

## Isle of Wight Council Record of Decisions made at a meeting of the Cabinet on Thursday, 14 March 2024

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The following decisions were made by the Cabinet at its meeting on **Thursday, 14 March 2024**. These decisions will come into force on **Tuesday 25 March 2024**. A decision by the Cabinet may be called-in (in accordance with Part 3 Section 9 of the Council's Constitution) by **Monday 25 March 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](mailto:democratic.services@iow.gov.uk).

	Item	Reason for Decision:	Alternative options:	Lead officer:
1	<b>Minutes</b>  RESOLVED:  THAT the minutes of the meetings held on 8 February 2024 and 15 February 2024 be approved.			
5a	<b>Director of Public Health Annual Report - Childhood Obesity - Call to Action</b>  To note the content of the report.  To endorse the ambition within the Annual Report which acknowledges the significant challenge we face in respect to rising levels of childhood overweight and obesity, the multi-faceted causes, the impacts and system wide collaboration required to halt the worsening	The content of the DPH annual report aims to improve the health and wellbeing of our children and young people; this is relevant for ambition 16 of the <a href="#">Corporate Plan 2021 - 2025</a> , to 'place the health and wellbeing of residents at the centre of all we do.'	None	Director of Public Health

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	trend.			
<b>5b</b>	<p><b>A Smokefree Generation</b></p> <p>Cabinet approves the spend of up to a maximum amount of £2,547,480 on procuring a new smoking cessation and prevention service over a period of seven years.</p> <p>Cabinet approves for the Leader of the Council, Chief Executive, and Director of Public Health to sign the Local Government Declaration on Tobacco Control.</p>	The plans are in line with the Isle of Wight Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2022-27 and corporate strategy.	None	Director of Public Health
<b>6a</b>	<p><b>Determine School Academic Year/Term Dates for 2025/2026</b></p> <p>That Cabinet approves the proposed calendar for term dates 2025/2026 'as outlined in Appendix 1 of the report.</p>	The recommendation in this report links to the Corporate Plan 2021-25 priority which is to work with local communities to maintain and ensure appropriate local school provision. Also raising educational achievement is a priority of the Council as set out in the Council's Corporate Plan. The standardisation of dates as much as possible across schools helps them to plan effectively and supports good attendance.	Option 2: not to approve the proposed calendar as outlined in option 1 and pursue an alternative pattern of school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2025/26.	Director of Children's Services
<b>7a</b>	<p><b>Concessionary Travel Reimbursement 2024-25</b></p> <p>That approval be given to return to the English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS) direct reimbursement principles that</p>	The recommended proposals align with the Council's aspiration of 'committing to develop sustainable transport' in relation to Environment, heritage and waste management and the ongoing business of the	<b>Option 2</b> – Not to approve the recommended proposal and undertake further negotiations with local bus operators. Though this may trigger implementation of the statutory minimum ENCTS	Strategic Director Community Services

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	<p>operators should be no better or worse off as a result of the Scheme and that reimbursements shall be determined by the number of concessionary travel journeys undertaken on the relevant operator's local bus services.</p> <p>That approval be given to maintain the existing discretionary enhancements as detailed in this report for the next financial year 2024/2025.</p> <p>And that delegated authority be given to the Strategic Director of Community Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Transport and Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport Strategy and the Section 151 Officer, to prepare and implement the Concessionary Fares Scheme reimbursement arrangements for the 2024/25 financial year.</p>	<p>Council, to 'continue to work with the transport infrastructure board to improve infrastructure, public transport and mainland connectivity' in relation to Highways PFI, transport and infrastructure, as set out within the Corporate Plan 2021 to 2025.</p>	<p>concessions and could result in a formal appeal, as set out within paragraph 41.</p>	
7b	<p><b>Cowes Medina Crossing</b></p> <p>Cabinet agrees and resolves to replace the current floating bridge. Cabinet agrees to accept the recommendations set out in the Cabinet report as an indicative process.</p> <p>Utilising previous work carried out in respect of the floating bridge over recent years, Cabinet agree that this information should be used to inform the next stage to ensure the necessary work is carried out as quickly and efficiently as possible.</p>	<p>Key Aspiration 46 of the Corporate Plan sets out the administration intention towards the operating future of the floating bridge as follows:</p> <p>We will aim to find a permanent working solution to Floating Bridge 6 (FB6) and, if appropriate, achieve this by scrapping and replacing it.</p> <p>Key activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Complete the contract dispute process as soon as possible</li> </ul>	<p>None</p>	<p>Strategic Director Community Services</p>

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	<p>This will include working with the consultants “3S”, who have supported the recent review and who have extensive knowledge of the process and background. 3S will positively support the stated aim and project to replace the floating bridge going forward.</p> <p>The scope of their work is to be agreed between Cabinet, officers and 3S.</p>	<p>without compromising the potential for further legal action.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commission an independent engineering report to establish the potential for FB6 to operate as was intended and a cost/benefit analysis of the outcomes by January 2022.</li> <li>Then by March 2022 either: - appoint an independent organisation to design a new floating bridge in consultation with the community; or - appoint an independent organisation to manage the necessary improvement works to make FB6 work as was intended</li> </ul>		
8a	<p><b>Draft Island Planning Strategy</b></p> <p>To agree some of the Full Council recommended changes, all of the recommended changes from the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration and all of the recommendations from the Corporate Scrutiny Committee* to the</p>	<p>The Corporate Plan 2021 - 2025 sets out the council’s key areas for action, aspirations and key activities. Once adopted the IPS and its planning policies will play a key role in helping the Council achieve in its three key areas for action:</p>	<p>To not accept some or all the items of objection from Full Council in November 2022 and to give the reasons for not accepting the objections.</p> <p>To not accept some or all the recommendations from the Policy &amp;</p>	

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	<p>draft Island Planning Strategy as attached at Appendix 1; and then</p> <p>To recommend to Full Council that the draft Island Planning Strategy be approved and published for the Regulation 19 period for public representation and then submitted to the Planning Inspectorate for examination; and</p> <p>To recommend to Full Council to delegate any final editorial and presentational changes to the Island Planning Strategy prior to publication and submission, to the Director of Communities in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Coastal Protection and Flooding, so long as they do not materially alter the intention of the version agreed by Full Council.</p>	<p>a) Provision of affordable housing for Island residents</p> <p>b) Responding to climate change and enhancing the biosphere</p> <p>c) Economic recovery</p> <p><i>*the recommendations from Corporate Scrutiny would result in the following changes to the Draft IPS document attached at Appendix 1:</i></p> <p>1. Addition of the following sentence within Appendix 3 of the Draft IPS (Site specific requirements) to all IOW Council owned allocations (HA002, HA031 (part), HA037, HA044, HA078, HA080 &amp; HA084):</p> <p>“As the site is owned by the Isle of Wight Council, the council should seek to bring forward the land through an appropriate council housing delivery vehicle that maximises the number of social homes affordable to island residents.”</p> <p>2. Revision to paragraph 6.38 that</p>	<p>Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration and to give the reasons for not accepting the recommendations.</p> <p>To not proceed with the current Island Planning Strategy approach and to review the approach towards a new local plan.</p>	

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		<p>supports policy G5 'Ensuring planning permissions are delivered' to read:</p> <p>"6.38 To help ensure that proposals for development are implemented in a timely manner, the council will consider imposing a planning condition providing that development must begin within a timescale shorter than the relevant default period, where this would expedite the development without threatening its deliverability or viability. Any delays will take account of the preparation of S106 legal agreements. The local planning authority considers that where a planning obligation, such as a Section 106 agreement, is required it should be completed in a timely manner. Should Planning Committee resolve to approve a planning application and the obligation has not been completed within six months of the resolution, the decision may be referred back to Planning Committee for reconsideration."</p>		
13a	<p><b>Sale of the former Weston Academy, Weston Road, Totland, Isle of Wight</b></p> <p>To sell the former Weston Academy site to the</p>	<p>The preferred bid satisfies the council's aspirations and priorities to work together openly with our communities to support and sustain</p>	<p>Option 2: to decline all offers received for this site and re-market the site.</p>	<p>Strategic Director Corporate Services</p>

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	preferred bidder based on the offer attached at exempt Appendix 2, to pay the preferred bidder the BLRF grant available for this site, and to delegate approval of the final terms of the sale to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance.	our economy, environment and people.	Option 3: retain ownership of the site and consider alternative uses.	
<b>13b</b>	<p><b>Disposal of the former Yarmouth Primary School, Yarmouth</b></p> <p>To approve in principle the disposal of the former Yarmouth CE Primary School site to bidder D based on the proposal attached at exempt Appendix 2, subject to Department for Education Section 77 consent being granted and heads of terms being agreed, and to delegate approval of the final terms of the sale to the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Housing and Finance.</p>	Bid D satisfies the corporate plan aspiration and priorities to work together openly with our communities to support and sustain our economy, environment and people.	<p>Option 2: To dispose of the site to another bidder.</p> <p>Option 3: To decline all offers received for this site and re-market the site.</p> <p>Option 4: To retain ownership of the site and consider alternative uses.</p>	Strategic Director Corporate Services