

Agenda

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date	WEDNESDAY 15 NOVEMBER 2023
Time	6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Members of the committee	All Members of the council
	Democratic Services Officer: Marie Bartlett democratic.services@iow.gov.uk

1. **Minutes** (Pages 7 - 14)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 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**

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



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4. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

To receive the Chairman's official announcements.

5. **Leaders Update Report (20 minutes)** (Pages 15 - 16)

- 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 Vacancies on Bodies (Pages 17 - 22)

7. **Report of the Leader**

- (a) Executive Appointments (for noting) (Pages 23 - 26)

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

- (a) By Councillor M Lilley

IW Council notes that:

- In the 1995 Pensions Act, the Government increased State Pension age for women from 60 to 65, with a further increase to 66 in the 2011 Pensions Act.
- The change was not properly communicated to 3.8m women born in the 1950s until 2012, giving some only one year's notice of a six-year increase in their anticipated retirement age. There are approximately 10,950 affected women on the IOW, which is 7.82% of the population.
- The Parliamentary and Health Service Ombudsman (PHSO) has found that the Department for Work and Pensions was guilty of maladministration in its handling of the State Pension Age increase for women born in the 1950s.
- The All-Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality for Women has concluded that "the impact of DWP maladministration on 1950s-born women has been as devastating as it is widespread. The APPG believes that the case for category 6 injustice is overwhelming and clear. Women have had their emotional, physical, and mental circumstances totally obliterated by a lack of reasonable notice."
- Research commissioned by campaign group WASPI has found that by the end of 2022, more than 220,000 1950s born women have died waiting for justice since the WASPI campaign began in 2015. This includes women dying on the Island.
- WASPI's figures show that over the course of the two-year COVID pandemic, 1 in 10 women who died was affected by these uncommunicated changes and lost both their state pension income and the opportunity to make alternative retirement plans.

- Despite the Ombudsman's findings and the rapid death rate of those affected, the government is choosing to wait for further reports before taking any action.

IW Council resolves to highlight that this injustice has not only had a profound effect on the individuals involved but on the wider community on the Isle of Wight and on Isle of Wight Council, not least because:

- Women who would have looked after older relatives or partners are unable to afford to do so, with a knock-on impact on local social care on the Isle of Wight
- Women who would have retired and engaged in caring responsibilities for grandchildren are having to continue working, increasing the childcare burden on the state locally.
- Women who have been left in poverty are struggling to meet their housing costs, with a knock-on impact on local housing stock.
- There is a broader impact on voluntary services of all kinds locally, which are missing out on able, active volunteers who would otherwise have been able to retire from full-time work as planned.
- Our local economy is negatively affected by the reduced spending power and disposable income the uncommunicated State Pension Age changes has brought about among Island women born in the 1950s.

IW Council supports:

- The conclusion of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on State Pension Inequality that women born in the 1950s have suffered a gross injustice, affecting their emotional, physical and mental circumstances in addition to causing financial hardship.
- A swift resolution to this ongoing injustice before more and more Island women die, waiting for compensation.
- The WASPI Campaign for an immediate one-off compensation payment of between £11,666 and £20,000 to those affected, with the most going to women who were given the shortest notice of the longest increase in their state pension age.

IW Council resolves:

- The Leader of the Council to write to local the local Member of Parliament, and to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to outline the effects of the injustice to 1950s women on the community on the Isle of Wight and to seek their support for an immediate compensation package.

(b) By Councillor N Stuart

Council believes that Isle of Wight residents are unfairly and unequally treated by the UK government compared to mainland residents.

Council recognises that the Islands Forum provides a chance to raise these concerns but believes that it is insufficient to ensure that the Isle of Wight gets the fair treatment it deserves.

Council believes a legislative solution would ensure that the Isle of Wight secures equitable treatment that is long-lasting. Such legislation should include, but not limited to, a system to deliver.

1. Fair funding to Isle of Wight Council and other public services
2. Fair approaches for cross-Solent services by way of regulation, service obligation and government subsidy
3. Equal health services on the Island that maximises opportunities for local treatment and minimises the need for residents to travel to the mainland.

The Council will take all steps necessary to pursue central Government to deliver a fair outcome for the Island.

(c) By Councillor I Dore

That Full Council agrees to a more robust commitment to the Isle of Wight Armed Forces Community, and as part of the current budget setting process, councillors consider increasing the financial contribution to the Isle of Wight Armed Forces Day event. This consideration is to be included in any proposed budget they put before full council.

By making this commitment, Full Council is reaffirming its pledge as a signatory of the Armed Forces Covenant, The Isle of Wight Civil Military Partnership, The Solent Armed Forces Covenant Partnership Board, and the Isle of Wight Armed Forces Community as a whole.

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

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CHRISTOPHER POTTER
Monitoring Officer
Tuesday, 7 November 2023

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

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

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

If time allows after dealing with any written questions, the Chairman will then ask those who have submitted a form to put their question. These will be in the order they were received. As the subject matter is known, the Chairman should be able to indicate which member will reply. If time permits the Chairman may accept further questions.

The option to ask a supplementary question will be at the Chairman’s discretion.

Once the defined period of time allowed for questions has passed (and assuming the Chairman has not extended this) then all remaining oral questions are left unanswered.

No oral question will receive a guaranteed written response, unless the member responding indicates as such.



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and Time	WEDNESDAY 20 SEPTEMBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	CLLrs C Critchison (Chairman), K Love (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, M Lilley, K Lucioni, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, T Outlaw, G Peace, L Peacey-Wilcox, M Price, R Quigley, C Quirk, R Redrup, Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Stephens, N Stuart and I Ward

26. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2023 be approved.

27. **Declarations of Interest**

Councillor P Fuller declared a non pecuniary interest in minute number 33a (Youth Justice Plan) as he was a Youth court magistrate.

Councillor J Jones-Evans declared an interest in minute number 35 as she had commenced her role on Arts council England south west regional council she would be leaving the room for the item.

Councillor C Jarman declared a non pecuniary interest in minute number 33a (Youth Justice Plan) as he was a Justice of the Peace and would not take part in the item.

It was noted that all Councillors could procure a reduced rate parking permit for long stay car parks when undertaking council business (minute number 36)

28. **Election of Executive Leader to hold office until Annual Council May 2025, (Cabinet Leader/Leader of the Council)**

The names of Councillor Suzie Ellis and Councillor Phil Jordan were separately nominated and seconded, in accordance with the Council's Constitution Part 4B section 10 (Voting) four Councillors present requested a named vote be taken

A named vote was taken the result of which was:

Councillor Jordan (19)

Councillors D Adams, D Andre, J Bacon, G Brodie, C Critchison, I Dore, R Downer, P Fuller, A Garratt, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, M Lilley, K Lucioni, L Peacey Wilcox, R Quigley, S Redrup, I Stephens, N Stuart

Cllr Ellis (19)

Councillors M Beston, P Brading, V Churchman, W Drew, S Ellis, S Hendry, C Jarman, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, T Outlaw, G Peace, M Price, C Quirk, R Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Ward

Abstain (1)

Councillor K Love

As the vote was tied, in accordance with the Council's Constitution the Chairman gets a casting vote, the Chairman voted for Councillor Jordan

RESOLVED:

THAT Councillor Phil Jordan be elected as Executive Leader until Annual council May 2025.

29. **Public Question Time**

There were no written public questions submitted.

A question was asked by Ms L Blackledge regarding the provision in place for people who felt they had to close businesses due to the levy required to be paid, Councillor J Jones-Evans advised that she was unable to discuss individual cases however she would liaise with Visit Isle of Wight regarding the levy fee and ask them to contact the business directly. Cllr D Andre also agreed to supply details of the Holiday Activity Fund (HAF).

Mr C Palin asked a question to the newly appointed Leader regarding greater working together he was advised that there was already a lot of working together.

30. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

The Chairman advised that she had attended several events, which included:

- Trinity Church in Cowes for the Late Queen and Duke
- Allocation of awards for the Duke of Edinburgh awards
- Civic Day at Basingstoke and Deane Council

The Isle of Wight Walking Festival arranged for the following month was fully booked.

The chairman's charity walk during the Isle of Wight Walking Festival, taking place in the following month was fully booked.

She thanked the Vice Chairman for his attendance at some events during the summer in her absence.

31. Leaders Update Report

RESOLVED:

THAT the outgoing Leader Update report be noted.

32. Report of the Monitoring Officer

32a Review of Political Proportionality, Alternative Arrangements, Nominations and Appointments

The Monitoring Officer advised Council that due to the by election (Wootton Bridge) the proportionality on Council meetings had been reviewed and changed, nominations had been requested from all group leaders and the non-aligned Councillors, he updated the nominations which had been received following the publication of the report and associated appendices.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution Part 4B Section 10 (voting) four councillors requested a named vote on the alternative arrangements for the recommendation that Cllr R Quigley be temporarily appointed to the Appointments and Employment Committee for the recruitment of the Director of Children's Services.

A named vote was taken the result of which was:

For (34)

Councillors D Adams, D Andre, J Bacon, M Beston, P Brading, G Brodie, V Churchman, C Critchison, I Dore, R Downer, W Drew, S Ellis, P Fuller, S Hendry, C Jarman, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, K Love, K Lucioni, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, G Peace, L Peacey Wilcox, M Price, R Quigley, C Quirk, R Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Stephens, I Ward.

Against (2)

Councillors A Garratt, N Stuart

Abstain (1)
Councillor S Redrup

The Monitoring Officer advised that as two Councillors voted against the recommendation then the alternative arrangements cannot be passed by law, therefore the motion fell.

Several nominations were made prior to and during the debate on this item (attached to and forming part of these minutes)

Following further discussion, a proposal was made and duly seconded to agree recommendation numbers four and six.

A vote was taken the result of which was:

RESOLVED:

- I. THAT the review of political proportionality subject to the proposed alternative arrangements be agreed.
- II. THAT the nominations and appointments set out in Appendix 2 (as amended) be approved.

33. **Report of the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills**

33a **Isle of Wight Youth Justice Plan**

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills presented the annual report, the recommendation was proposed and duly seconded a vote was taken the result of which was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Isle of Wight Youth Justice Plan 2023/24 be endorsed.

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

35. **By Councillor D Andre**

Councillor J Jones-Evans left the room for this item.

Councillor D Andre moved the following motion with an alteration (in bold) which was duly seconded:

That this Council **endorses** 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. **This comes with the proviso that the Isle of Wight has equal representation as part of the larger geographical area.**

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.

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

RESOLVED:

That this Council endorses 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. This comes with the proviso that the Isle of Wight has equal representation as part of the larger geographical area.

36. By Councillor K Love

Councillor K Love moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

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.

Following discussion, the Chairman decided that the motion would be referred to the Joint Consultative Meeting and to return to Full Council at a later meeting.

RESOLVED:

THAT the motion be referred to Joint Consultative Meeting for consideration before returning to Full Council.

36a By Councillor L Peacey Wilcox

The motion was withdrawn

37. Member Questions to the Leader and to any other Cabinet Member

Councillor S Redrup submitted a written question, the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Adult Services and Housing, Public Health and Homelessness provided a written response (MQ 08/23).

Councillor S Redrup asked a supplementary question seeking confirmation of a physical place on the Island being available for support, The Leader advised that he would put the Director of Public Health in touch with the Councillor.

Councillor P Spink asked if under the new Leader the perceived rule regarding non alliance Councillors not being able to sit on the Cabinet would be waived or altered. The Leader advised that he was not aware of any rule and he looked forward to working together and capturing the experience of councillors across the Chamber.

Councillor R Quigley asked following the decision earlier if the Leader would like him as Chairman of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services,

Education and Skills to be involved in the recruitment process for the Director of Children's Services, the Leader said he would like him to be involved.

Councillor R Quigley asked if the new Leader was committed to moving forward the place planning for schools on the Island. The Leader advised that he was, however, the September 2024 date may not be realistic.

Councillor A Garratt asked if the draft budget would be made available early to bring forward savings options in good time, the Leader advised that the process would start sooner rather than later, and requested all councillors to come forward with ideas as it was acknowledged the budget would be tough.

Councillor N Stuart asked if the place planning would be led by the community and be fully transparent, the Leader advised that it would, the start of the process involved consultation.

CHAIRMAN

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Committee Report

Committee	FULL COUNCIL
Date	15 NOVEMBER 2023
Title	LEADER'S UPDATE REPORT
Report of	LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

This is my update report for the period since the last Full Council.

I am saddened to have to start with the news that a very valued member of staff Kim Goode sadly passed away on Wednesday 11 October. Kim was the senior children's social care officer on the Isle of Wight. During her time across both Hampshire and the Isle of Wight Children's Services, Kim worked tirelessly to improve the outcomes for children and families and was a much-valued colleague to staff. Our thoughts and condolences are with her family and in particular her partner at this difficult time.

World Mental Health day (10 October) focused on the Five Ways to Wellbeing, with local media campaigns signposting to services and opportunities across the Island, encouraging people to find ways to look after and improve their mental wellbeing. The Council Mental Health Working group marked the day with an event for council staff, encouraging staff to consider how to support their own mental wellbeing and that of our staff.

Continuing with the theme of health and wellbeing, the Isle of Wight Council welcomes the Prime Minister's announcement on a Smoke Free Generation and is already supporting 528 people to quit smoking per year. Teams across the council are working together to restrict the use of underage vapes.

The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSO) annual review of complaints 2022-23 was published on 26 July. The LGSO investigated 13 complaints during the year and upheld 54% of these, which is considerably lower than the national average of 72% for similar authorities. The Ombudsman was also satisfied that the council had successfully implemented recommendations in 100% of cases.

The customer survey conducted by the contact centre revealed that our customers value a quick response to enquiries made at the first point of contact, with a response that provides clear guidance and support around what to do next. These considerations will form part of the customer charter that is in the process of being refreshed.

The first year of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Multiply project, which aims to

improve adult numeracy, has engaged over 250 people meeting 90% of its target compared with other local authorities, some of whom have only managed to achieve as low as 20% of their target.

We have received our Apprenticeship Maturity Report from the Local Government Association which followed a self-assessment process. This has been benchmarked to all other local authorities both regionally and nationally which revealed that the Isle of Wight are in the upper quartile in comparison with all local authorities for its achievements against Public Sector target performance. There are currently 118 apprentices on programmes equating to apprenticeship levy spend of £421,384.00.

Our senior management restructure has been completed and in recognition that we have reduced capacity in some parts of the council we are refining our corporate plan to identify a small number of key priorities, outcomes and deliverables.

Since offering across the chamber significant roles in working alongside Cabinet Members as support, or advisory, teams on Policy making activity and decision making, I am pleased to say that numbers of non-Alliance Councillors have accepted the roles and working with the relevant Cabinet Member already, noticeably, on the 2024/25 Budget and Finance process. I want to re-iterate that the offer for cross chamber working with Cabinet Members remains open to all Councillors.

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Full Council Report

ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL

Date **15 NOVEMBER 2023**
Title **APPOINTMENT TO VACANCIES ON BODIES**
Report of **MONITORING OFFICER**

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to notify councillors of vacancies on certain bodies and for the council to consider what appointments to make.
- 1.2 In addition, the report gives an opportunity for political groups to make changes to their list of substitutes .

2. Recommendation(s)

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| 2.1 That the appointments set out in Appendix 1 be agreed. |
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3. Background

- 3.1 Since the last meeting of the council, there are a number of further vacancies which have arisen, and for which consideration needs to be given to appoint to such vacancies.
- 3.2 Cllr Clare Mosdell has been elected as the Conservative Group Leader by the Conservative Group and Cllr Gary Peace has resigned from the council. As a consequence that group wishes to make certain changes in its group seat allocation and the council is required to appoint the councillors nominated.
- 3.3 Other vacancies exist and these are all listed in Appendix 1.
- 3.4 It is not currently proposed to fill the vacancies proportionately assigned to the non-aligned councillors on the Licensing Committee and the Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration. This reflects their wishes, and the matter will be considered at a further meeting of the council.

4. Corporate Priorities and Strategic Context

- 4.1 The appointments made will assist to facilitate the council to deliver its corporate vision and its corporate aims. The [Corporate Plan 2021 – 2025](#) lists key areas of activity that will be our main areas of focus for the lifetime of this plan which will need to be central to everything we do as a council.

5. Consultation And Engagement

- 5.1 Group leaders and the two unaligned councillors have been consulted and engagement has taken place.

6. Financial / Budget Implications

- 6.1 There are no additional costs associated with the proposals contained within this report. The recommendations accord with the overall budget agreed by the council in February 2023.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 Where certain bodies are required to be politically proportionate, the council must respect the expressed wishes of the relevant political groups as regards their seat allocation and appoint as duly nominated.
- 7.2 The council is required to allocate seats to the unaligned councillors but there is no requirement to appoint any particular unaligned councillor to any such seat. Presently neither unaligned councillor wishes to be appointed to the two vacant seats allocated to the unaligned.
- 7.3 There is no requirement to review political proportionality until one or more of the statutory triggering events occurs. If, following the current by-election, the person elected joins a political group, this would be a triggering event and a review of political proportionality will be held.
- 7.4 With regard to any appointment to an overview and scrutiny committee regard must be had to the statutory guidance - [Overview and scrutiny: statutory guidance for councils and combined authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#). For example, paragraph 27 of that guidance states: *‘When selecting individual members to serve on scrutiny committees, an authority should consider a member’s experience, expertise, interests, ability to act impartially, ability to work as part of a group, and capacity to serve’*. Paragraph 28 advises: *‘.Authorities should not take into account a member’s perceived level of support for or opposition to a particular political party...’*. This guidance does not, however, override the legal requirement to give effect to the seat allocation under section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

8. Equality And Diversity

- 8.1 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 this report has any negative impact upon any of the protected characteristics.

9. Options

- 9.1 As stated above, the council must appoint councillors duly nominated by relevant political groups for bodies required to be politically proportionate.
- 9.2 Otherwise it is up to the council to determine whether to appoint a particular person to a vacancy, provided that the person is willing, eligible and suitable.

10. Risk Management

- 10.1 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.

11. Evaluation

- 11.1 The council has no option but must respect the expressed wishes of the relevant political groups as regards their respective seat allocation and must appoint those duly nominated to their allocated committee seats which are politically balanced.
- 11.2 The two unaligned councillors do not currently wish to be appointed to the two vacancies allocated to the unaligned.

12. Appendices Attached

- 12.1 Appendix 1 sets out the council appointments to the vacancies on the bodies.

13. Background Papers

- 13.1 None.

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Christopher Potter
Monitoring Officer

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APPOINTMENTS TO VACANCIES

Audit and Governance Committee

Cllr **TBA** (to replace former Cllr Gary Peace) – Conservative Group Seat

Appointments and Employment Committee

Cllr Clare Mosdell (to replace Cllr Suzie Ellis) - Conservative Group Seat

Vice-Chairman – Cllr Clare Mosdell

Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Cllr Clare Mosdell (to replace Cllr Suzie Ellis) - Conservative Group Seat

Harbour Committee

Cllr **TBA** (to replace former Cllr Gary Peace) - Conservative Group Seat

Vice-Chairman – Cllr **TBA**

Hampshire & IW Local Government Association

Cllr Karen Lucioni

Health and Wellbeing Board

Cllr Jonathan Bacon

Joint Staff Consultative Meeting

Cllr Phil Jordan (to replace Cllr Lora Peacey-Wilcox)

Licensing Committee

Cllr **TBA** (to replace former Cllr Gary Peace) - Conservative Group Seat

Unaligned seat vacancy

Chairman – Cllr **TBA**

Local Pension Board

Employer Representative (Councillor) – **TBA**

Employer Representative (Staff) - **TBA**

Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills

Cllr Clare Mosdell (to replace Cllr Suzie Ellis) - Conservative Group Seat

Vice-Chairman – **TBA**

Parent Governor Education Co-optee – Emily Rufian

Parent Governor Education Co-optee – Matthew Searle MBE FRSA

Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration

Unaligned seat vacancy

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EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS – October 2023 (changes in bold)

The following are appointments made or to be made by the Leader of the Cabinet at a later date.

	ORGANISATION	POSITION	2023 MEMBER(s)*
1	Augusta Wilder Almshouse Charity	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Cllr Andre
2	Combined Fire Authority (CFA)	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Community Protection	Cllr Lucioni
3	Corporate Parenting Board	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Childrens’ Services (Chair).	Cllr Bacon
4	Economic Development Board (Cabinet committee)	3 Elected Members appointed by the Leader	1. Cllr Jones-Evans 2. Cllr Jordan 3. Cllr Stephens
5	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority (HIWFRA)	1 Elected Member appointed by the Leader	Cllr Lucioni
6	Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Community Protection	Cllr Lucioni
7	Isle of Wight Cultural Education Partnership (IWCEP)	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Childrens’ Services.	Cllr Bacon

Appointments after Full Council 20 September 2023

8	Local Government Association	By Position – Leader (council is a paid-up member to the LGA, but no formal appointment is made. Leader will receive paperwork and delegate as appropriate) **	Cllr Jordan
9	Integrated Care Board	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Cllr Andre
10	Parking and Traffic Regulations Outside London (PATROL)	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Environment and Transport + 1 deputy	1. Cllr Jordan 2. Cllr Churchman (deputy)
11	Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Cllr Andre
12	Safeguarding Children Partnership Board	By Position – Lead Member for Children’s Services (participant observer)	Cllr Bacon
13	Solent Growth Forum (SLEP)	By Position – Chairman of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration	Cllr Stuart
14	Solent Local Enterprise Partnership Board	Nominated representative for LEP election process – Cabinet Member for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure	Cllr Jones-Evans
15	Solent Transport (formerly Transport for South Hampshire and Isle of Wight)	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Environment and Transport	Cllr Jordan

16	Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Coastal Protection and Flooding.	Cllr Fuller
17	Visit Isle of Wight Ltd (Destination Management Organisation)	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Economy, Regeneration, Culture and Leisure	Cllr Jones-Evans

* Appointments revised due to election of new Executive Leader (Full Council Sept 2023)

** Note that this includes being a member representative on the LGA General Assembly

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