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Agenda

Name of meeting	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Date	WEDNESDAY 26 MAY 2021
Time	5.00 PM
Venue	MEDINA SPORTS HALL, FAIRLEE ROAD, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Members of the committee	All Members of the council

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1. **To elect a Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.** (Pages 7 - 10)
2. **To appoint a Vice Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.** (Pages 11 - 14)
3. **Minutes** (Pages 15 - 26)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2021.
4. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite Members to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.



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5. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

6. **Leaders Update Report** (Pages 27 - 28)

To receive a report from the outgoing Leader.

7. **To elect the Leader of the Council for the ensuing four years, who will also be the Chairman of the Council's Cabinet** (Pages 29 - 32)

8. **Members questions to the Leader**

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9. **Appointments of Committees** (Pages 33 - 40)

10. **Review of Political Proportionality, Alternative Arrangements, Allocation of Seats Nominations and Appointments to Committee (including chairmen and Vice-Chairmen)** (Pages 41 - 56)

11. **Appointments to Outside Bodies** (Pages 57 - 66)

12. **To receive from the Returning Officer the results of the Council elections held on 6 May 2021.** (Pages 67 - 82)

13. **To approve the following programme of ordinary Council meetings for the ensuing year**

21 July 2021

15 September 2021

17 November 2021

19 January 2022

23 February 2022 (Budget)

18 May 2022 (Annual)

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

(a) By Councillor Geoff Brodie

That Council, in recognition of the diversity of religious beliefs and no beliefs in the community we represent, resolves to end the practice of offering largely Christian prayers as a formal part of the opening proceedings of Full Council meetings.

Instead it is agreed that any such prayers will be offered before the formal opening of Full Council.

CHRISTOPHER POTTER
Monitoring Officer
Tuesday, 18 May 2021

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Purpose: For decision

Name of meeting	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Date	26 MAY 2021
Title	ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL
Report of	MONITORING OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of the report is to elect to the office of chairman of the council.
2. The existing term of office of the current chairman of the council expires by law on the day of the annual council meeting.
3. Therefore, there is a requirement to hold an election for the office of the chairman of the council in order that the local authority is properly established.

BACKGROUND

4. The Isle of Wight Council, being the principal council for a non-metropolitan county, consists of a chairman and councillors (section 2(1) of the Local Government Act 1972).
5. To be lawfully constituted there must be elected a chairman from among the elected county councillors.
6. The importance of this mandatory office is highlighted by the fact that by law the election of the chairman of the council must be the first item of business on the agenda of the annual council meeting (see section 4(1) of the Local Government Act 1972).
7. To be eligible to stand for the office of chairman of the council a candidate must be a councillor of this local authority but cannot be a serving member of the executive/cabinet of the local authority (section 3(1A) of the Local Government Act 1972). Before standing as a candidate, any current member of the executive/cabinet of the local authority must have resigned from the executive/cabinet.

8. Election is by simple majority of those present and voting.
9. The current Chairman of the Council, Cllr George Cameron, is retiring from the Council, and once his successor has been elected and has duly made and delivered their 'declaration of acceptance of office of chairman of the council' and thus become entitled to act as chairman, Cllr George Cameron stands down from presiding at that point in the meeting and from the Council.
10. Therefore, following the election, there will be a short break to enable the incoming chairman of the council to duly make and deliver their declaration of acceptance of the office of chairman of the council before they preside and otherwise act in that role (see section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972).
11. The successful candidate holds that office until their successor is entitled to act as chairman (unless they earlier voluntarily resign, or become disqualified from office). The office-holder cannot be removed from office by resolution of the Council.
12. The role and responsibilities are set out in detail in the Council's Constitution in Part 4A on page 138 which broadly are to act as the civic head on ceremonial occasions on the Island and to preside over meetings of the Full Council, ensuring the efficient and effective conduct of business. [PART 4A - Chairman of the Council.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#) Furthermore, under Part 2 of the Constitution on page 27, the ruling of the chairman of the council, after taking advice from the Monitoring Officer, shall not be challenged at any meeting of the Full Council [PART 2 - suspensioninterpretation and publication of the constitution.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#).
13. Where there is a deadlock in voting, the chairman of the council may exercise their casting vote to break that impasse. There is no obligation to do so (except in the election of their successor).

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

14. The recommendation in this report supports the local authority's vision for the Isle of Wight.

CONSULTATION

15. There is no consultation process – it is for Full Council to elect a chairman of the council from group/member nomination(s).

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

16. None arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

17. As set out in this report.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

18. 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 the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

RISK MANAGEMENT

19. None arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

20. That Councillor (*name to be put forward at the meeting*) be elected to the office of chairman of the council to serve from the date of election until their successor is elected at the next annual council meeting and is entitled to act as chairman.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

21. None.

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Purpose: For decision

Name of meeting	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Date	26 MAY 2021
Title	APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL
Report of	MONITORING OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of the report is to appoint to the office of vice-chairman of the council.
2. The existing term of office of the current vice chairman of the council expires by law on the day of the annual council meeting.
3. Therefore, there is a requirement to appoint to the office of the vice-chairman of the council.

BACKGROUND

4. The current Vice-Chairman of the Council, Cllr Shirley Smart, retires from that office immediately upon the election of the new chairman of the council at the annual council meeting.
5. There is a mandatory requirement to 'appoint' a member of the council to be vice-chairman of the council (see section 5(1) of the Local Government Act 1972). (Please note that there is no real practical significance in the use of the word 'appoint' rather than 'elect').
6. To be eligible to stand for the office of vice-chairman of the council a candidate must be a councillor of this local authority but cannot be a serving member of the executive/cabinet of the local authority (section 5(1A) of the Local Government Act 1972). Before standing as a candidate, any current member of the executive/cabinet of the local authority must have resigned from the executive/cabinet.
7. Any election to make the appointment is by simple majority of those present and voting.

8. Therefore, following the election, there will be a short break to enable the incoming vice-chairman of the council to duly make and deliver their declaration of acceptance of the office of vice-chairman of the council before they otherwise act in that role (see section 83 of the Local Government Act 1972).
9. The office-holder cannot be removed from office by resolution of the Council (as by law they hold office until immediately after the election of a chairman at the next annual meeting of the council unless they earlier resign or become disqualified).
10. The vice-chairman of the council, in effect, largely deputises for the chairman of the council in the role and responsibilities as are set out in detail in the Council's Constitution in Part 4A on page 138. [PART 4A - Chairman of the Council.pdf \(modern.gov.co.uk\)](#) But the vice-chairman of the council cannot preside if the chairman of the council is present at the council meeting (see paragraph 5(1) of Part I to Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972).
11. Where there is a deadlock in voting, the vice-chairman of the council if presiding may exercise their casting vote to break that impasse. There is no obligation to do so (except in the election of the chairman of the council – see section 4(3) of the Local Government Act 1972).

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

12. The recommendation in this report supports the local authority's vision for the Isle of Wight.

CONSULTATION

13. There is no consultation process – it is for Full Council to appoint a vice-chairman of the council from group/member nomination(s).

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

14. None arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

15. As set out in this report.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

16. 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 the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

RISK MANAGEMENT

17. None arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

18. That Councillor (*name to be put forward at the meeting*) be appointed to the office of vice-chairman of the council to serve from the date of election until immediately after the election of a chairman at the next annual meeting of the council.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

19. None.

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Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and Time	WEDNESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
Venue	VIRTUAL (MS TEAMS)
Present	Cllrs G Cameron (Chairman), S Smart (Vice-Chairman), B Abraham, D Andre, R Barry, P Bertie, M Beston, P Brading, G Brodie, C Chapman, V Churchman, R Downer, P Fuller, A Garratt, S Hastings, S Hendry, J Hobart, R Hollis, J Howe, S Hutchinson, J Jones-Evans, J Kilpatrick, M Lilley, K Love, J Medland, C Mosdell, M Murwill, J Nicholson, T Outlaw, G Peace, L Peacey-Wilcox, G Perks, M Price, C Quirk, I Stephens, D Stewart, B Tyndall, I Ward and W Whittle
Apologies	Cllrs A Axford

39. Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 20 January 2020 be approved.

40. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations at this stage.

41. Public Question Time

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr P Coueslant	How many bids for the lease at Brown's Golf Course had been received and when will the successful bidder be chosen	The Leaser provided a written response (PQ13/21)
Mr M Locke	Will the one hour free parking be extended to the Moa Place car park for vaccine patients?	The Leader provided a written response (PQ 14/21)

Mr M Voller	What were the councils plans to implement 20mph zones more widely across the Island?	The Leader provided a written response (PO15/21)
Ms T Mikich	How is the IWC working with the local communities to implement the 20mph speed limit across the Island?	The Leader provided a written response (PQ 16/21)

42. Chairman's Official Announcements

A written report had been circulated for information. The Chairman referred to a report that had been circulated from the Youth Council Chairman.

43. Leaders Update Report

The Leader thanked staff for all their hard work during this time, and outlined work undertaken since the last meeting, this included:

- Continued response to Covid-19
- Latest position on the Island deal
- Regeneration of Newport Harbour and Revision Order approval
- Involvement in adult learning for young people and apprenticeships

Questions were asked regarding regeneration in Newport, the leader highlighted a number of achievements regarding regeneration in Newport. Concern was raised regarding the number of food vouchers distributed across the Island. Concern was raised that there was only one contractor on the Island available to deliver the governments green deal, the Leader advised that the Cabinet member would look into this.

It was noted that the agreed motion in November 2020 for the introduction of mobile average speed cameras was included in the budget, the Leader advised that road safety was high priority, and understood that the motion had been supported by other councillors at the meeting. Mobile speed cameras included motorcycles and other road users.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Leaders update report be noted.

44. Budget and Council Tax Setting 2021-2022 and Future Years Forecasts

A 2021/22 budget and Council Tax setting report had been received from the Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader. Amendments, from the Liberal Democrats, Cllr Geoff Brodie and the Island Independent Group had been

submitted, they had been accepted by the Section 151 Officer as being legal and presenting a balanced budget.

The Leader and Deputy Leader spoke on the budget proposals recommended by Cabinet.

The proposers of the amendments spoke in turn on their budget proposals.

The Leaders of the other groups were asked if they would like to make comment on the budget proposals, however it was declined at this stage.

Other members of the council also made comment on the budget proposals.

The Leader, the other proposers of amendments and the other group leaders then summed up.

Adjournment

At the conclusion of the debate the chairman called for a brief adjournment.

Following the adjournment, the Leader moved the recommendation by Cabinet which was duly seconded.

An amendment to the proposal attached as Amendment 1 (and forming part of these minutes) was moved by Cllr Garratt and duly seconded.

A named vote was taken the results were as follows:

For: (10)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Reg Barry, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Michael Lilley, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Shirley Smart.

Against: (26)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, Stephen Hendry, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle.

Abstained: (2)

Cllrs Julie Jones-Evans, Karl Love.

An amendment to the proposal attached as Amendment 2 (and forming part of these minutes) was moved by Cllr Geoff Brodie and duly seconded.

A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For: (16)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Michael Murwill, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens.

Against: (21)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Paul Fuller, Steve Hastings, Stephen Hendry, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, Clare Mosdell, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle.

Abstained: (1)

Cllr John Kilpatrick

An amendment to the proposal attached as Amendment 3 (and forming part of these minutes) was moved by Cllr Debbie Andre and duly seconded.

A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For (11)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Reg Barry, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Shirley Smart

Against: (26)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, Geoff Brodie, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, Stephen Hendry, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Ian Stephens, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle

Abstained: (1)

Cllr Julie Jones-Evans

Voting was taken on the Substantive motion.

A named vote was taken the result of which was as follows:

For: (24)

Cllrs Barry Abraham, Paul Bertie, Michael Beston, Paul Brading, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Steve Hastings, Stephen Hendry, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Stuart Hutchinson, John Kilpatrick, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, John

Nicholson, Tig Outlaw, Gary Peace, Graham Perks, Matthew Price, Chris Quirk, Dave Stewart, Brian Tyndall, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle

Against: (14)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, Reg Barry, Geoff Brodie, Rodney Downer, Paul Fuller, Andrew Garratt, John Howe, Julie Jones-Evans, Michael Lilley, Karl Love, John Medland, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Shirley Smart, Ian Stephens

Abstained: (0)

RESOLVED:

1. THAT the Council approve the following:
 - (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:
 - (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.
 - (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 Officer.
 - (c) That the level of Council Tax be increased by 1.99% for general purposes in accordance with the referendum threshold 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:

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 Partnerships	822,326	0	0.0%
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)
- (p) The Capital Strategy 2021/22 to 2024/25, including the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement contained therein (Appendix 6)
- (q) The Investment Strategy 2021/22 (Appendix 7)

2. 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 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%)
- (h) The Business Rate element of the Collection Fund for 2020/21 is estimated to be a deficit of £12,448,733
- (i) The Retained Business Rate income 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
- (j) The Equality Impact Assessment (attached at Appendix 8)

45. **Report of the Monitoring Officer**

45.1 **Independent Remuneration Panel - establishment and appointment of members and the Scheme of Members' Allowances for 2021/22 and its review.**

The Leader introduced the report which advised that the council was required to establish an Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP), a recruitment exercise to appoint a new panel of independent members had been undertaken and thanks were given to the previous members for their years of service to their local community.

Clarification was provided that there had been no review by the IRP since the adoption of the fifteenth report (which was made in 2018), however the increases made had followed the officer pay settlement which had been agreed nationally.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Independent Remuneration Panel be established to undertake its statutory duties with a membership size of up to 4 persons.

THAT Jeanette Howells, Chris Mathews, Tracy Ringer and Aaron Wright be appointed to serve on that Panel for a term of office of five years each unless removed earlier upon good cause.

THAT the appointment of chairman of the IRP be left to members of the IRP to determine themselves.

THAT all the previous members of the IRP be thanked for their service to the local community.

THAT the Council notes and reaffirms that the Isle of Wight Council Members' Allowance Scheme already approved on 19 September 2018 applies for the scheme year 2021/2022 as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

THAT the allowances payable to members of the IRP remain unchanged at £301 for each year in which their statutory functions are exercised, with reasonable expenses being paid relating to their discharge of such functions.

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

46.1 **By Councillor Dave Stewart**

Councillor Stewart advised he proposed an alteration to his Motion, to include the mention of town, parish and community councils. The revised motion was moved and duly seconded:

The fragility of the Isle of Wight's economy, characterised by low paid and seasonal job opportunities, has been deeply exposed by the impact of the coronavirus pandemic from which it is likely to take many years to recover without significant external intervention and support. However the Island does have a great strength in its people and communities whose will and determination to succeed is second to none.

Keeping the community safe has and remains an absolute priority. The council recognises that it does not have the resources to fund the recovery itself but it does have a sound and robust, risk based approach to financial management and a growing strength in its regeneration activities, which will be essential in helping the Island to recover from the pandemic.

Economic recovery is essential to the Islands future

Therefore this council resolves to align its regeneration activities with the strength of the Isle of Wight's local community (including Town, Parish & Community Councils) to rebuild the Island's fortunes, support its economic, social and environmental recovery and to work closely with government and the Local Enterprise Partnership to secure levelling up funding and support from the UK prosperity fund as part of the national recovery from the pandemic.

Cllr Brodie proposed the motion be amended as follows:

The fragility of the Isle of Wight's economy, characterised by low paid and seasonal job opportunities, has been deeply exposed by the impact of 11 years of austerity-obsessed Conservative government, the past 4 years of a Conservative-lead

Council and now the coronavirus pandemic from which it is likely to take many years to recover without significant external intervention and support. However the Island does have a great strength in its people and communities whose will and determination to succeed is second to none.

Keeping the community safe has and remains an absolute priority.

The council recognises that it does not have the resources to fund the recovery itself
Economic recovery is essential to the Islands future

Therefore this council resolves to align its regeneration activities with the strength of the Isle of Wight's local community to rebuild the Island's fortunes, support its economic, social and environmental recovery and to work closely with government and the Local Enterprise Partnership to secure a long-promised, but always delayed 'Island Deal', levelling up funding and support from the UK prosperity fund as part of the national recovery from the pandemic.

Cllr Stewart did not accept the amendment, a vote was taken, and the amendment fell.

A vote on the substantive motion was taken the result of which were as follows:

RESOLVED:

The fragility of the Isle of Wight's economy, characterised by low paid and seasonal job opportunities, has been deeply exposed by the impact of the coronavirus pandemic from which it is likely to take many years to recover without significant external intervention and support. However the Island does have a great strength in its people and communities whose will and determination to succeed is second to none.

Keeping the community safe has and remains an absolute priority. The council recognises that it does not have the resources to fund the recovery itself but it does have a sound and robust, risk based approach to financial management and a growing strength in its regeneration activities, which will be essential in helping the Island to recover from the pandemic.

Economic recovery is essential to the Islands future

Therefore this council resolves to align its regeneration activities with the strength of the Isle of Wight's local community (including Town, Parish & Community Councils) to rebuild the Island's fortunes, support its economic, social and environmental recovery and to work closely with government and the Local Enterprise Partnership to secure levelling up funding and support from the UK prosperity fund as part of the national recovery from the pandemic.

47. **Member Question Time of the Leader**

No written questions had been submitted. The Chairman advised that in accordance with the Councils Constitution Part 4A Paragraph 2 (Timing and business) the meeting could not proceed after four hours.

The meeting was closed

CHAIRMAN

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Leaders Report for Full Council 26th May 2021

Chairman,

I submit the following leader's report as a summary of the achievements of last year by the Conservative Led Administration.

The achievements during 2020 / 21 include:

- **Investment in Venture Quays** for some £1 million. This acquisition has secured jobs in marine manufacturing, clothing manufacturing and will enable the development of a digital innovation centre and local housing for the future benefit of Island Residents.
- **Investment in Branstone Farm** (from the Isle of Wight Council and the Local Enterprise Partnership) of over £2 million. This investment will ensure the provision of 42 affordable homes, a biosphere centre and light industrial business providing jobs and homes for Islanders in a unique rural, mixed-use scheme
- **Investment to secure the last leg of the Tour of Britain cycle race** in September 2022. This major national event will help to support our hospitality industry as well as put the Island on the International map as a major tourist destination.
- **Investment in a permanent provision for the homeless on the Island.** Accommodation for up to 26 people will ensure that those less fortunate than many have a roof over their heads and receive a package of support to help them rebuild their lives
- **Investment in the Island Line.** A joint approach between the Isle of Wight Council, the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership, Southwestern Trains and the Government ensuring a total investment exceeding £28 million providing newly updated rolling stock for the Island Line and upgrade of the infrastructure which will significantly improve the service for Islanders
- **Investment in St Marys Junction** (formerly St Mary's roundabout) as part of the wider improvements for the Newport Road network. Using funds of £6m secured from the government.
- **Investment for the Camp Hill Estate** which will secure major improvement in the roads and footpaths which is of high social value to this community. Using funds of £6.3 m secured from the government.
- **Investment for West Wight School** which ensures modern facilities and educational improvement for the children of West Wight. The Investment exceeding £4 million of funds secured from the government
- Continued investment in Island Roads through the highways PFI contract making the Island's roads amongst the best in the country
- **Investment in our Waste Contract.** This has ensured we have one of the highest re-cycling rates in the country and have reduced landfill by 99% an outstanding position
- **Investment in our IT Provision** – This enabled members and staff to be able to immediately work from home and continue service provision during the Covid 19 Pandemic.
- **Financial Sustainability** – following five previous lawful and balanced budgets setting a budget this year which maintains the financial sustainability of the council and at the same time makes significant provision to deal with the long term impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic on the council's financial position

But I think the greatest achievement during the last year has been the support provided to and with the community during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Working closely with our partners in health, the police, the fire service and the wider voluntary sector and the providers of lifeline services, the administration ensured people were well informed, were cared for and kept safe and with a vaccination programme which has been recognised as one of the best in the country this remains the case. Also, the work to quickly distribute over £100m in government grants to keep local businesses afloat cannot be understated. I cannot thank those involved enough and as the outgoing chair of the Local Outbreak Management Board I pay tribute to every person who has done their part in this unique situation.

I conclude this summary by giving my thanks to our officers and staff including our senior management team who have been truly outstanding throughout my administration, to all members for their support for me as leader and to the Island Community as a whole who enabled me to have the opportunity to lead the Isle of Wight Council for the last four years. Finally, I wish all new councillors well and hope to see the Island go from strength to strength building on the solid foundation the Conservative Led Administration has provided.

Dave Stewart – Council Leader



Purpose: For decision

Name of meeting **ANNUAL COUNCIL**

Date **26 MAY 2021**

Title **ELECTION OF THE LEADER OF THE CABINET**

MONITORING OFFICER

Report of

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of the report is to elect the Leader of the Cabinet.
2. The existing term of office of the present Leader of the Cabinet expires by law on the day of the annual council meeting.
3. Therefore, there is a requirement to hold an election for the position of the Leader of the Cabinet to assist in the efficient and effective conduct of the local authority's business.

BACKGROUND

4. The local authority operates the local governance model of 'Leader and Cabinet Executive' under Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000.
5. Under the executive arrangements agreed by the Full Council in the Constitution (page 20), a councillor of the authority is elected to hold the office of the 'executive leader' (known as the Leader of the Cabinet) for four years until the day of the annual meeting after the next ordinary elections (which will now be May 2025). [PART 2 - Cabinet.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#) (The Leader of the Cabinet is also acts as the Leader of the Council).
6. To be eligible to stand for the office of executive leader a candidate must be a councillor of this local authority but cannot be a serving chairman of the council, a serving vice-chairman of the council or a serving member of any overview and scrutiny committee of this local authority.
7. Once elected to that office, the successful candidate holds that office for that fixed term unless they earlier resign, or cease to hold office otherwise than by retirement or the Full Council by resolution removes the Leader of the Cabinet from office at an earlier date.

8. The Leader of the Cabinet has executive responsibility under the Local Government Act 2000 and appoints a minimum of two other councillors and a maximum of nine other councillors to serve in their Cabinet (see p. 20 and p. 100 – 104 of the Constitution). [PART 3 - Cabinet.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#) The Leader of the Cabinet chairs the Cabinet (which is not a committee of Full Council) and is required to appoint one of the members of the Cabinet as the Deputy Leader (see p.20 -21).
9. The Leader of the Cabinet may, amongst other things, make arrangements for the discharge of executive functions by the Cabinet, by another member of the Cabinet, by a committee of the Cabinet, or by an officer of the local authority (see section 9E(2) of the Local Government Act 2000).
10. The Leader of the Cabinet decides what specific portfolios of responsibility each member of the Cabinet is to hold, and these are incorporated into the Constitution (see current pages 100 – 104 of the Constitution). Once the Leader of the Cabinet has been duly appointed and made their decision, those changes will be included in the Constitution.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

11. The recommendations in this report support the local authority's vision for the Isle of Wight.

CONSULTATION

12. There is no consultation process – it is for Full Council to elect a leader from group/member nomination(s).

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

13. None arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

14. As set out in this report.
15. Please note that there is no formal declaration of acceptance of office requirement for the post of the Leader of the Cabinet (nor their Deputy), and they take up their appointment immediately.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

16. 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 the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

RISK MANAGEMENT

17. None arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

18. That Councillor (*name to be put forward at the meeting*) be elected to the office of executive leader (the Leader of the Cabinet) to serve from the date of election until the day of the annual council meeting after the next ordinary elections in May 2025.
19. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to incorporate any consequential changes in the Constitution.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

20. None.

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Purpose: For Decision

Name of meeting	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Date	26 MAY 2021
Title	APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES
Report of	MONITORING OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report seeks to update the constitutional arrangements following changes that have occurred, and to formally establish committees, their size and terms of reference, with such appointments being up to the next annual meeting of the council.
2. There are no substantial changes proposed to the establishment, size and terms of reference of those committees currently within the constitution (other than those required to be established to implement the national Joint Negotiating Committee's agreed model concerning the changes resulting from the amendments to the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001).
3. Members are advised to read and consider this report in conjunction with the report on the political proportionality, alternative arrangements, allocation of seats, nominations and appointments to committees and other bodies.

BACKGROUND

4. Under the terms of the current constitution, the Council meeting in full session at its annual council meeting is required to appoint at least one overview and scrutiny committee and such other committees as the council considers appropriate. It is also required to determine the size and terms of reference for those committees (see Part 4A rule 1(h) and (i) on page 107 of the Constitution).
5. The Council is asked to establish under section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 and under all other relevant powers the committees set out in Appendix 1 to this report, with the sizes and terms of references mentioned.
6. There are proposed changes from the pre-existing arrangements relating to three statutory officers, being the Head of Paid Service, the Chief Finance Officer, and the Monitoring Officer (referred to as the Governance Statutory Chief Officers).

7. Part 4D of the Constitution – Officer Employment Rules – already makes provision to reflect the changes made to the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) Regulations 2001 brought in by the Local Authorities (Standing Orders) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2015. By way of background, these changes concern a degree of statutory protection against unwarranted political interference granted to the Head of Paid Service, the Chief Finance Officer, and the Monitoring Officer so that they can perform their duties without fear or favour. As a result, these officers cannot be dismissed without recommendations being considered at full council (see Part 4D - Officer Employment Rules on p.179 -185 of the Constitution) [PART 4D - Officer Employment Rules.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#).
8. However, when these statutory provisions were brought into force on 11 May 2015, they did not tie in with the existing contractual arrangements under the Joint Negotiating Committee terms and conditions. The consequential changes to the Terms and Conditions of Service Handbook for Chief Executives agreed by the Joint Negotiating Committee (JNC) took longer to update nationally. (Disciplinary and capability matters are non-executive functions).
9. The recommended changes are, therefore, required to harmonise these arrangements through adoption of the model procedures of the JNC which have been agreed by the JNC in the light of leading counsel's opinion and the experience of the Joint Secretaries in their involvement of individual cases.
10. Under the Terms and Conditions of Service Handbook for Chief Executives, councils need to establish a standing Investigating and Disciplinary Committee (IDC), an Independent Panel, and an Appeals Committee.
11. At the moment the Appointments Committee has terms of reference relating to taking disciplinary action short of dismissal, and dismissal of any Governance Statutory Chief Officer and appeals by such officer(s) (see p.36 of the Constitution), including any issue regarding the capability of a Governance Statutory Chief Officer. [PART 3 - Terms of Ref of Committees and Boards.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)
12. Moreover, the current Part 4D of the Constitution – Officer Employment Rules – provides at paragraph 10 (on pages 183 – 184) the appointment of a sub-committee of the Appointments Committee to provide advice to the Council and to hear appeals, comprising two independent members appointed under the Localism Act 2011 and elected members.
13. The role of the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee is, where an allegation is made relating to the conduct or capability of the chief executive or there is some other substantial issue that requires investigation, to decide whether a full investigation should take place, and if so, it appoints an independent investigator (usually from a list held by the National Joint Secretaries). The terms of reference of the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee includes the power to consider whether suspension is appropriate, and, if so, the power to suspend for a specific period of time, with the continuance of any suspension being reviewed if it has been in place for two months, and any other power reasonably required to undertake its role (including the power to appoint external advisers as appropriate, and the power to take disciplinary action short of dismissal).

14. Following such investigation, the investigator reports back to the IDC. The IDC then is convened to hold a hearing and to determine whether there will be a recommendation to the council to dismiss the particular statutory officer, there is no case to answer or there should be action short of dismissal.
15. The guidance from the JNC highlights the need to make arrangements as to membership of the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee that are flexible in the event that a member of the standing committee has a conflict of interest. It must be politically balanced, and the guidance goes on to suggest that it comprises five members, including at least one member of the cabinet.
16. If the IDC has made a recommendation to dismiss, this must be considered by the Independent Panel which the JNC has agreed that the Independent Panel should comprise of independent persons (at least two in number) who have been appointed by the council, or by another council, for the purposes of the council's members' conduct under section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011. It is proposed that it should comprise three such independent persons to ensure that there is no deadlock.
17. The Independent Panel is convened to review the recommendation and to make a recommendation of its own. The terms of reference of the Independent Panel includes offering any advice, views, or recommendations it may have to the council on the proposal for dismissal.
18. Full council then receives both reports and recommendations before making their final decision.
19. But if the disciplinary action proposed falls short of dismissal, the matter goes to the Appeals Committee to make a final decision. The guidance states that the Appeals Committee must be politically balanced and comprise five members (including at least one member of the cabinet) who are not members of the IDC. The terms of reference of the Appeals Committee shall include the power to hear such appeals against action taken short of dismissal and to take a decision either to confirm the action or to impose no sanction or a lesser sanction and any other power reasonably required to undertake its role.
20. The procedure which applies to the Head of Paid Service (Chief Executive) shall also apply to the other Governance Statutory Officers, given that the degree of statutory protection also applies to these officers too, and the relevant terms of reference should accordingly include all Governance Statutory Officers.
21. It is also recommended to widen the eligibility of membership to the Audit Committee so that there is no automatic ban on Cabinet members or members of an overview and scrutiny committee, but ideally the Audit Committee should not comprise such members due to potential conflicts of interest.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

22. Good governance arrangements are essential to the delivery of the council's services and the decision-making process that support this.

CONSULTATION

23. None given the existing recognition of the JNC's terms and conditions.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

24. None directly arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

25. As set out in the report and its appendices.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

26. 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 the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

OPTIONS

27. To establish the committees with the size and terms of reference set out.
28. To make alternative arrangements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

29. 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 such legal action.

EVALUATION

30. The council is required to establish certain committees at its annual council meeting.
31. The council has previously established committees, and the recommended changes are to bring arrangements in line with the JNC's model, applying to all Governance Statutory Chief Officers, and the widening of eligibility for the Audit Committee membership.
32. An effective governance system for the council is essential to enable business to be transacted openly and in a timely manner.

RECOMMENDATIONS

33. That the committees, with the sizes and terms of reference set out in this report and its appendices, be appointed up to the next annual meeting of the council.
34. That the Monitoring Officer be authorised to make consequential changes to the Constitution.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

35. Appendix 1 – Establishment of council committees.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

36. Circular from the Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Executives of local authorities dated 7 May 2019.

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Appointment of Committees

The terms of reference are as set out in the Constitution subject to any amendments in this report.

<u>Name of Committee</u>	<u>Size of Committee</u>	<u>Terms of Reference</u>
Appeals Committee	10 members	As set out on p.35 of the Constitution and as amended by this report
Appointments Committee	6 members (including the Executive Leader [as chairman], and the Cabinet member relevant to the post under discussion).	As on p.36 of the Constitution except it shall include responsibility for making recommendations to Full Council for appointment to the Independent Remuneration Panel which may be delegated to officers, and as amended by this report to exclude responsibility relating to action short of dismissal, dismissal and appeals relating to Governance Statutory Chief Officers.
Audit Committee	7 members (ideally not Cabinet members and ideally not members of an overview and scrutiny committee).	As set out on p. 37 – p.38 of the Constitution
Corporate Scrutiny Committee	9 members (not Cabinet members)	As set out on p. 62 – p.65.
Harbour Committee	7 members (including three Cabinet members being the Cabinet member for Resources, the Cabinet member for Infrastructure and Transport and the Cabinet member for Environment and Transport (or such other portfolio members as the Executive Leader may from time to time redesignate their titles to include such responsibilities).	As set out on p.38 – p.39 of the Constitution.

Name of Committee	Size of Committee	Terms of Reference
Independent Panel	Three independent members appointed under section 28(7) of the Localism Act 2011.	As set out in this report.
Investigating & Disciplinary Committee (Statutory Officers)	Any 5 members (including at least one cabinet member) who are not members of the Appeals Committee.	As set out in this report.
Licensing Committee	10 members	As set out on p. 39 – p.40 of the Constitution.
Pension Fund Committee	7 members (plus one non-voting employee representative nominated by a registered trade union and one non-voting representative nominated by external employers of the fund)	As set out on p.41 – p.43 of the Constitution.
Planning Committee	12 members	As set out on p. 40 – p.41 of the Constitution.
Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills	7 members (plus 4 statutory education co-optees (representatives appointed by the two dioceses and two parent governor representatives, who are elected for a 4 year term from the parent governors on the Island) who will have a vote on any education matters), but not cabinet members	As set out on p. 63 and p.65 of the Constitution.
Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care	7 members, but not cabinet members	As set out on p. 63 – p.65 of the Constitution.
Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration	7 members, but not cabinet members.	As set out on p. 64 – p.65 of the Constitution.

[PART 3 - Terms of Ref of Committees and Boards.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

[PART 3 - Scrutiny and the Call in Procedure.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)



Purpose: For Decision

Name of meeting	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Date	26 MAY 2021
Title	POLITICAL PROPORTIONALITY, ALTERNATIVE ARRANGEMENTS, ALLOCATION OF SEATS, NOMINATIONS, AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES
Report of	MONITORING OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to formally undertake a statutory review of the political proportionality arrangements (as triggered under section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989) in respect of bodies that are required to be politically proportionate.
2. It is also to give formal notice that alternative arrangements are to be considered. Political proportionality (where applicable) may be disapplied in whole or in part if such arrangements proposed by members at the meeting are agreed (provided there is no dissenting vote).
3. Where political proportionality applies and has not been disapplied (under section 17 of that Act), seats will be allocated in accordance with those rules.
4. At the time of writing this report (18 May 2021) not all political groups that are intended to be formed have been duly notified to me. Only one political group (the Conservative Group) has been duly established. This means that it has not yet been possible to work out the seat allocation and finalise seat allocation so Appendix A to this report is yet to be completed. Members will be updated.
5. Nominations will be received from established political group(s) in respect of seat allocations on committees, and Full Council must appoint in accordance with the wishes duly expressed by those established political group(s). Seats will also be allocated in proportion to the ungrouped overall.
6. Members are advised to read and consider this report in conjunction with the report on the appointment of committees.

BACKGROUND

7. This report is broadly divided into five parts, namely (1) the review of the political proportionality (2) allocation of seats (3) the nomination of seats (4) appointments to seats (including the appointment of chairmen and vice-chairmen of committees) and (5) alternative arrangements.

Review of the Political Proportionality (Political Balance)

8. Certain council bodies are required by law to be subject to the statutory roles on political proportionality. The Widdicombe Committee (Cmnd. 9797 (1986)) recommended the introduction of the 'principle of proportionality' and this was implemented in the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 ('the Act') in respect of principal councils (but not local councils).
9. Political proportionality is the system by which each 'political group' is represented on certain council bodies in proportion to the numbers of members of the political group relative to the size of the council as a whole.
10. It should be noted that the concept of a 'political group' is distinct from that of an established political party in that members of a political group duly established do not necessarily have to be of the same political persuasion, though often they are. Thus, political party grouping is not the same as a statutory 'political group' as defined for the purposes of the Act and regulations made under it.
11. Section 15 (1) ('duty to allocate seats to political groups') of the Act imposes a statutory duty to undertake a review of the political proportionality arrangements when certain circumstances arise after the council has divided itself into one or more political groups as defined in the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended ('the 1990 Regulations'). At the time of writing this report the council has divided itself into one or more such political groups, and so there is a requirement to conduct such a review. One of those circumstances is the holding of the annual meeting. Such a review is required under section 15(1)(b) of the Act to be carried out at each annual meeting or as soon as practicable thereafter.
12. In performing the duty under section 15(3) of the Act (as modified by regulation 16(2) of the 1990 Regulations) to allocate seats to political groups 'to determine the allocation to each of those groups of such of the seats which fall to be filled by appointments made from time to time by that authority or committee as bear to the total of all those seats the same proportion as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority', the review must, so far as is reasonably practicable, follow the statutory principles laid down in section 15(5) of the Act, namely:-

Principle 1 (section 15(5)(a) of the Act)

That 'all the seats are not allocated to the same political group' i.e. no council body can be exclusively the preserve of one political group.

Principle 2 (section 15(5)(b) of the Act) (NB. This does NOT apply where there is no majority group).

That 'the majority of the seats on the body is allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group is a majority of the authority's membership' i.e. the majority political group gets a majority on the body.

Principle 3 (section 15(5)(c) of the Act)

That, subject to priority being given first to principle 1 [and then principle 2 (but only if there is a majority group)], 'the number of seats on the **ordinary committees** of a relevant authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total number of all the seats on the **ordinary committees** of that authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority'. This requires that proper categorisation is undertaken to identify those bodies which are 'ordinary committees' and that the TOTAL number of seats on those ordinary committees allocated to political groups reflect the proportionate strength of the political groups on the whole council. This is not the same as the subordinate principle 4 below.

Principle 4 (section 15(5)(d) of the Act)

That, subject to priority being given to the above principles in order of priority (1 (2 if majority group) & 3), 'the number of the seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the number of all the seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the authority'. This principle seeks to ensure each body (whether or not an 'ordinary committee') is proportionate but this principle is overridden by principles 1 (and 2 but only if there is a majority group) and 3 which as stated above have priority in their respective order.

13. As section 15 (4) of the Act makes clear, this duty to apply these 'section 15(5) principles' imposes a requirement 'to make only such determinations as give effect, so far as reasonably practicable, to the principles...' This recognises that mathematics only takes us so far as one has to deal with whole numbers. It is recommended that so far as reasonably practicable numbers are rounded up to the nearest whole number if .5 and above, and rounded down if .4 or below. Adjustments to the allocation of seats to political groups will need to be made to reflect the principles in their respective order of priority. Hence the law recognises that it is ultimately so far as is reasonably practicable.
14. As the determination of the actual size of council bodies by definition affects the number of seats that are to be allocated, Members are requested to consider this report in conjunction with the report on appointment of committees.
15. In the event that there is/are any non-aligned member(s) (i.e. ungrouped member(s)), there is a duty as regards seats not allocated to political groups (i.e. those left over) 'to make appointments as to secure that the persons appointed to those seats are not members of any political group' (see section 16(2A) of the Act). This ensures that seats are available to non-grouped members, but they cannot demand to be placed on any particular body as their wishes as to nomination are not required to be followed.

Seat Allocation

16. To allocate seats to political groups requires that such political groups (to which seats are to be allocated) have been lawfully established at the point of time when allocation is to be made. Appendix A to this report sets out the ordinary committees and other bodies which are required to be politically proportionate (unless alternative arrangements are duly made).

Nominations

17. Once the seats have been properly allocated, nominations from the political groups to which such seat allocations have been made will need to be duly invited and duly received. Seat allocations between political groups are non-transferable as to do so undermines the statutory political proportionality rules and is an impermissible attempt to introduce alternative arrangements without going through due process.

Appointments

18. Section 16 of the Act imposes a duty to give effect to allocations by making appointments in accordance with the expressed wishes of the respective political groups as regards their allocated seats. The council cannot override the wishes of those political groups.

Alternative arrangements

19. The council may disapply the political balance requirements in whole or in part provided no councillor votes against those alternative arrangements (see section 17(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 and regulation 20 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990).

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

20. Good governance arrangements are essential to the delivery of the council's services and the decision-making process that support this.

CONSULTATION

21. None as seat allocation has not yet been agreed.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

22. There are no additional costs associated with the proposals contained in this report. The recommendations accord with the resources available within the overall budget agreed by Full Council in February 2021.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

23. Under section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 the power to appoint to committees is that of the local authority i.e. the council. (The power to appoint sub-committees rests with the parent committee).
24. The power to appoint councillors to committees (and indeed the power to remove councillors from committees) cannot be delegated by the Full Council to a committee or to any officer of the council or indeed to any political group, but must

be exercised by the Full Council itself. This is because the power to make delegated arrangements under section 101 of the Local Government Act 1972 is subject to any express provision contained in that Act or in any subsequent enactment, and section 102 of the Local Government Act 1972 and section 16 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 are such express provisions.

25. It is the duty of the council itself to exercise the power of appointment of elected members to its committees 'as soon as practicable'. The obligation on the Full Council is to give effect at the first practicable opportunity. Appointments are required to be made.
26. As it is only the council that can make appointments to its committees (and only the council has the power to remove) the council must, if it wishes to have any substitutes, appoint substitutes to its committees as political groups have no power to appoint, merely to nominate. The appointment of named substitutes (where such substitution is permitted by law and under the Constitution) has the merit of transparency and openness, and, as the council has already agreed that political groups should only nominate members as substitutes if they have had relevant training in the work of the committee, this approach enables training and resources to be better focussed and better discharges its fiduciary duty to ratepayers.
27. Under regulation 14 of the Local Government (Committees and Political Groups) Regulations 1990 as amended, the appointed proper officer (the Monitoring Officer) has the duty to notify the relevant leaders of the political groups 'as soon as practicable' after the agreed allocation of seats (or after any vacancies subsequently arising) so that such political groups may nominate members from their groups for appointment by the council to the seats allocated on its committees to their groups.
28. Should a political group fail to express its wishes in relation to such appointment within three weeks beginning with the date on which the proper officer gave due written notice, the council has discretion to make such appointment to that seat as they think fit in accordance with reg 15 of the same regulations. The seats could be left vacant for a period of time.
29. This legal inability to implement the nominations of political groups by way of delegated authority is clearly administratively inconvenient as delays in appointment inevitably result, but any purported delegation would be, and is, unlawful and ineffective.

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. It is not considered that the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

OPTIONS

31. To approve the review of political proportionality.
32. To appoint those nominated by the respective political groups to their allocated seats as contained in Appendix A.
33. To appoint to any unallocated seats those named ungrouped councillors as contained in Appendix A.
34. To appoint named substitutes as contained in Appendix A.
35. To agree alternative arrangements and to make appointments in accordance with those alternative arrangements.

RISK MANAGEMENT

36. 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 such legal action.

EVALUATION

37. Council has no option and must respect the duly expressed wishes of the respective political groups and to appoint those nominated to their allocated seats and to appoint those nominated as substitutes (unless no such wishes were expressed within the prescribed statutory deadline in which case the council has discretion to appoint – this is not yet applicable as time only begins to run after the decision to allocate seats has been made and after the Monitoring Officer has given due written notice).
38. Equally Council has no option and must appoint any unallocated seats to ungrouped members, but it does have discretion as to which ungrouped member(s) to appoint. Fairness requires ungrouped members to be able to nominate their substitutes too from among any other ungrouped member(s).
39. An effective governance system for the council is essential to enable business to be transacted openly and in a timely manner. The appointment of elected members (including where appropriate substitutes) to its committees seeks to do this.

RECOMMENDATIONS

40. That the review of political proportionality set out in Appendix A to this report be approved.
41. That those councillors nominated by the respective political groups to their allocated seats as contained in Appendix A to this report be appointed.
42. That those named ungrouped councillors be appointed to the unallocated seats as contained in Appendix A to this report.
43. That the named substitutes as contained in Appendix A to this report be appointed.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

44. Appendix 1 – Political proportionality review, seat allocations, nominations, and appointments to council committees.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

45. None.

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(TO BE COMPLETED)**Political Proportionality Review****Number of seats on the Isle of Wight Council: 39 seats (100%)****Name of Group(s):** **Overall Proportionate Strength**

Conservative Group 46.15%

Ungrouped

Appointments of councillors to council committees**Appeals Committee (10)**

<u>Group</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u>
	(Chairman)	
	(Vice-Chairman)	

Appointments Committee (6)

NB. The chairman of the committee is the Executive Leader.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group Substitutes*</u>
	(Chairman)	
	Vice-Chairman)	

*Includes the Cabinet Member relevant to the post under consideration

Audit Committee (7)

NB. Ideally should not be a Cabinet Members or ideally should not be a member of an overview and scrutiny committee.

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group Substitutes</u>
	(Chairman)	
	(Vice-Chairman)	

Corporate Scrutiny Committee (9)

NB. Cannot include any Cabinet Member. Ideally cannot include any Audit Committee member

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group Substitutes</u>
	(Chairman)	
	(Vice-Chairman)	

Harbour Committee (7)

Chairman is the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport.

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u>
	(Chairman) [As Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport]	
	(Vice-Chairman)	

Includes * the Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, ** the Cabinet Member for Resources, and ***the Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage.

Investigating & Disciplinary Committee (5)

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u>

	(Chairman) [As Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport]	
	(Vice-Chairman)	

Licensing Committee (10)

No Substitutes permitted (to prevent circumvention of statutory rules as to size).

	<u>Members</u>
	(Chairman)
	(Vice-Chairman)

Pension Fund Committee (7)

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group/Ungrouped Substitutes</u>
	(Chairman)	

	(Vice-Chairman)	

Planning Committee (12)

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group Substitutes</u> *
	(Chairman)	
	(Vice-Chairman)	

*Please note that no more than three substitutes may be appointed to the Planning Committee for each political group under Part 4B rule 5.

Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Children Services, Education & Skills (7)

NB. Cannot be a Cabinet member. Ideally should not be a member of the Audit Committee.

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group Substitutes</u>
	(Chairman)	
	(Vice-Chairman)	

Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Health & Social Care (7)

NB. Cannot be a Cabinet member. Ideally should not be a member of the Audit Committee.

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group Substitutes</u>
	(Chairman)	
	(Vice-Chairman)	

Policy & Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods & Regeneration (7)

NB. Cannot be a Cabinet member. Ideally should not be a member of the Audit Committee.

	<u>Members</u>	<u>Named Group Substitutes</u>
	(Chairman)	
	(Vice-Chairman)	

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Purpose: For decision

Name of meeting	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Date	26 MAY 2021
Title	NOMINATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO OUTSIDE BODIES
Report of	MONITORING OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of the report is to receive nominations of councillors to serve on outside bodies that are required to be appointed by the council and to make any required appointments, and to note appointments to be made by the Leader of the Cabinet.
2. It also lists nominations for representatives to be put forward for appointment by external organisations.

BACKGROUND

3. Under the Constitution the Annual Meeting will receive nominations of councillors to serve on outside bodies that are required to be appointed by the council (Part 4A rule 1 on page 133). [PART 4A - Annual meetings.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)
4. The function of making appointments to outside bodies has been reserved by members and so no officer delegations exist presently.
5. Part 3 of the Constitution lists the 'local choice functions' set out in Schedule 2 of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000. The relevant part is paragraph 16 on page 71 of the Constitution which, in effect, provides for the Leader of the Cabinet to make the appointment where the appointment relates to executive functions, and for the Council to appoint where the appointment relates to 'non-executive' functions. [PART 3 - Local Choice Functions.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#). Difficulties may arise where any appointment relates to both executive functions and non-executive functions in which case it is recommended that such appointments or nomination as representatives for appointment are made with the agreement of the executive.
6. Those nominations received at the date of this report are listed in Appendix 1 to this report. It will be updated if and when changes are made.

7. Appendix 2 lists appointments to be made by the Leader of the Cabinet (which when made will be duly reported to Full Council). Given that the Leader of the Cabinet is only being elected at the annual council meeting, it is likely that these appointments may be made at a later date.
8. Appendix 3 sets out nominations requested for representatives for external organisations (who make the appointments).

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

9. The recommendation in this report supports the local authority's vision for the Isle of Wight.

CONSULTATION

10. There is no consultation process – it is for Full Council to appoint to those offices which relate to non-executive functions.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

11. None arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

12. Those members who are appointed to other bodies or by other bodies are advised to update their notifications for their relevant register(s) of interests, where appropriate.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

13. 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 the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

RISK MANAGEMENT

14. None arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

15. That Councillors (*names to be put forward at the meeting*) be appointed to the offices of outside bodies listed in Appendix 1 of this report.
16. That the appointments made or to be made by the Leader of the Cabinet as set out in Appendix 2 of this report be noted.

17. That, nominations received for representatives on outside organisations in Appendix 3 having been considered, Councillors (*names to be put forward at the meeting*) be put forward as the nominated representatives for the relevant organisations (in so far as those organisations are relevant to the exercise of council functions).

APPENDIX

Appendix 1 – Full council appointments

Appendix 2 – Executive function appointments

Appendix 3 – Nominations for representatives on external organisations

BACKGROUND PAPERS

18. None.

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FULL COUNCIL APPOINTMENTS 2021

	ORGANISATION	REQUIREMENTS	COUNCILLOR(s)
1	ACCESS Pool Joint Committee*	1 Member of Pension Fund Committee + Deputy from Pension Fund Committee	1. 2.
2	Adoption Panel	1 Member	1.
3	Corporate Parenting Board**	1 Member of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills and at least 1 minority group member and 1 from either the Fostering or Adoption Panel.	1. 2. 3.
4	Fostering Panel	1 Member	1.
5	Hampshire and Isle of Wight Local Government Association	3 Members (1 should be Leader)	1. 2. 3.
6	Hampshire Police and Crime Panel***	1 Member	
7	Health and Wellbeing Board****	Executive Leader Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills, Cabinet member for Adult Social Care and Public Health and Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Digital Transformation (or such Cabinet member as takes on such responsibilities from time to time)	1. 2. 3.
8	IW Pension Board*****	1 Member	1.
9	Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)*****	2 Members + appointment of all other members of SACRE Group A: faiths and belief representatives of the local communities, including Christian denominations other than the Church of England Group B: representatives of the Church of England Group C: representatives of the teaching profession Group D: representatives from the LEA, including councillors and RE advisors.	1. 2. <u>Group A:</u> Members representing the "Free Churches" Mrs Sue Cox (Baptist) Rev. Mike Hackleton (Methodist) Members representing the Roman Catholic Church Sister Stella Kelly Mrs Alison Burt Members representing non-Christian faiths Dr. Lionel

			<p>Alexander (Jewish faith) Mr. David Downer (Buddhist) Mrs Anne Sechiari (Buddhist) Mr Praful Thaker (Hindu) Mr Simon Bligh (Humanist) Mrs Norma Corney (Baha'i) Mrs Mary Clark (Quaker)</p> <p><u>Group B:</u> Representing the Church of England Rt Reverend Peter Leonard Mrs Beryl Miller Mrs Liane Chalmers</p> <p><u>Group C:</u> Representing the teachers of the Isle of Wight Secondary Miss Beth Feltham Sandown Bay Academy Headteacher Mrs Nicki Mobley St Blasius Academy</p> <p><u>Group D:</u> Representing the Local Authority. See above for two elected members. Mr Alex Augustus Principal St Francis Academy</p>
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* Page 61 Constitution – FC to appoint a member of the Pension Fund Committee + deputy.

[PART 3 - Joint Arrangements.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

**Page 55 -57 Constitution– including a member of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children’s Services, Education and Skills and at least one minority group member and one from either the Fostering or Adoption Panel. [PART 3 - Joint Arrangements.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

***Page 59 Constitution – FC to appoint one elected member to act as its representative on the PCP. [PART 3 - Joint Arrangements.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

****Pages 50 -51 Constitution – Not required to be politically balanced by law. [PART 3 - Joint Arrangements.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#)

*****Pages 43 -45 Constitution – One of the employer representatives shall be an elected member of the council. [PART 3 - Terms of Ref of Committees and Boards.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#) Pension Board – Cannot be a member of the IW Pension Fund Committee. Appointment is for 2 years, which can be extended.

*****Pages 59 - 60 Constitution – [PART 3 - Joint Arrangements.pdf \(moderngov.co.uk\)](#) FC to appoint all members.

NB. Ian Stephens - Local Government Association Culture, Tourism and Sport Board (Chairman) – appointment made direct from LGA with Ian Stephens, and not as an IWC Cllr. (as an Independent)

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS – 2021

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

	ORGANISATION	PORTFOLIO	MEMBER
1	Augusta Wilder Almshouse Charity	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Cllr
2	Combined Fire Authority (CFA)	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Fire and rescue	Cllr
3	Corporate Parenting Board	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Childrens’ Services (Chair).	Cllr
4	Economic Development Board (Cabinet committee)	3 Elected Members appointed by the Leader	Cllrs
5	Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Public Protection	Cllr
6	Isle of Wight Cultural Education Partnership (IWCEP)	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Childrens’ Services.	Cllr
7	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
8	Local Care Board	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Cllr
9	PATROL	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Environment and Transport + 1 deputy	Cllrs
10	Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for Adult Social Care and Public Health	Cllr
11	Safeguarding Children Partnership Board	By Position – Lead Member for Children’s Services (participant observer)	Cllr
12	Solent Growth Forum (SLEP)	By Position – Chairman of Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration	Cllr

13	Solent Local Enterprise Partnership Board	Nominated representative for LEP election process – Leader	Cllr
14	Solent Transport (formerly Transport for South Hampshire and Isle of Wight)	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Environment and Transport	Cllr
15	Southern Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	By Position – Cabinet Member with portfolio for flooding and coastal erosion	Cllr
16	Visit Isle of Wight Ltd (Destination Management Organisation)	By Position - Cabinet Member with portfolio for Tourism	Cllr

External Organisations 2021-22

Councillors are nominated to organisations as representatives in a non-management capacity with no role in the governance of the organisation.

Where a Councillor is nominated as a representative pursuant to the above, they may not subsequently accept a role on the organisation's board as a Trustee/Director or in any other management capacity such as Treasurer.

	ORGANISATION	REQUIREMENTS
1	Community Action IOW – Board of Trustees	2 Representatives
2	IOW AONB Partnership Steering Committee	2 Representatives
3	IOW Local Access Forum	2 Representatives
4	Solent Forum	1 Representative
5	Southern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority	1 Representative
6	SCOPAC (Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline)	1 Representative (+ deputy)
7	Yarmouth (Isle of Wight) Harbour Commissioners Elected Councillors' Advisory Committee	1 Representative (+ deputy)

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Purpose: For noting and decision

Name of meeting	ANNUAL COUNCIL
Date	26 MAY 2021
Title	RESULTS OF COUNCIL ELECTIONS HELD ON 6 MAY 2021 AND FORMAL THANKS TO OUTGOING COUNCILLORS
Report of	RETURNING OFFICER

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The purpose of this report is to formally:
(1) notify the Council of the results of the Council elections held on 6 May 2021, and
(2) thank those councillors who retired or are retiring from office for their public service.

BACKGROUND

2. Ordinary elections are required to be held every four years for the Council.
3. Following the Isle of Wight (Electoral Changes) Order 2020, the number of electoral divisions were reduced from 40 to 39. There is one councillor per electoral division. (Originally when the Isle of Wight Council came into being on 1 April 1995 under the Isle of Wight (Structural Change) Order 1994 there were 48 seats).
4. Details of the election results are set out in Appendix 1 to this report.
5. The names of those councillors who have retired are listed in Appendix 2 to this report, and the Council is requested to formally thank those individuals for their public service over a number of years.

STRATEGIC CONTEXT

6. The proper functioning of local government is dependent upon individuals putting themselves forward for public service.

CONSULTATION

7. None.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

8. None arising from this report.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. Subject to due declaration of acceptance of office being made and delivered, incoming councillors took office on Monday 10 May 2021 following the retirement of the outgoing councillors on the fourth day following the day of the election (see section 7 of the Local Government Act 1972).
10. The only exceptions to the ordinary retirement provisions relate to the offices of chairman of the council, vice-chairman of the council and the leader of the cabinet whereby they may remain in office (unless any earlier resign) until, in effect, the Annual Council meeting.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

11. 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 the content of this report has any negative impact on any of the protected characteristics.

RISK MANAGEMENT

12. None arising from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

13. That the election results of the ordinary elections for the Council held on 6 May 2021 be noted.
14. That the outgoing councillors be formally thanked for their public service over the years.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

15. Appendix 1 – Isle of Wight Council Election Results.
16. Appendix 2 – Outgoing councillors.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. None.

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Isle of Wight Council Elections – May 2021**Bembridge**

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
ROBERTSON Joe	The Conservative Party Candidate	921	ELECTED
STEANE Alasdair Gareth	Our Island	440	

Binstead and Fishbourne

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
COOKE Simon		170	
DORE Ian	Independent	701	ELECTED
HOPPER Ed	The Conservative Party Candidate	401	

Brading and St Helen's

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
BACON Jonathan Francis	Our Island	537	ELECTED
BUGGIE Alexander	Labour Party	91	
GRANEY John Henry	Liberal Democrat	107	
TYNDALL Brian	The Conservative Party Candidate	383	

Brighstone, Calbourne and Shalfleet

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
ALLDRED Doug	Green Party	335	
HASTINGS Steve	The Conservative Party Candidate	549	ELECTED
STUART Nick	Liberal Democrat	377	

Carisbrooke and Gunville

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
BIRD Verity Scott	Labour Party	214	
HASTINGS Bev	The Conservative Party Candidate	348	
LEVER Joe	Green Party	387	ELECTED

Central Rural

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
ELLIS Suzie	The Conservative Party Candidate	619	ELECTED
HILL Richard Andrew	Labour Party	146	
LAURSEN Julia Ann	Green Party	313	

Chale, Niton and Shorwell

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
CRITCHISON Claire Leah	Green Party	876	ELECTED
STEWART David	The Conservative Party Candidate	636	

Cowes Medina

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
BATES Alan Derek	Labour Party	213	
BICKET Oscar	The Conservative Party Candidate	143	
PEACEY WILCOX Lora	Independent	615	ELECTED

Cowes North

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
HOLLIS Richard	The Conservative Party Candidate	552	
QUIGLEY Richard Michael	Labour and Co-operative Party	587	ELECTED

Cowes South and Northwood

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
ATTFIELD Philip Charles	Labour Party	223	
BURGESS Steph	Liberal Democrat	278	
NICHOLSON John	The Conservative Party Candidate	502	ELECTED
STUBBINGS Nathan	Green Party	142	

Cowes West and Gurnard

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
FULLER Paul Andrew	Independent	1101	ELECTED
JEFFREYS Tim	The Conservative Party Candidate	208	
POINTING Josh	Labour Party	114	

East Cowes

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
LOVE Karl	Independent	809	ELECTED
PACKHAM Bob	Liberal Democrat	96	
RANN Jane	The Conservative Party Candidate	335	
TROLLOPE Lorna	Labour Party	95	

Fairlee and Whippingham

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
PACKHAM Patricia	Liberal Democrat	116	
PRICE Matthew	The Conservative Party Candidate	669	ELECTED
SMITH Michael	Green Party	249	

Freshwater North and Yarmouth

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
JAMES Daniel Howard	Green Party	434	
SPINK Peter	The Conservative Party Candidate	644	ELECTED

Freshwater South

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
CAMERON George	The Conservative Party Candidate	576	
MEDLAND John	Independent	625	ELECTED

Haylands and Swanmore

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
CHURCHMAN Vanessa	The Conservative Party Candidate	316	ELECTED
KIRKBY Les		302	
LYONS Sue	Labour Party	133	
ROSS Malcolm	Liberal Democrat	145	

Lake North

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
CLARKE Gary Anthony	Labour Party	135	
OUTLAW Tig	The Conservative Party Candidate	399	ELECTED
WHITTAKER Adrian Charles	Island Independent Network	284	
WILSON Paul Alfred Thomas	Green Party	92	

Lake South

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
BARRY Patrick	Green Party	159	
BRADING Paul	The Conservative Party Candidate	607	ELECTED
MCCARTHY-FRY Sarah Louise	Labour and Co-operative Party	210	
PITCHER Linda Pauline	Vectis Party - Local control, local decisions	93	

Mountjoy and Shide

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
HUNTER Alan	Labour Party	178	
OLIVER Martin	The Conservative Party Candidate	389	ELECTED
SMART Shirley Amy		230	
TURGUT Fred		24	

Nettlestone and Seaview

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
ADAMS David James	Independent	577	ELECTED
REES Mark	Labour Party	63	
WARD Michael	The Conservative Party Candidate	506	

Newchurch, Havenstreet and Ashey

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
BEACH Anna Maria	Labour Party	128	
MOSDELL Clare	The Conservative Party Candidate	721	ELECTED
REYNOLDS Stephen Charles	Independent	151	
RIDGLEY Martyn James	Green Party	186	

Newport Central

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
AMBROSINI Matthew	The Conservative Party Candidate	134	
HAYTACK Simon Peter	Labour Party	119	
JONES-EVANS Julie Marie	Independent	349	ELECTED
RUSHBROOK Stephen James	Green Party	102	

Newport West

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
BLEZZARD Bob	Liberal Democrat	165	
BUNDELL Jaimie Elizabeth Louise	Green Party	169	
COLLINS Bill	Trade Unionist and Socialist Coalition	20	
Quigley Brian Patrick	Labour Party	195	
REDRUP Ray	The Conservative Party Candidate	320	ELECTED

Osborne

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
BURRIDGE Julie Ann	Liberal Democrat	98	
HENDRY Stephen	The Conservative Party Candidate	297	ELECTED
PALER Michael	Independent	225	
PALIN Cameron	Green Party	293	

Pan and Barton

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
BRODIE Geoff	Independent	518	ELECTED
FLEET Danielle	The Conservative Party Candidate	151	

Parkhurst and Hunnyhill

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
FALLICK Hollie	Green Party	79	
GARRATT Andrew Charles William	Liberal Democrat	449	ELECTED
HUNTER Pauline	Labour Party	49	
LOCK Cara	The Conservative Party Candidate	179	

Ryde Appley and Elmfield

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
FINNEY Tiarnan	The Conservative Party Candidate	121	
HAMPTON Paul Anthony	Green Party	109	
LILLEY Michael		832	ELECTED

Ryde Monktonmead

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
CHAPMAN Charles	Independent	169	
LUCIONI Karen Theresa	Island Independent Network	354	ELECTED
LYONS Mick	Labour Party	177	
WRIGHT Rhys	The Conservative Party Candidate	193	

Ryde North West

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
JORDAN Phil		428	ELECTED
SALMON Michael Barry	Green Party	175	
SHERIDAN Steven	The Conservative Party Candidate	300	
TRUCKEL Phil	Labour Party	176	

Ryde South East

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
BROTHERS Emily Andrea Melanie	Labour Party	78	
DREW Warren	The Conservative Party Candidate	112	ELECTED
HIGGINS Jessica	Island Independent Network	66	
MIKICH Tracy Ann	Liberal Democrat	64	
THOMAS Natalie Jane	Green Party	65	

Ryde West

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
DOUBLE Steve	Labour Party	210	
LAMBERT Mike	Independent	124	
STEPHENS Ian Rodney	Island Independent Network	346	ELECTED
TEMEL Lou	The Conservative Party Candidate	245	

Sandown North

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
ANDRE Debbie	Independent	386	ELECTED
CHEETHAM Clive James	Labour Party	160	
FLETCHER Ian	The Conservative Party Candidate	336	
PARKES Stephen John	Independent	58	

Sandown South

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
EVANS Pauline Ann	Our Island	81	
HICKS Jenny	Island Independent Network	106	
THOMPSON Robert Michael	Labour Party	106	
VOLLER Mark	Liberal Democrat	185	
WARD Ian	The Conservative Party Candidate	359	ELECTED

Shanklin Central

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
BESTON Michael	The Conservative Party Candidate	504	ELECTED
CRAWLEY Kenneth Robert	Labour Party	129	
MAY Robert	Independent	143	
MOORSE David Frank	Green Party	224	

Shanklin South

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
HAILSTON Mike	Our Island	191	
LLOYD Christopher Thomas	Labour Party	228	
QUIRK Chris	The Conservative Party Candidate	658	ELECTED

Totland and Colwell

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
BRYAN Carol	The Conservative Party Candidate	547	
HANCOCK Billy Lawrence	Labour Party	197	
JARMAN Chris	Independent	557	ELECTED
LOCKE Michael John	Liberal Democrat	59	

Ventnor and St Lawrence

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
COOPER Steve	Labour Party	249	
GODDEN Martin James	Freedom Alliance. No Lockdowns. No Curfews.	38	
JEFFRIES Mark	Island Independent Network	171	
PEACE Gary	The Conservative Party Candidate	328	ELECTED
PERKS Graham James Mark	Vectis Party - For the Island	260	
WARREN Phil	Our Island	178	

Wootton Bridge

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
ABRAHAM Barry	The Conservative Party Candidate	358	
BETTS Susan	Green Party	152	
PITCHER Daryll James	Vectis Party - For the Island	533	ELECTED
WARD John Adrian		83	

Wroxall, Lowtherville and Bonchurch

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	No. of votes	Elected
DOWNER Rodney	Independent	862	ELECTED
TRACEY Justin Eamonn	Labour Party	157	
WATLING Colm	The Conservative Party Candidate	259	

16 OUTGOING COUNCILLORS

<u>Name</u>	<u>Former Electoral Division</u>
Barry Abraham	Wootton Bridge
Reg Barry	Nettlestone and Seaview
Paul Bertie	Cowes North
George Cameron	Freshwater North
Charles Chapman	Ryde South
John Hobart	Carisbrooke and Gunville
John Howe	Totland
Richard Hollis	Cowes North
Stuart Hutchinson	West Wight
John Kilpatrick	Binstead and Fishbourne
Michael Murwill	Brading, St. Helens and Bembridge
Graham Perks	Ventnor East
Shirley Smart	Newport South
Dave Stewart	Chale, Niton and Whitwell
Brian Tyndall	Brading, St. Helens and Bembridge
Wayne Whittle	Ryde North East

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