

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER CABINET MEMBER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON 3 DECEMBER 2019

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00PM ON 10 DECEMBER 2019. THE DECISION CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.

Present: Cllr Stuart Hutchinson – Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources

Jennifer Armstrong – Lead Democratic Services Officer

Item	Review of Council Assets – Ryde and Ventnor Harbours
Reference	10/19
Notice of Decision Published	Friday, 15 November 2019
Decision taken	<p>(i) To Agree that Ryde Town Council are dealt with as special purchasers for Ryde Harbour. Accordingly, they are required to prepare a full business plan within three months and negotiate heads of terms for the freehold/leasehold purchase of Ryde harbour and the lease of two parcels of adjoining land. Evaluation of the business plan is to be concluded and Ryde Town Council advised of the outcome by 1 April 2020; if accepted a commencement date for the new arrangements is to be agreed.</p> <p>(ii) To offer the management of Ventnor Harbour to a third party through the open market at no cost to the council; this will be after 1 April 2020 when the negotiations with Ryde Town Council have been completed.</p> <p>(iii) The approach from Ryde Town Council is rejected, or if they are unable to produce a business case that is acceptable to the Isle of Wight Council; options 1, 4 and 6 from the previous delegated decision made in December 2018 reference 13/18 are implemented with effect from 1 April 2020.</p>
Reason for decision	<p>The provision of Ryde Harbour is not a statutory duty of the council, but Ventnor Haven is a Statutory Port and, notwithstanding its lease obligations toward the commercial operator to keep open, Isle of Wight Council is statutorily obliged to maintain its operation and remove the macroalgae to prevent a statutory nuisance. Securing independent operation of the harbours, through its transfer of the freehold/leasehold to Ryde Town Council and outsourcing the management function for Ventnor, would permit the harbours to be operated at no cost to the Isle of Wight Council.</p> <p>However, securing a private sector operator for the management of Ventnor Harbour as a stand-alone facility and at no cost to the council</p>

	could prove to be difficulty given the known issues and associated levels of cost.	
Additional reasons	None	
Options considered and rejected	None.	
Representations Received	Representations received (provide summary of each issue/concern below)	Response to representations (provide response to each)
	No representations received.	
	Questions received from Members	Response to any questions (provided in receipt at least 48 hours before the date of decision published in the Forward)
	No representations received.	
Declarations of interest	None.	
Additional advice received	None.	