



Minutes

Name of meeting	CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Date and Time	TUESDAY 12 OCTOBER 2021 COMMENCING AT 5.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs C Quirk (Vice-Chair, in the Chair), R Downer, M Lilley, K Lucioni, J Medland, J Robertson and P Spink
Co-opted (Voting)	C Palin (IWALC)
Cabinet Members	Cllrs D Andre, J Bacon, P Fuller, C Jarman, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, L Peacey-Wilcox and I Stephens
Also Present	Sharon Betts, Steve Crocker, Laura Gaudion, John Metcalfe, Alex Minns, Wendy Perera, Brian Pope, Christopher Potter, Colin Rowland, Claire Shand, Paul Thistlewood and Megan Tuckwell
Apologies	Cllrs S Hastings, R Quigley

23. **Minutes**

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2021 be confirmed.

24. **Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Karen Lucioni declared a personal interest as the partner of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Protection, Digital Transformation, Housing Provision and Housing Needs.

Cllr Karen Lucioni declared an interest in any matters related to adult social care as a self-employed Personal Assistant.

Cameron Palin declared an interest in Minute item 31.9, Options for the Future of Chillerton and Rookley Primary School, as an employee of a local authority-maintained school.

25. **Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum**

No public questions were received.

26. **Progress on outcomes and recommendations from previous meetings**

The chairman presented the report which provided an overview of the progress against outcomes from previous meetings. Reference was made to two issues that the Audit Committee had recently requested the Committee to look at. The committee sought an update with regards to the progress with Southampton's City of Culture Bid 2025, of which the Isle of Wight Council was a supporting regional partner. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism advised that Southampton had made the final 8 cities and shortlisting would take place in February 2022 ahead of the final announcement in May 2022.

RESOLVED:

THAT the progress on outcomes and recommendations from previous meetings be noted.

27. **Corporate Complaints Annual Report and Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual letter 2020-21**

The Strategic Manager - Business Centre was in attendance to present the corporate complaints annual report for 2020-21. The committee welcomed the actions taken following its recommendations made on 10 November 2020, and the progress made in resolving complaints at Stage 1 from 50% to 90% by 2022 was noted. Questions were raised in relation to lessons learnt, Ombudsman statistics, satisfactory outcomes, and complaint acknowledgements. The proposal to make more effective use of the ICT portal to assist with the recording and dissemination of learning outcomes was supported. The annual report for 2020-21 was noted and it was felt that it demonstrated encouraging progress with the handing of complaints.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report be noted.

28. **Commercialisation Strategy**

Consideration was given to the report which provided the committee with an update on progress against the Council's agreed Commercialisation Strategy and the associated action plan, launched in October 2019. It was advised that the strategy would be refreshed as a result of the pandemic, and to align with the new Corporate Plan in relation to social value. It was agreed that a draft of the refreshed strategy would be submitted to the Committee for comment at the appropriate time.

RESOLVED:

THAT the draft of the refreshed Commercialisation Strategy be submitted to the Committee for comment at the appropriate time, by the Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance, Corporate Resources and Transformational Change and Assistant Chief Executive.

29. **Island Planning Strategy Task and Finish Group**

The Lead Member for the task and finish group, Cllr Peter Spink, was invited to provide an update on progress with the draft Island Planning Strategy task and

finish group. It was advised that three meetings had taken place which focussed on the housing and environmental aspects of the Island Plan, with contributions from IWALC and Bob Seeley MP. There was one further meeting to be held, and it was anticipated that final report would be presented to the Committee at its meeting in November 2021.

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Community Engagement provided an update on the Island Planning Strategy consultation. It was confirmed that the consultation had closed, and the analysis and summary of the responses would be available by the end of November 2021. The work undertaken by the team supporting the consultation exercise was highlighted.

RESOLVED:

THAT the update be noted, and a final report be submitted to the Committee at its meeting to be held on 9 November 2021.

30. **Corporate Plan**

The Leader presented the report which set out the vision and aspirations of the council's administration in its revised corporate plan. Questions were raised in relation to engagement with the youth council and youth MP, ongoing bids for future funding, reducing the environmental impact of council-run facilities, the timeframe for a permanent working solution for the floating bridge, a review of protocol 16 in the constitution, and progress with the Island deal. It was agreed that the aspirations and key activities within the Corporate Plan would be used as the basis of the workplans of this Committee and that of the three Policy and Scrutiny Committees.

RESOLVED:

THAT the draft Corporate Plan be supported, and the aspirations and key activities within the Corporate Plan be used as the basis of the workplans of this Committee and that of the three Policy and Scrutiny Committees.

31. **Items to be considered by the Cabinet:**

31.1 **Isle of Wight Council Corporate Plan**

This item had been considered under a previous agenda item and no further comments were made.

31.2 **Implications of the Health and Social Care Bill (2020-21) for the Council and the future of the Isle of Wight Integrated Care Partnership**

Consideration was given to the report which recommended that the Cabinet explores the potential for forming a place-based joint committee for the delivery of NHS and Council Services on the Isle of Wight. The committee noted the concerns of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care in relation to the transparency and accountability of the Integrated Care Partnership (and the full involvement of adult social care in its membership), together with the impact of the current level of dentistry provision on the Island and on acute and primary care services. It was agreed that future developments related to this matter would be referred through the Policy and Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Committee offers no further comment as this matter has been previously discussed by the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care.

31.3 Better Care Fund Update 2021/22 and 2022-23

Consideration was given to the report which provided an update on the review and direction of travel of the current Better Care Fund (BCF) Section 75 Agreement; the national direction and principles for management of 2021-22 BCF; and the development of the 2022-23 BCF. No comments or questions were raised and it was requested that the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care be requested to monitor the matter.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report and proposed recommendations be noted, and the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Health and Social Care be requested to monitor the matter.

31.4 Living Well and Early Help Service - Adults

Consideration was given to the report which sought authority from the Cabinet to approve the continued funding for the Living Well and Early Help services for adults within the community. No comments or questions were raised.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report and proposed recommendations be noted.

31.5 Ryde Transport Interchange Consultation Feedback

Consideration was given to the report which provided the Cabinet with an update on the planned improvements to the transport interchange in Ryde, the outcomes of the public consultation, and the project delivery programme. Discussion took place regarding the proposals and concerns were raised in relation to misinformation. The chairman of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration advised that the matter had been considered and the committee was in support of the project.

RESOLVED:

THAT the proposed recommendations be supported.

31.6 Bus Service Improvement Plan

Consideration was given to the report which sought the Cabinet's approval of the Isle of Wight Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) in line with the national bus strategy, in preparation for an enhanced partnership with local bus operators. Discussion took place regarding the timeliness of the development of a minimum emissions specification to be included within all future tenders to work towards a requirement for zero emission vehicles by 2030. No other comments were made.

RESOLVED:

THAT the proposed recommendations be supported.

31.7 Floating Bridge 6 Next Steps

Consideration was given to the report which advised that the continuation of the legal mediation process was to be concluded by December 2021, and that the commissioning of an independent review was to be undertaken by an appropriately qualified technical organisation which is independent of the development and submission of the business cases for the floating bridge project. The report sought the Cabinet's approval to provide a further report in early 2022 upon the completion of the independent review and the conclusion of the legal mediation process.

RESOLVED:

THAT due to the on-going legal case the Committee would not discuss the matter until the Gateway 5 Review and associated report had been completed for the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.

31.8 Housing Civil Penalties

Consideration was given to the report which sought the Cabinet's approval of the Civil Penalties Policy and the associated financial charging process. No further questions or comments were made at this stage.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report and proposed recommendations be noted.

31.9 Options for the Future of Chillerton and Rookley Primary School

Consideration was given to the report which sought the Cabinet's approval for a six-week public consultation on the options for the future of Chillerton and Rookley Primary School. No further questions or comments were made at this stage.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report and proposed recommendations be noted.

31.10 Rough Sleepers Accommodation Grant

Consideration was given to the report which sought the Cabinet's approval to initiate and deliver the Rough Sleepers Accommodation Project (RSAP) following a successful funding bid to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, in July 2021. No further questions or comments were made at this stage.

RESOLVED:

THAT the report and proposed recommendations be noted.

31.11 **Newport Football Club - proposal to relocate to Seaclose Park**

This item was not considered as it was no longer was on the forward plan.

32. **Committee's Workplan**

32.1 **Forward Plan**

The committee were invited to identify any item contained within the published forward plan that would benefit from early consideration within the Committee's own workplan or one of the policy and scrutiny committees. No comments or questions were raised that this stage. It was confirmed that an additional meeting of the Cabinet was planned for December 2021 and therefore an additional meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee would be convened.

RESOLVED:

THAT the forward plan, and the need to hold an additional meeting of the Committee to be held on 15 December 2021, be noted

32.2 **Workplan 2021-22**

Consideration was given to the current workplan for 2021-22. Items on the workplan for the additional meeting in December would those items referred by the Audit Committee at its meeting in September 2021; the digitalisation strategy and commercial acquisitions. Cllr Michael Lilley raised a question in relation to scrutiny of utility companies particularly Wightfibre. It was advised that the matter would be referred to the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration as this came within its remit.

RESOLVED:

THAT the workplan be noted, and the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration be requested to include an item in its workplan to consider utility companies particularly Wightfibre.

33. **Members' Question Time**

No written questions were received.

CHAIRMAN