



Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON THURSDAY, 11TH
FEBRUARY, 2021 BY THE CABINET**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON
MONDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2021**

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs D Stewart, S Hutchinson, B Abraham, P Brading, S Hastings, C Mosdell,
G Peace, B Tyndall, I Ward and W Whittle)

Members also present(non-voting)
Cllrs D Andre, G Brodie and R Hollis

Officers Present
C Ashman, S Bryant, S Crocker, L Gaudion, K Hubbleday, S MacDonald, J Metcalfe,
A Minns, S Newton, W Perera, C Potter, C Rowland, C Shand, P Thomas, C Ward

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	Minutes
Decision reference	57 – (20/21)
Decision Taken	<u>RESOLVED:</u> That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2021 be agreed.

Agenda item	Declarations of Interest
Decision reference	58 – (20/21)
Decision Taken	There were no Declarations of Interest.

Agenda item	Public Question Time - Maximum 15 Minutes
Decision reference	59 – (20/21)
Decision Taken	There were no public questions received.

Agenda item	Chairman's Announcements
Decision reference	60 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	The Chairman was pleased to announce that as a result of a submission by the council and the local MP for an Island Deal, the island would receive £50,000 from the government. The money would be used for a study into the Island's unique circumstances and was the first time the Chairman was aware of such recognition.

Agenda item	Progress on Housing Strategy Action Plan
Decision reference	61 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	<p>It was reported that of the 48 actions listed in the housing strategy action plan for year 1, 40 had been achieved since October 2020, seven had not yet been fully achieved and one not achieved in the projected timescale, however they were on track to be completed by the due date in November 2021.</p> <p>Highlights of the report included that 100 affordable homes had been built in the last year, and it was hoped to deliver another 300 within the next two years.</p> <p>Enforcement action was being pursued against private landlords where necessary, and the council was hoping to bring empty homes back into use.</p> <p>Funding had been obtained for a better long-term homeless facility at Barton which was COVID safe.</p> <p>The first purpose built extra-care housing scheme had been built at Ryde Village, new homes built at Shalfleet, work had commenced at the Branstone Farm site. This innovative approach to housing would help young people get a foot on the property ladder.</p> <p>Government had been lobbied regarding the affordability gap for rented housing on the island. The island's case had</p>

	been accepted and more funding would go to Housing Associations on the island. There was still a lot of work to be done. The council's vision was for everyone to have a place to call home.
Decision Taken	To note the update report and progress made as at Appendix 1.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>The purpose of this report is to inform Cabinet of the significant progress the council and its partners have achieved against the housing strategy action plan since the adoption of the housing strategy in October 2020.</p> <p>This report sets out early successes in advance of its scheduled first annual review in November 2021 and is for information and noting as it does not propose any amendments at this time.</p> <p>The Cabinet is responsible for monitoring delivery of the action plan annually; it is due to review the housing strategy action plan in November 2021.</p>
Options considered and rejected	N/A
Declarations of Interests	None

Agenda item	Motion referred from Full Council
Decision reference	62 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	Cllr Lilley had raised the motion at Full Council which had been referred to Cabinet. Members noted that the issue would be discussed further when drafting the council's Planning Strategy.
Decision Taken	Option B - To inform the mover of the council motion that the issues raised in the motion, insofar as they are relevant to the functions of the council, are taken into account in the preparation of the appropriate council strategies, particularly the Climate and Environment Strategy and the Island Planning Strategy.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	A motion from Full Council meeting has been referred to Cabinet for consideration. The substantive elements of the motion are more appropriately considered having regard to the relevant council strategies. The recommendation seeks to direct the intention of the motion into the preparation of

	<p>those strategies.</p> <p>The most appropriate manner of managing land use on the island is through the council's development plan and associated policies. In order to be effective and persuasive, the council's policy on land use matters should follow the proper policy process identified in the legal implications above.</p>
Options considered and rejected	Option A - To note the motion.
Declarations of Interests	None

Agenda item	Public Health Report - Changing the Blame Game: Creating Healthy Weight Environments for All
Decision reference	63 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	The Director of Public Health gave an overview of his report, which made a number of recommendations to tackle obesity and promote healthy weight, which included environmental factors such as encouraging more walking and cycling and broadening the 'Sugar Smart' programme and the roll out of the Peach programme in schools to improve health, continuing to work collaboratively with the 0-19 school nursing service, and to maintain strong partnerships with other agencies to improve the health of the population.
Decision Taken	To note the report of the Director of Public Health and its subsequent publication on the Council's webpages.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>The 2012 Health and Care Act placed a statutory duty on upper tier Local Authorities to improve and protect the health of their residents.</p> <p>The Director of Public Health has a statutory duty to produce an annual report about the health of the local population. The content and structure of the report is decided each year by the Director of Public Health, based on local topics and priorities. There is a requirement placed on Isle of Wight Council as the relevant local authority is to publish the report.</p> <p>This year's report 'Tackling environmental factors is vital to address obesity on the Isle of Wight' looks at the importance of environmental factors in tackling excess</p>

	weight amongst the population of the Isle of Wight. It considers these factors and uses innovative case studies to explore this issue in Hampshire and makes recommendations for what more we and our partners can do together to address obesity.
Options considered and rejected	None

Agenda item	Parking Delivery Plan
Decision reference	64 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	Thanks was expressed to officers and to WYG Engineering for their work in producing the extensive plan. In implementing the plan it would be important to balance the revenue potential against the economic impact of parking policies. It would need to support the Regeneration Strategy, the Local Transport Plan and Draft Planning Strategy. It was noted that since the council had previously undertaken the exercise there were an additional 10,000 cars on the Island, equating to 1.3 per household. The intention was not to create more car parks but to reduce car usage. During the pandemic the increase in the amount of people working from home had reduced the need to use a car. The document was flexible and would be adapted as situations developed going forward.
Decision Taken	Option 1 – To adopt the draft Parking Delivery Plan, attached at Appendix 4, taking note of the consultation, and produce/publish the final plan.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	The introduction of the Parking Delivery Plan will enable the authority to deliver national and regional policy associated with traffic regulations and acts. It will support the Local Transport Plan 2011 to 2038; support the Strategic Asset Management Plan 2010/11 to 2012/13. It will also support the delivery of the outcomes set out in the corporate plan 2017-20 as well the draft Regeneration Strategy and draft Island Planning Strategy.
Options considered and rejected	Option 2 – Propose amendments to the draft Parking Delivery Plan and when updated produce/publish the final plan. Option 3 – Not to accept the draft Parking Delivery Plan.

Declarations of Interests	None
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Agenda item	Quarterly Performance Report - Quarter 3
Decision reference	65 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The report was a snapshot of the council’s activities from September to December 2020. There had been many changes in activity since December. The Strategic Risk Register was highlighted and it was noted that the risk rating given to ‘the lack of financial resource and inability to deliver the council’s in year budget strategy’ had been reduced.</p> <p>The contact centre had an average call answering time of 51 seconds, which was within the target of 60 seconds.</p> <p>£1 million had been allocated to the highways budget for improvements, which would help towards tackling some of the priorities on the list of concerns raised by residents.</p> <p>It was noted that £1.7 million of saving against budget was from Treasury Management and the team were recognised for their work in achieving this.</p>
Decision Taken	To approve the Performance and Finance Report – Quarter ended 31 December 2020 and the priority report detail, together with the council’s financial position as set out in the Appendices
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	Ongoing management and monitoring of performance data, the council’s strategic risk profile and financial situation is required to support the successful delivery of agreed council priorities. As such, this report provides the Cabinet (and subsequently the council’s scrutiny function) with the necessary information to record achievements and challenge areas of underperformance and to account for it to the wider community.
Options considered and rejected	None

Agenda item	Budget and Council Tax Setting 2021-2022 and Future Years Forecasts
Decision reference	66 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	<p>Members had been heavily involved for some time in producing the budget which this year had three components instead of the usual two, with the addition of the COVID budgets making it a more difficult task. Government support of £139 million had been received for grants and tax reliefs for businesses and individuals. Finance staff and other redeployed staff had processed the grants very swiftly.</p> <p>The budget shortfall had started at £19 million, reduced to £10 million with government support and the forecast was now to be in balance by the end of the financial year. It was possible there may even be £1 million in hand.</p> <p>Reserves had been useful over the past year in coping with the pandemic. £14.2 million had been put aside over the next three years for increased costs due to COVID, most of which would probably be used in the first year.</p> <p>The budget would be fully discussed at Full Council.</p>
Decision Taken	<p>To endorse the following:</p> <p>a) The recommendations to the Council set out below.</p> <p>It is recommended that the Council approve the following:</p> <p>a) The revised Revenue Budget for the financial year 2020/21 and the Revenue Budget for the financial year 2021/22 as set out in the General Fund Summary (Appendix 1) which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) The establishment of a COVID-19 Fund estimated at £14.2m (ii) A Revenue Contribution to Capital of £2.0m (iii) A contribution to the Transformation Reserve of £1.0m. <p>b) Any variation arising from the Local Government Finance Settlement 2021/22 or any further savings made in 2020/21 arising at the year-end (after allowing for specific carry forward requests) be transferred to the COVID-19 Fund, Transformation Reserve, Revenue Reserve for Capital and General Reserves with the level of each transfer to be determined by the S.151</p>

Officer.

- c) That the level of Council Tax be increased by 1.99% for general purposes in accordance with the referendum threshold¹ for 2021/22 announced by Government (as calculated in Appendix 2)
- d) That the level of Council Tax be increased by a further 3.0% beyond the referendum threshold (as calculated in Appendix 2) to take advantage of the flexibility offered by Government to implement a "Social Care Precept"; and that in accordance with the conditions of that flexibility, the full amount of the associated sum generated of £2,558,500 is passported direct to Adult Social Care
- e) That the amounts set out in Appendix 2 be now calculated by the Council for the financial year 2021/22 in accordance with Section 31 and Sections 34 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992
- f) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to implement any variation to the overall level of Council Tax arising from the final notification of the Hampshire Police & Crime Commissioner, Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority and Parish and Town Council precepts, and amend the calculations set out in Appendix 2 accordingly
- g) The savings proposals for each Portfolio amounting, in total, to £3.5m for 2021/22 and continuing into future years as set out on the next page:

Portfolio	Controllable Budget	Savings Proposal	
	£	£	%
Adult Social Care, Public Health & Housing Needs*	52,885,965	1,567,000	3.0%
Children's Services, Education & Skills	25,799,771	481,000	1.9%
Community Safety & Digital Transformation	8,939,086	175,800	2.0%
Environment, Heritage & Waste Management	8,826,020	308,400	3.5%
Infrastructure & Transport**	11,637,618	101,000	0.9%
Leader & Strategic	822,326	0	0.0%

¹ Council Tax increases beyond the referendum threshold can only be implemented following a "Yes" vote in a local referendum

Partnerships			
Planning & Housing Renewal	2,410,804	8,500	0.4%
Regeneration & Business Development	5,146,580	137,500	2.7%
Resources	10,935,643	720,800	6.6%
Grand Total	127,403,813	3,500,000	2.7%

***Excludes the additional funding passported through to Adult Social Care of £4.4m (which if included would result in an overall increase of 5.4%) and the additional funding for Children's Services, Education & Skills of £1.6m (which if included would result in an overall increase of 4.4%)**

**** Excludes £19.4m of PFI grant funding, on a Gross expenditure basis the savings amounts to 0.3%**

- h) Directors be instructed to start planning how the Council will achieve the savings requirements of £9.0m for the 3 year period 2022/23 to 2024/25 and that this be incorporated into Service Business Plans
- i) The minimum level of Revenue Balances as at 31 March 2022, predicated on the approval of £3.5m savings in 2021/22 and the establishment of a COVID-19 Fund of £14.2m, be set at £7.0m to reflect the known and expected budget and financial risks to the Council
- j) Members have regard for the "Statement of the Section 151 Officer in accordance with the Local Government Act 2003"
- k) The Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2025/26 set out in Appendix 5 which includes all additions, deletions and amendments for slippage and re-phasing
- l) The new Capital Investment Proposals ("New Starts") - 2021/22 set out in Appendix 4 be reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2025/26 and be funded from the available Capital Resources
- m) The allocation of Disabled Facilities Grants be made to the Better Care Fund, and reflected within the recommended Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2025/26
- n) The S.151 Officer be given delegated authority to determine how each source of finance is used to fund the overall Capital Programme and to alter the overall mix of financing, as necessary, to maximise the flexibility of capital resources used and minimise the ongoing costs of borrowing to the Council
- o) That the S.151 Officer in consultation with the Leader of the Council be given delegated authority to release capital resources held back for any contingent items that might arise, and also for

any match funding requirements that may be required of the Council in order to secure additional external capital funding (e.g. bids for funding from Government or the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership).

It is recommended that the Council note the following in respect of the Council's Budget:

- a) The Revenue Budget 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 1 has been prepared on the basis of a 4.99% increase in Council Tax, any reduction from the overall 4.99% Council Tax increase proposed will require additional savings of £852,900 for each 1% reduction in order for the Budget 2021/22 to be approved
- b) The Revenue Forecasts for 2022/23 onwards as set out in the section entitled "Revenue Forecasts 2022/23 to 2024/25" and Appendix 1
- c) The estimated Savings Requirement of £9.0m for the three year period 2022/23 to 2024/25, for financial and service planning purposes, be phased as follows:

Financial Year	In Year Savings Requirement £m	Cumulative Saving £m
2022/23	3.0	3.0
2023/24	3.0	6.0
2024/25	3.0	9.0

- d) The Transformation Reserve held to fund the upfront costs associated with Spend to Save Schemes and Invest to Save Schemes holds a very modest uncommitted balance of £2.0m and will only be replenished from contributions from the Revenue Budget and an approval to the transfer of any further savings at year end
- e) Should the Council elect to reduce the level of savings below £3.0m in 2022/23 (and £3.0m p.a thereafter), the Council's financial risk will increase and therefore the minimum level of General Reserves held will also need to increase in order to maintain the Council's financial resilience
- f) The Council Tax base for the financial year 2021/22 will be **53,279.6** [item T in the formula in Section 31 B(1) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended (the "Act")].
- g) The Council Tax element of the Collection Fund for 2020/21 is estimated to be a deficit of £2,438,510 which is shared

	<p>between the Isle of Wight Council (86.0%) and the Police & Crime Commissioner (10.8%) and the Hampshire & Isle of Wight Fire & Rescue Authority (3.2%)</p> <p>h) The Business Rate element of the Collection Fund for 2020/21 is estimated to be a deficit of £12,448,733</p> <p>i) The Retained Business Rate income² for 2021/22 based on the estimated Business Rate element of the Collection Fund deficit as at March 2021, the Non Domestic Rates poundage for 2021/22 and estimated rateable values for 2021/22 has been set at £23,978,748.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	The Council's Budget for 2020/21 and 2021/22, the level of Council Tax and the Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2025/26 represent the Council's detailed plan for 2021/22 and set the direction for the medium term. They are set within the context of the Council's approved Corporate Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS).
Options considered and rejected	<p>A. In respect of the Revenue Budget 2021/22:</p> <p>ii) Reduce the proposed increase in Council Tax and increase the level of savings noting that every 1% reduction in Council Tax will require an increase in savings of £852,900</p> <p>iii) Increase the use of General Reserves used in 2021/22 and reduce the level of savings accordingly, acknowledging that:</p> <p>a) In doing so, the level of savings in 2022/23 and future years will increase providing an uneven profile of savings, which is contrary to the approved MTFS, and the Council's financial resilience will reduce at a time of unprecedented uncertainty for the future of Local Government funding</p> <p>b) The minimum level of Reserves to be maintained will need to be increased in response to the increase in financial risk</p> <p>iv) Amend the allocation of Savings Requirements between Portfolios by reducing savings in one or more Portfolios and providing replacement savings of equivalent value in one or more other Portfolios</p> <p>v) A combination of options (ii) to (iv) above</p> <p>vi) Set a Council Tax for General Purposes at a level above 1.99% and undertake a local referendum.</p>

² Includes Retained Business Rates of £19.8m, "Top Up" of £11.7m, S.31 Grants of £4.9m and a Collection Fund deficit of £12.4m

	<p>B. In respect of the Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2025/26 as set out in Appendix 5:</p> <p>ii) Amend the proposed "New Start" Capital Schemes by reducing / deleting proposed Capital Schemes and replacing with alternative Capital Schemes of equivalent value</p> <p>iii) Amend the proposed "New Start" Capital Schemes by reducing / deleting Capital Schemes and retaining the amount of Corporate Capital resources available for future Capital Programmes.</p>
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Agenda item	Cabinet Member Announcements
Decision reference	67 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Digital Transformation reported some facts and figures to enable the council to deliver essential services. There had been 446 deliveries of additional ICT equipment to staff homes to enable home working. In the 90 days prior to 23 March 2020 there had been 800 Teams meetings and in the last 90 days there had been 22819 Teams meetings, 487 of which had been with external parties, which showed a large increase in home working.</p> <p>There had been good foresight and planning to ensure that essential services were continuing to be delivered.</p> <p>The website project was continuing although it had been delayed due to COVID. A Beta testing site would follow as resources allowed.</p> <p>A cyber security risk review had been undertaken of the council's ICT systems. Work was ongoing to enhance the council's security in line with industry best practice.</p> <p>The Gigabit Island project led by Wightfibre was continuing, although it had been slowed down by COVID. It was still on schedule to make all parts of the Island connected by gigabit speeds by 2023, which would make the island one of the world's most connected, with highest internet speeds available.</p> <p>It was planned that this year's Cowes Week would be part of a £28 million government fund to trial innovative uses of 5G.</p> <p>With regards to Community Safety, the Violent Crime Reduction Unit was continuing to work. Funding was expected from the Home Office for 2021/22 budgets for reducing violent crime and domestic abuse.</p>

	<p>Funding had also been received for an independent review to take place of domestic abuse functions on the island along with government commissioning and accommodation.</p> <p>Environmental Health had been focusing on response and recovery, prioritising the retail and accommodation sectors which had involved joint working with the police on investigation and enforcement. The team had dealt with 1500 complaints since the start of the pandemic. Business webinars dealing with various aspects of COVID which had been successful in the first lockdown would recommence on 24 February. There had been some proactive work with fishing vessels following Brexit.</p> <p>Licensing had been focusing on animal establishment licensing and taxis to ensure they could operate in a COVID safe way. Further guidance around large sale event was awaited from government.</p> <p>Trading Standards had been made aware of several scams circulating, some of which were COVID related, and were providing advice to residents.</p> <p>The Crematorium and Bereavement staff were continuing to operate a vital service, working in bubbles to ensure resilience. Front line staff in this area were to receive vaccinations.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport reported that following the success of St Mary's junction, the Newport Traffic Plan was moving to Phase 2 – the reconfiguration of St George's Way, to improve traffic flow to and from Coppins Bridge. This was planned to be undertaken from the summer to early autumn.</p> <p>A feasibility study had been started to extend the railway from Ryde to Newport and from Shanklin to Ventnor.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills reported that the Winter Grant scheme had been successful, and all schools had received funding for free school meals for February half term. So far 21 grants had been awarded totalling £101,309. There was still £43,000 left in the grant pot for which community groups were encouraged to apply.</p> <p>The government had so far supplied 1543 laptops for island schoolchildren, as well as extra free data and dongles and some individuals had come forward with spare equipment for schools.</p> <p>There was an additional £407,660 to come from government for holiday activities and food schemes for the rest of the year. More announcements would follow.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and</p>
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Housing Needs reported that challenges due to COVID were continuing, with increased demand on services, particularly in Housing Needs. Some new services had been introduced, for example the Single Homelessness Pathway which provided targeted support and accommodation for single homeless people, which had enabled 21 people to move into single Pathway accommodation and 11 into a home since November 2020.

Howard House new assessment homelessness hub was due to open in a few months and would provide emergency accommodation, targeted support and life skills training working in partnership with the Salvation Army.

Work to prevent homelessness was continuing with partners Two Saints, Southern Housing Group and the Law Centre. A new service, the Community Support Homelessness Prevention Service would commence in April 2021.

The Cabinet Member for Business and Regeneration reported that the council had been unable to reach a satisfactory conclusion to the arbitration proceedings with AEW in relation to Ryde Arena. For legal reasons the council had been advised that it had a good case to reopen the building, however this had now changed and the council had been advised it would be unlikely to succeed. Further public money could not be risked on pursuing the action any further. Discussions had now ceased but the council would not allow AEW to use the council's adjacent land until it came up with a credible use of the building. The council would review its position and try and find an alternative way of securing a new future for the building with the support of the community.

A Future High Streets meeting had been held in January which had been well attended to identify barriers and actions to be proactive to change the high street offer in a changing world of online retail.

Work had commenced at the Branstone Farm site with £10 million of funding. A successful bidder had been found to purchase the land at Pier Street, Sandown and provide toilets and a restaurant at the site.

Premier Inn was to open in Sandown.

Newport Harbour Revision Order was confirmed and would be before parliament in the following week. This would enable the Harbour masterplan to be promoted to potential partners and developers.

Expressions of Interest for potential partners for Nicholson Road, Ryde, development had been received which was encouraging.

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing reported that there had been a government consultation on high street permitted

development, to create new homes in previous commercial premises. Officers had prepared a response expressing concerns which had been submitted. The outcome was awaited.

A further consultation had also been undertaken on the National Model Design Code in relation to proposed changes to national planning policy, which was to be welcomed. A response would be submitted before the closing date of 27 March 2021.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Heritage and Waste Management reported that £2.6 million had been awarded to the council for work at 13 sites under the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme. This would free up some capital investment funds.

Green Waste subscriptions were due for renewal. There were currently 4612 on Direct Debit, and there had been 2633 new or renewed subscriptions since 2 February. The deadline for renewal was 19 March 2021.

The Energy Recovery facility was on target to open in the spring this year. Figures provided showed that in 2011/12 50% of waste had gone to landfill, but this had now reduced to just 1%. Recycling was now at 56%, above the national target of 50%.

There had been 83,000 bookings at Lynbottom Waste Recovery facility since 5 May 2020 when the system was introduced, which had worked well.

The Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources reported that £1.4 million had been received from the government in respect of increase costs due to COVID.

Confirmation had been received that the elections in May were still to take place. Details had been circulated on how this was to be undertaken and managed. More updates would follow.

The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and COVID 19 Recovery reported that he welcomed the additional money coming in from government, however it should be noted that some of it was for specific purposes and could not be diverted to other areas.

A report had been submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Board, Corporate Scrutiny and the Local Outbreak Engagement Board with information regarding COVID recovery, and an update presented by the Director of Public Health.

The Leader reported that he had chaired the Independent Remuneration Panel, the outcome of which would be reported to Full Council on 24 February. He had also attended the Solent LEP meeting with leaders of other local councils. As a response to a new

	government initiative, a Free Port submission had been made for the Southampton area, of which the Isle of Wight was a part.
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Agenda item	Consideration of the Forward Plan
Decision reference	68 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	Members noted that there were at least seven items on the Forward Plan for the next meeting of Cabinet of 11 March 2021.

Agenda item	Members' Question Time
Decision reference	69 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	A question was received from Cllr Karl Love (MQ 01-21) regarding the Floating Bridge. The Leader provided a response.

Member Question time of the Leader

To view any Member questions that were put to the Leader, they will be listed as an additional PDF document below the Member question time of the Leader section within the online minutes, an example is displayed below:

29. Member Question Time of the Leader

- [View the background to item 29.](#)

A question must be submitted in writing on 17 November 2020.

Additional documents:

- [MQ - 15/20](#)  PDF 96 KB

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Cabinet – Thursday 11 February 2021

Written question from Cllr Karl Love to the Leader, Isle of Wight Council

Will Cllr Stewart confirm that he has received written proposals and documentation offering support, advice guidance in helping Isle of Wight Council resolve the operational issues of the Floating Bridge from John Springate of 3S and that this information has been made widely available to all county councillors and officers? What actions has this administration taken in response to those specific recommendations and when can we expect an announcement from this administration that IWC has a written plan of action to replace Floating Bridge 6 with a new FB7?

Response

I can confirm that I have received written proposals from Mr Springate. I cannot progress any further actions in relation to that matter until the current legal contract mediation process has been concluded, and for Cllr Love's information a number of options will be put forward at the appropriate time and so his presumption of one option may or may not be correct.

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