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# Agenda

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date	<b>WEDNESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2021</b>
Time	<b>6.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Members of the committee	All Members of the council
	Democratic Services Officer: Marie Bartlett democratic.services@iow.gov.uk

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1. **Minutes** (Pages 9 - 18)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2021.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

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

3. **Public Question Time - Maximum 15 Minutes for Written Questions and 15 Minutes for Oral Questions**

Questions may be asked without notice but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting, a question must be put including the name and address of the questioner by delivery in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services at [democratic.services@iow.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@iow.gov.uk), no later than two clear working days before the start of the meeting. Normally, Full Council is held on a Wednesday, therefore the deadline for written questions will be Friday 12 November 2021.



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4. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

To receive the Chairman's official announcements.

5. **Leaders Update Report (20 minutes)** (Pages 19 - 24)

- a) To receive the Leader's update report (5 minutes maximum).
- b) Members questions on the Leader's update report (15 minutes maximum).

6. **Report of the Leader**

- (a) Isle of Wight Council Corporate Plan (Pages 25 - 82)
- (b) Report on the use of Special Urgency Provisions (Pages 83 - 86)

7. **Reports of the Monitoring Officer**

- (a) Report on Pension Board Appointments (Pages 87 - 100)
- (b) Nominations and Appointment to Committees (Pages 101 - 104)

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

- (a) By Councillor Spink

Will the Council write to the Prime Minister and the Secretary of State for Housing, requesting that the application of the 'tilted balance' (paragraph 11(ii) National Planning Policy Framework) to planning decisions made by the Isle of Wight Planning Authority be suspended for the following reasons:

- i) A change in the direction of national planning policy has recently been announced by the Prime Minister. The precise detail is yet to be disclosed, but is likely to include greater protection for greenfield with brownfield being the preferred choice for the majority of development.

Contrary to the proposed change of policy, the continued application of the tilted balance will result in the loss of precious greenfield sites on the Isle of Wight which will be harmful to one of its principal sources of income namely 'eco-tourism' and may threaten its designation as a UNESCO Biosphere.

- ii) The R.18 consultation period of The Isle of Wight's Draft Planning Strategy has recently ended. It is difficult, if not impossible, to proceed to the next stage when the scope of the changes to national policy have yet to be determined.
- iii) The Isle of Wight has one of the highest number of planning approvals in the South East (76% approval re applications for 5 or more units 2017-2020). The failure to build the number of

homes required per annum by the Governments Standard Methodology is mainly due to developers 'land-banking' over which the local planning authority has little control.

(b) By Councillor Brading

Full Council notes that:

1. The Cabinet decided on 15th July 2021 to reverse a previous decision which had already approved the calendar for School Term Dates for the academic year 2022-23, with new dates which included a reversion to a one-week October half-term.
2. This decision was taken following conversations with some headteachers, but not with any parents or students or directly with any other school staff.

Full Council recognises that:

3. Whilst there are different views as to the merits of this change, the two week October half term was brought in following an extensive consultation. Whilst it still remains possible to now reverse the July decision for the 2022-23 academic year, as schools and families will already have started to plan based on this calendar of School Term Dates, it would be more prudent to leave it as is for this year.
4. It is, however, regrettable that there was not wider consultation, to include parents and students ahead of this decision – particularly the scrapping of the two-week October half-term.
5. Many families will have recently enjoyed the many benefits offered by the two-week October half-term, which they will now not be able to do next year.
6. There is merit in looking again at the structure of School Term Dates for subsequent academic years (2023-24 onwards), and an opportunity should be provided for parents, students and other school staff (as well as headteachers) to offer their views directly to the Council, ahead of a decision.

Full Council therefore requests that:

7. The relevant Cabinet Member bring a paper to Cabinet early in 2022 setting out how the Council intends to undertake a meaningful consultation with relevant stakeholders on future School Term Dates (2023-24 onwards).
8. Any such consultation should ensure that stakeholders are given a genuine choice between different options, including one which includes a reversion to a two-week October term. Views should be sought as to the pros and cons of the different options, looking at both education and other reasons such as wellbeing and quality of life.
9. The feedback received from this consultation is taken into account

ahead of any Cabinet decision to approve a calendar for School Term Dates for the academic year 2023-24

(c) By Councillor Pitcher

A request to Government to give Local Authorities the power to license firework displays

The letting off of fireworks is an issue that can prove divisive. On one side there are a great many people, particularly children, who enjoy firework displays. The Isle of Wight itself is the home to one such internationally known display held at the end of Cowes Week. On the other side unregulated “back garden” displays cause much distress to homeowners and in particular their pets plus other livestock and animals in the vicinity.

It would not be the aim of this Motion to ban outright back garden displays. Instead by making the letting off of fireworks a Licensable Activity it would be possible to ensure that adequate warning be given to local people before the event, allowing people to mitigate the effects and for potential concerns to be raised. Such licensing would ensure that adequate publicity is circulated and that other authorities such as the Fire Brigade are alerted. The added scrutiny of a system of licensing would also act to enhance safety awareness.

None of this is currently possible however as the UK Government currently controls all these rules from the centre. With this in mind:

This Council notes:

1. The distress and suffering caused to animals and their owners by the act of random and unexpected letting off of fireworks.
2. That organized firework displays are often safer than ad-hoc events.
3. That many people enjoy watching fireworks.
4. That a sensible balanced local approach to this issue would allow both the enjoyment of fireworks by watchers and the security of knowing when displays would happen for local residents and pet and other animal owners.
5. That currently the Isle of Wight Council licenses the sale of fireworks but does not have the power to control their use.
6. That the UK Government frequently speak about decentralizing powers to local communities.

This Council requests the UK Government:

1. Makes the letting off of fireworks a Licensable Activity overseen by Local Authorities.
  - a. Ensures a national umbrella of regulation setting basic limits and ensuring the continued permittance of organized firework displays.
  - b. Allows Local Authorities the freedom to vary all other constraints.

(d) By Councillor Quirk

That Full Council requests that Cabinet carry out a full consultation with tourism related businesses and residents in the whole Bay area concerning

the future of Dinosaur Isle Museum and the surrounding area before making any final decisions on future development of the Museum and the larger associated site.

9. **Member Question Time (30 minutes)**

To receive a reply to a question asked during Members' Question Time, a question must be submitted in writing or by electronic mail to Democratic Services no later than 5pm on Thursday, 11 September 2021. A question may be asked at the meeting without prior notice but in these circumstances there is no guarantee that a full reply will be given at the meeting.

CHRISTOPHER POTTER  
Monitoring Officer  
Tuesday, 9 November 2021

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

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

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

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

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

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