Housing

Action	Activity Update - Aug 2023	Milestones
Assist homeless households and others on low incomes to access private sector homes.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rent Deposit/Rent In Advance Scheme extended to apply to all households who approach the council Jan 21 - Guarantor Scheme to be explored but not implemented due to cost 	Complete 2022
Undertake a feasibility study for introducing an Island-wide landlord registration scheme.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Draft being progressed - now halted The government will be issuing a white paper shortly concerning the private rented sector and one of the aspects will be introducing a UK wide scheme for registration/licensing – although we do not have any further details yet. June 22: Briefing provided to Cllr Stephens 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On hold - Pending outcome of the consultation on the Decent Homes Standard in the Private Rented Sector White Paper
Expand the mandatory HMO licensing scheme to cover all properties identified.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory HMO Licensing scheme currently covers all Island. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project removed – not viable This is a complicated process which can only be put in for a temporary

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review into additional licensing indicates higher risk opportunity, with no guarantee of viability. Other options being considered. Apr 23: Reg Services to explore alternatives taking into account the consultation feedback from A Fairer Private Rented Sector White Paper 	<p>period. The cost of implementation is fairly prohibitive with the number of properties/income that this would potentially generate.</p>
Undertake rigorous enforcement against rogue landlords who have a history of breaking the law.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updated procedures embedded in 2020 to facilitate this, and process now in action June 22: Minimum Energy Efficiency Standards financial penalties policy paper agreed at Cabinet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 23: Electrical Regulation penalties paper to be produced to identify requirements to implement
Support responsible landlords and work with them to become professional and grow their business.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Additional web resources available for landlords, and new enforcement processes allow for light touch intervention for compliant landlords. Civil Penalty Policy submitted to cabinet approved. Further changes to enforcement procedures to provide even further light touch intervention. 	Complete 2022
Use all available powers to bring genuine empty properties back into use.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> July/Aug 22: Carried out review of empty properties from 6 months to 2 years. Sept 22 - Letter sent to all surveyed properties identified as empty to seek interest on leasing to IWC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Empty Property Officer appointed Jan 23 Empty Property Strategy and action plan approved July 23 Processes in place to work with owners to bring properties back into use

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 22 – Capital bid for funding to provide grants to owners to fund works and bring properties back into use Dec 22 – Capital bid unsuccessful 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sept 23 – Capital bid for funding to provide grants resubmitted
Work with utility companies and other agencies to insulate homes and improve the energy ratings of older buildings.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Successful bid to BEIS for Green Homes Grant 2020-21. LAD2 scheme in place to March 2022. Sustainable Warmth scheme to be bid for 2022/23. Warm up Wight Scheme in place – 489 measures installed between Jan 21 and April 2022. Eco Flex declarations produced Dec 22 - Joined Portsmouth Consortium for retrofit March 23: Statement of Intent (subject to funding) approved April 23 – Fuel Poverty Grant – capital bid of £500k approved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 23 – Fuel Poverty Grant scheme rolled out
Ensure a well-resourced Private Sector Housing Service to support good landlords and carry out the council’s statutory responsibilities towards tenants and landlords.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Statutory functions being delivered but restricted by limited resources. Some reduction of service and waiting lists. 	Ongoing
Continue to be first port of call for unsecured buildings, offering advice, assistance and enforcement powers if necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Service not being provided due to vacant post, however urgent or dangerous situations are being managed on a case by case basis Section 29 powers delegated to Planning Enforcement to assist in delivery for commercial properties 	Complete 2022

Action	Activity Update - Aug 2023	Milestones
Work with private landlords to ensure properties are well managed and appropriately licensed as necessary.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mandatory HMO licensing scheme in place. High levels of housing standards intervention taking place. May 23 – Landlord Fair held 	Ongoing

Strategic Priority 4 - Homelessness and Housing Need

Action	Activity Update - Aug 2023	Milestones
Review the Homeless Strategy that has been co-produced with clients, landlords, the voluntary sector and other partner agencies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Working with Ministry of Homes, Communities and Local Government and template issued. Full review of need and development of revised strategy and action plan for delivery. A full consultation with the public and all stakeholders has been undertaken. June 2022: Revised Homelessness Strategy and Action Plan agreed by cabinet 	Complete 2022
Develop new partnerships with private and third sector landlords to maximise opportunities for tenancies for homeless families and individuals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Survey of private sector landlords completed, with aim to set up Forum in Q1 Forum meetings in place 21/22 Chair has joined Housing Partnership Board to represent private landlords 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Complete - Landlord Forum in place and Private Sector Leasing scheme operating (96 leases in place)
Commission and deliver a new homeless pathway to alleviate the pressures on temporary accommodation and bed and breakfast provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nov 20 - Pathways contract tendered and awarded 	Complete 2022
End the use of bed and breakfast for families with children.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There were no families in B&B 2020/21 (pre Covid). Pressures in 2021/22 meant that we had to utilise B&B accommodation however, no family has exceeded 6 weeks since that date (this is the legal limitation criteria) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dec 23 - Strategic review for provision of temporary accommodation being carried out

	<p>Temporary Accommodation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mar 23 – Capital funding secured to purchase an HMO for use as temporary accommodation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 23 – Purchase completed • Jan 24 – Works completed • Feb 24 – Property brought into use
Develop a tenancy academy to ensure that tenants are adequately trained and prepared to sustain their own tenancies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • July to Sept 2022 - Pilot underway • Oct 22: Analysis of outcome of pilot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • April 23 – scheme in operation at Howard House • July 23 – Plans to roll out the scheme to other partners • Dec 23 – Review of scheme and decision on long term provision
Develop specialist pathways into services to minimise the impact and trauma associated with homelessness.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nov 21 - Single Homeless Pathway created • Dec 22: Research into existing mental health, hospital discharge and criminal justice pathways with a view to improve 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 23 - Successful bid for funding for Accommodation for Ex Offenders Scheme to deliver a local scheme to support into accommodation • March 23 – Agreement put in place with NHS that no discharges from hospital as homeless • Dec 23 – Allocation Policy reviewed to ensure that specialist pathways are supported
Deliver a Gold Standard homelessness assessment, information and advice service (National Practitioner Support Service NPSS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gold Standard assessment no longer exists and replaced by independent reviews of services completed by DLUHC • Oct 21 - MHCLG completed a deep dive audit. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete – DLUHC carried out a deep dive in July 23 and overall service assessed as good. Areas identified for improvement in Service Plan

Strategic Priority 5: Special housing needs and vulnerable people

Action	Activity Update - Aug 2023	Milestones
Ensure our internal systems and processes are adequately set up to capture interest and help ensure the right people access this form of housing.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HomeFinder extended to include extra care • Allocation Policy reviewed annually 	Complete 2022
Complete the commissioning for Pathways to Independent Adulthood supported accommodation offer for 16-25-year-olds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Framework in place for 3 years from 2018, and extended to 2023 	Complete 2022
Ensure there is an age and stage approach with a range of providers which matches need to the level of support so vulnerable 16-25-year-olds including care leavers, build their skills to live independently.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In place and added two new providers to increase the range of providers and currently liaising with a third to join the framework. 	Complete 2022

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Isle of Wight Council Forward Plan – October 2023

The Forward Plan is a list of all Key Decisions that are due to be considered no earlier than 28 clear working days from the date of this notice by the appropriate Decision Making Body or individual including those deemed to be key decisions.

A list of all Council Members can be found on the Council's web site from this link

The Leader of the Council (also responsibility for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy) is Cllr Phil Jordan

Other members of the Cabinet are:

Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Housing, Public Health and Homelessness - Cllr Ian Stephens

Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills - Cllr Debbie Andre

Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure - Cllr Julie Jones-Evans

Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding - Cllr Paul Fuller

Cabinet Member for Finance, Climate Change and Biosphere - Cllr Jonathan Bacon

Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Community Protection, Waste and ICT – Cllr Karen Lucioni

Please note that any items highlighted in yellow are changes or additions from the previous Forward Plan

*Any decisions that are intended to be made in private with the exclusion of press and public, where for example personal or commercially sensitive information is to be considered, in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England)

Regulations 2012, will require the publication of specific notices, including the reason(s) for the meeting to be held in private.

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<p>Lease of Browns Golf Course</p> <p>The previous tenant gave notice to end their period of tenancy just prior to the summer break. The authority has made every attempt to advertise this opportunity in time, so the facility could be open for the summer at the request of members. There was some interest, and a successful candidate has been appointed. A decision is required now that the leases have been produced, to award this 5 year lease</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure</p> <p>Councillor Julie Jones-Evans Date 1st added: 1 August 2023</p>	<p>Not before 30th Aug 2023</p> <p>DECISION CALLED IN – To be considered by Corporate Scrutiny on 10 October 2023</p>	<p>Leaders authority - Browns Lease_Redacted Upcoming Decision Notice Report</p>	<p>Advertisement of the opportunity</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Disposal of the former Sandham Middle School site, Perowne Way, Sandown, IW</p> <p>Disposal of the site to enable housing delivery</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Finance, Climate Change and Biosphere</p> <p>Councillor Jonathan Bacon Date 1st added: 5 September 2023</p>	<p>Not before 10th Oct 2023</p>	<p>Leader's signed authority Upcoming Decision Report Appendix 1</p>	<p>Local member and Sandown Town Council</p>	<p>Part exempt Appendices will contain confidential heads of terms</p>
<p>Housing Strategy 2020 – 2025 Action Plan Progress Report 2023</p> <p>To provide Cabinet with progress the council and its partners have made against the Housing Strategy action plan since adoption in October 2020.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Housing, Public Health and Homelessness Date 1st added: 1 August 2023</p>	<p>12 Oct 2023</p>	<p>Housing Strategy 2020 – 2025 Action Plan Progress Report 2023</p>		<p>Open</p>

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<p>125 Year Lease of Rew Valley Sports Centre and playing fields, Ventnor to The Island Free School</p> <p>Rew Valley Sports Centre – grant of a new lease to the Island Free School</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Finance, Climate Change and Biosphere</p> <p>Councillor Jonathan Bacon Date 1st added: 5 September 2023</p>	<p>Not before 19th Oct 2023</p>	<p>Signed delegation by the Leader</p>		<p>Open</p>

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<p>Eco Flex – Amendments to Statement of Intent</p> <p>The Eco Flex Statement of Intent needs to be updated in line with national changes to facilitate effective and efficient administration and enable continued satisfactory declarations under the Eco Flex scheme in accordance with Ofgem requirements. Grant of delegated decision making has already been granted to Councillor Ian Stephens by the Leader of the Cabinet, to approve Statements of Intent for ECO4 Flex by Executive Decision on 2 February 2023.</p> <p>Approval is sought for the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing Needs (in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Housing, Public Health and Homelessness) to be granted full executive powers to update any national changes to the ECO4 Flex Statement of Intent insomuch that any changes support the aim of the original Executive Decision on 3 March 2023</p> <p>and</p> <p>That the Director of Adult Social Care and Housing Needs have delegated authority to onward delegate any or such authority to a member of staff.</p>	<p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Housing, Public Health and Homelessness</p> <p>Councillor Ian Stephens Date 1st added: 4 October 2023</p>	<p>Not before 1 Nov 2023</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>Local Council Tax Support</p> <p>Every year local authorities are required to undertake a review of their scheme to ensure it still meets local needs as well as financial impacts. Any potential changes require full consultation with residents and the final decision made at Full Council ahead of the finance Full Council for implementation on the 1 April every year for the statutory provisions to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Finance, Climate Change and Biosphere Date 1st added: 5 July 2023</p>	<p>9 Nov 2023</p>		<p>Public/Service Users Stakeholders Town, Parish & Community Councils Internal Council Services</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Amalgamation of Chillerton and Rookley Primary School with Godshill Primary School, achieved through the closure of Chillerton and Rookley Primary</p> <p>That Cabinet considers the outcome of the of the public notice consultation to amalgamate Godshill Primary School and Chillerton and Rookley Primary School, achieved through the closure of Chillerton and Rookley Primary</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills Date 1st added: 4 October 2023</p>	<p>9 Nov 2023</p>		<p>Public Consultation</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Cyber Security Strategy 2023-2030</p> <p>The UK 'Government Cyber Security Strategy 2022 – 2030' was published last year. It also places a requirement for “all government organisations across the whole public sector being resilient to known vulnerabilities and attack methods no later than 2030”. It provided five advisable dimensions for consideration with regards to a public bodies' cyber resilience. The WWC Cyber Security Strategy 2023-2030 will map out the dimensions providing the Isle of Wight councils' approach to each of these and meeting our responsibilities for resilience to cyber attack.</p>	<p>Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Community Protection, Waste and ICT</p> <p>Councillor Karen Lucioni Date 1st added: 4 October 2023</p>	<p>19 Dec 2023</p>		<p>Internal Council Services</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Island Planning Strategy</p> <p>As the Draft IPS was not agreed on 5 October, Full Council is to specify its objections and to formally refer the matter back to the Cabinet.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding Date 1st added: 17 March 2022</p>	<p>11 Jan 2024</p>	<p>17 Jan 2024</p>	<p>Internal and External Full public consultation</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Disposal of potential housing site(s) in East Cowes</p> <p>To confirm the granting of an option to dispose , subject to securing planning permission, on one or both of the council owned development sites known as Maresfield Rd and Albany</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism (archived 19 May 2023) Date 1st added: 6 July 2022</p>	<p>11 Jan 2024</p>		<p>East Cowes Waterfront Implementation Group and local member</p>	<p>Part exempt Yes – appendix summarising appraisal of responses to EOI issued in April 2022 – responses were submitted as commercial in confidence</p>
<p>Adoption of three LCWIPs (East Cowes & Whippingham; Cowes, Gurnard & Northwood; Brading, Bembridge & St Helens) as a Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD)</p> <p>Following a period of public consultation, Cabinet to be asked to adopt three separate Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plans (LCWIP) for East Cowes & Whippingham; Cowes, Gurnard & Northwood; and Brading, Bembridge & St Helens as Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD) that post adoption can be used as a material consideration in planning decisions.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism (archived 19 May 2023) Date 1st added: 1 March 2023</p>	<p>11 Jan 2024</p>		<p>Prior to the cabinet decision, a formal 6 week public consultation in the LCWIPs will have taken place in line with Planning legislation for the adoption of SPDs, including consultation with a number of statutory consultees</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>School Funding Formula & Budget Setting 2024/25</p> <p>Following the Department for Education (DfE) Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) release in December, this report sets the local school funding formula and associated wider DSG budget for 2024/25</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills</p> <p>Date 1st added: 4 October 2023</p>	<p>11 Jan 2024</p>		<p>All schools consultation during the Autumn, and specific consultation with Schools Forum</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Local Council Tax Support</p> <p>Every year local authorities are required to undertake a review of their scheme to ensure it still meets local needs as well as financial impacts. Any potential changes require full consultation with residents and the final decision made at Full Council for implementation on the 1 April every year for the statutory provisions to be undertaken.</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Finance, Climate Change and Biosphere Date 1st added: 5 July 2023</p>	<p>17 Jan 2024</p>		<p>Consultation to be undertaken if decision is made to make changes to the scheme for 8 weeks. Each claimant will be written to advising them of the changes, advice sent through the anti-poverty meetings, online survey via questionnaire explaining the proposals and likely impact – paper survey on request, People Matter consulted, Age Friendly Group provided with details, letter to the Parish Councils, Letter sent to the police commissioner and fire authority. www.iwight.com Press releases. Face to face communication at customer service points. The council's Facebook and Twitter sites (weekly promotions). Information on the front page of iwight.com</p>	<p>Open</p>

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<p>Review of Polling Places and Districts</p> <p>Review of Polling Places and Districts</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Finance, Climate Change and Biosphere Date 1st added: 5 September 2023</p>	<p>17 Jan 2024</p>		<p>Direct contact with Elected Members, previous Independent Candidates, Local Political Parties, Parish & Town Councils and those with a speciality in access for persons with a disability. Members of the public via Press release, etc.</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Approval of the Statement of Licensing Policy January 2024 - January 2029</p> <p>To approve the Statement of Licensing Policy for the next five years.</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Regulatory Services, Community Protection, Waste and ICT Date 1st added: 4 October 2023</p>	<p>17 Jan 2024</p>		<p>Public Consultation</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Pay Policy</p>	<p>Full Council</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Finance, Climate Change and Biosphere Date 1st added: 4 October 2023</p>	<p>17 Jan 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>The adoption of the Newport Harbour Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document</p> <p>Whether to adopt the draft Newport Harbour Masterplan as a supplementary planning document</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Levelling Up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism (archived 19 May 2023) Date 1st added: 7 September 2022</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>
<p>Determination of School Admission Arrangements for 2025/26</p> <p>To determine the Isle of Wight Council's school admissions arrangements for 2025/2026.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills Date 1st added: 5 July 2023</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>
<p>Budget and Council Tax Setting 2024-2025 and Future Years' Forecasts</p> <p>Budget and Council Tax setting</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Full Council</p> <p>Date 1st added: 4 October 2023</p>	<p>8 Feb 2024</p>	<p>28 Feb 2024</p>		<p>Open</p>
<p>Determine School Academic Year/Term Dates for 2025/2026</p> <p>To seek approval from the Cabinet on the determination of the pattern of school term and holiday dates for the school year 2025/2026.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills Date 1st added: 5 July 2023</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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<p>Director of Public Health Annual Report - Childhood Obesity - Call to Action</p> <p>To note the Annual Report of the Director of Public Health 2023/24 and to endorse any recommendations with the report.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Housing, Public Health and Homelessness</p> <p>Date 1st added: 5 September 2023</p>	<p>14 Mar 2024</p>		<p>N/A</p>	<p>Open</p>
<p>Post 16 Transport Policy Statement 2024</p> <p>To seek Cabinet approval for the Post 16 Transport Policy Statement which applies to the 2024 academic year. The Post 16 policy statement must be published annually by 31 May each year.</p>	<p>Cabinet</p> <p>Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills</p> <p>Date 1st added: 5 July 2023</p>	<p>9 May 2024</p>			<p>Open</p>

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