

Isle of Wight Council Record of Decisions made at a meeting of the Cabinet on Thursday, 11 January 2024

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The following decisions were made by the Cabinet at its meeting on **Thursday, 11 January 2024**. These decisions will come into force on **Tuesday 23 January 2024**. A decision by the Cabinet may be called-in (in accordance with Part 3 Section 9 of the Council's Constitution) by **Monday 22 January 2024**. Enquiries about any decision that has been made should be made in the first instance to Democratic Services at democratic.services@iow.gov.uk. Any declaration of interest made by any member of the Cabinet is shown below.

	Item	Reason for Decision:	Alternative options:	Lead officer:
1	<p>Minutes</p> <p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2023 be approved.</p>			
5a	<p>Review of Independent Island Living Strategy</p> <p>That Cabinet adopts the Isle of Wight Independent Island Living Strategy attached at Appendix 1.</p>	<p>In line with Corporate Plan 2021 - 2025, the Independent Island Living Strategy supports the council aspiration number 18 - "Promote the building of affordable supported social retirement housing to ensure residents maintain their independence for as long as possible." Key activity of this aspiration is to undertake a review of the Isle of Wight Independent Island</p>	<p><u>Option 2</u></p> <p>To not approve the proposed draft of the Independent Island Living Strategy that is subject to this report and abandon the proposal.</p>	<p>Director of Adult Social Care and Housing Needs (re-org 2023)</p>

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		<p>Living Strategy.</p> <p>The Independent Island Living Strategy also supports a number of other strategies as listed in the report.</p>		
6a	<p>District 2 TRO Review - Newport and Carisbrooke</p> <p>The decision was deferred to the next meeting of Cabinet due to extra work being required on some of the proposed schemes.</p>			Director of Neighbourhoods (re-org 2023)
7a	<p>Discretionary Rate Relief Policy</p> <p>That Cabinet recommends that Full Council adopts Options 1 and 4 within this report, namely that:</p> <p>Backdating provisions which mirror the current legislative backdating rules are adopted within the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy. Awards will be considered from the date the application is received. In exceptional circumstances consideration may be given to awarding rate relief for a retrospective period where the ratepayer can demonstrate good cause for not submitting the application earlier, subject to the following constraints relating to discretionary awards:</p> <p>i) If the application is received by 30 September, the award can be</p>	<p>Backdating of DRR will support local businesses to regain economic stability following the pandemic and other recent unprecedented events.</p> <p>Many of the businesses considered eligible for DRR are smaller local businesses who may be struggling financially.</p>	<p>OPTION 2 – To allow an indefinite period of backdating of discretionary rate relief awards up to 1 April 2023 at the earliest and that relief can be amended or ceased by the Council at any such time (determined on a daily basis) as the Council considers that the ratepayer no longer meets the criteria for receiving the relief.</p> <p>OPTION 3 – To allow no backdating period at all, meaning relief will only apply from the date of application going forward and that relief can be amended or ceased by the Council at any such time (determined on a daily basis) as the Council considers that the ratepayer no longer meets the criteria for receiving the relief.</p>	Director of Corporate Services (re-org 2023)

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	<p>backdated to 1 April of the previous financial year.</p> <p>ii) If the application is received after 30 September, the award can only be backdated to 1 April of the current financial year.</p> <p>iii) that relief can be amended or ceased by the Council at any such time (determined on a daily basis) as the Council considers that the ratepayer no longer meets the criteria for receiving the relief.</p> <p>and</p> <p>That any future changes required to the Discretionary Rate Relief Policy are passed for delegated decision to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance and the s151 Officer, in conjunction with the Monitoring Officer, if appropriate.</p>			
8a	<p>School Funding Formula & Budget Setting 2024/25</p> <p>That the 2024/25 school funding formula and wider Dedicated Schools Grant budget allocations detailed in Appendix 1 and 2 to this report be approved.</p>	<p>The 2021 to 2025 corporate plan emphasises the need for the local authority to work with and challenge schools in financial deficit to secure a more sustainable position for the schools and the council. The funding formula within the report results in increases in all funding formula factors, increasing funding for all schools mitigating risks of individual</p>	<p>Option 2 - To require further formula options and alternative schools grant budgets to be developed, requiring a further period of consultation to be carried out with schools.</p>	<p>Director of Children's Services</p>

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		schools in deficit. This impacts on schools delivering on existing budget plans, and financially viable schools in turn contribute to ensuring pupils can develop their skills and fulfil their potential.		