



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and Time	WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs C Critchison (Chairman), M Lilley (Vice-Chairman), D Adams, D Andre, J Bacon, M Beston, P Brading, G Brodie, V Churchman, R Downer, W Drew, P Fuller, A Garratt, S Hendry, C Jarman, J Jones-Evans, J Lever, K Love, J Medland, C Mosdell, K Lucioni, J Nicholson, M Oliver, T Outlaw, G Peace, L Peacey-Wilcox, D Pitcher, M Price, R Quigley, C Quirk, R Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Stephens and I Ward
Apologies	Cllrs I Dore and S Ellis

11. Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Extraordinary meeting held on 5 October 2022 be approved.

12. Declarations of Interest

Councillor J Jones-Evans declared an interest in the cost-of-living motion as she was an employer on the Island.

It was noted that the Monitoring Officer had produced a dispensation to Councillors in April 2022 to allow them to take part and vote on the draft Island Planning Strategy.

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

Mr C Palin asked an oral question relating to the concealed figure regarding the floating bridge and was this due to third party insurers of the commercial contractors, the leader agreed.

Mr Palin then asked a supplementary question regarding when the leader had made the public aware of the process of the floating bridge and commit to provide continuing dialog with local town and parish councils with updates, the leader advised that she had agreed to delegate the mediation on the Floating Bridge in February 2022 to the relevant director, which all councillors had been advised of in March 2022, there had been mention of the mediation at various meetings since then.

Ms L Blackledge asked an oral question regarding the Visit IW consultation in relation to a particular levy payer, the Cabinet Member for Levelling up, Regeneration, Business Development and Tourism advised that she would provide a written response to the question.

Mr S Parkes asked an oral question regarding the transport and travel access to and from the Island, where we are presently and how things were moving forward on this matter. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure, Highways PFI and Transport advised that progress was being made.

14. **Chairman's Official Announcements**

The Chairman advised that she had laid a wreath on behalf of the Isle of Wight council during the Remembrance Day service, she thanked those involved in arranging the event. She had also attended various events and functions representing the Isle of Wight Council.

15. **Report of the Leader**

15a **Appointment of Chief Executive**

The Leader introduced the report outlining the recruitment process that was followed, she thanked everyone who had been involved in the process, the Vice Chairman added that the number of applications was encouraging, and it had been an open process.

The recommendation in the report was proposed and duly seconded, a vote was taken the result of which was:

RESOLVED

That the recommendation of the Appointment and Employment committee be approved.

16. **Report of the Monitoring Officer**

17. **Appointments to Committees and the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)**

The following nominations were made and duly seconded:

Councillor Ward be appointed to Licensing Committee
Councillor Peace be appointed as Vice Chairman of the Licensing Committee, there were no other nominations.

RESOLVED

1. That Councillor I Ward be appointed to serve on the Licensing Committee.
2. That Councillor G Peace be appointed to serve as the Vice-Chairman of the Licensing Committee.
3. That the Alliance Group's substitutes listed in Appendix 1 be appointed to serve as substitutes for the committees set out in the Appendix.
4. That the persons nominated to the Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) as set out in the Appendix be appointed.

That S Hastings be removed from any substitute list in Appendix 1

18. **Leaders Update Report (20 minutes)**

The Leader introduced her report and advised that since writing her report the Cabinet had agreed the freehold sale of in full (KMP) to a third party for a film studio. She advised that the cost of living crisis was important and would require full support of all councillors.

The Leader was asked to provide more information regarding the KMP decision and advised that she had met with the people involved earlier in the week and was encouraged by the passion and commitment to the project, this would provide opportunities across a lot of various professions on the Island.

A question was asked regarding the work undertaken following the issues with the Ventnor Sea wall, the Leader advised that staff had worked very quickly to ensure local residents were safe and kept away from the dangers of the area.

How people apply for grant money was asked, the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills advised that grant money could be applied for through the household support fund on the connect4communities website.

Question was asked when the detail around the KMP decision would be disclosed to the public as the meeting had been held in public. The Monitoring Officer advised that the relevant regulations did not authorise or require disclosure of confidential or exempt information.

19. **Island Planning Strategy**

Councillor Jarman proposed an alteration to his motion which was duly seconded his amended motion was as follows:

THAT, having considered the present Draft Island Planning Strategy, the Leader of the Cabinet be informed that Full Council objects to Cabinet's submitted

recommendations (as per Cabinet decision of 08 September 2022). The objections are as follows:

1)

Item 1 – Housing Company and Council Owned Housing Sites

IPS to provide clear commitment to use IOW Council owned land, that is designated as suitable for housing, to being allocated to the IOW Council's Housing Company (who can work with Housing Associations or others as partners if they wish) to provide social homes affordable to Islanders.

Item 2 – Affordable rented accommodation

For housing developments other than those receiving funding from Homes England (who have their own requirements for the balance of rented/shared ownership as a condition of loans or grants) the affordable housing delivered should be 80% affordable rented and 20% shared ownership.

Item 3 – Time limits on finalising legal agreements

To avoid developers delaying the signing off on legal agreements, a 6 month limit to be imposed on same. Failure to achieve sign-off within that period to result in planning permission being refused.

Item 4 – SHLAA Process

IPS to specify that the process for determining the SHLAA shall be transparent and open with the portfolio holder or their deputy attending all meetings with external parties and minutes to be taken. The respective Ward Member to be invited to attend all related internal meetings and external meetings with third parties.

The PPWG to define, for incorporation in the IPS, how recommendations by officers shall be progressed including member committee scrutiny and member committee scrutiny sign off.

Item 5 – Priority allocation of housing reductions

IPS to give special consideration to capitalising on reduced housing targets in order to relieve pressure on green field sites by retaining as hard the development boundaries in the current plan (ie not the extended boundaries in dIPS) and by considering those at Camp Hill, Freshwater and Bembridge as priorities.

Item 6 – IPS timescales

Revised IPS to be brought back to Full Council no later than April 2023 and in doing so to clarify the regulatory process forward and the legal implications should that revision not be progressed.

Item 7 – Local Energy Security

IPS to recognise the need for local energy security and to provide for a future feasibility study into the generation on IOW of geothermal energy.

Item 8 – Contemporary and accurate data.

IPS to include contemporary and accurate data regarding housing needs, population growth, age profile demographics and related trends including ONS and other sources such as DWP and Health sector analysis.

These key data points to inform the IPS calculations and in conjunction with recognising the exceptional circumstances of the IOW, to define a clear case for further reduced housing targets aligning with the IOW population growth and resident needs.

Item 9 - Affordability

IPS to define the definition of Affordable Housing based on not more than 5 times average local annual income, Affordable Rented Housing based on not more than 1/3 of the net average local monthly earnings and Affordable Social Rented Housing based on the DWP benefit levels.

Item 10 – Zero Carbon

IPS to clarify a consistent and comparable basis to be used for calculation of the carbon impact of delivery, lifetime and site restoration of developments.

- 2) Full Council instructs the Leader of the Cabinet to require the Cabinet to reconsider, in the light of the above specified objections, the Draft Island Planning Strategy submitted to the Full Council, and that the specified period for such reconsideration is sixty working days (beginning on the day after the date on which the Leader of the Cabinet receives these instructions on behalf of the Cabinet) within which the Cabinet Leader may
 - (a) submit a revision of the Draft Island Planning Strategy as amended by the Cabinet (the revised “Draft Island Planning Strategy”), with the Cabinet’s reasons for any amendments made to the Draft Island Planning Strategy, to the Full Council for the Full Council’s consideration; or
 - (b) inform the Full Council of any disagreement that the Cabinet has with any of the Full Council’s objections and the Cabinet’s reasons for any such disagreement.

After some debate, Councillor Brodie proposed an amendment to Item 9-which was duly seconded:

Item 9 - Affordability

IPS to define the definition of Affordable Rented Housing based on not more than 1/3 of the net average local earnings.

A vote was taken on the above, the result of which was:

RESOLVED:

THAT the below amendment was carried

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A further amendment by Councillor Brodie was proposed and duly seconded

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A vote was taken the result of which was:

RESOLVED:

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The two agreed amendments were carried and became part of the substantive motion. A vote was taken on that motion the result of which was:

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

21. **By Councillor Quigley**

Councillor Quigley moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

Cost of living emergency

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The council notes

That the cost of living emergency is a key issue for us as a local authority.
We need to provide access to the appropriate advice and support and support partners in the community to deliver help.

The council resolves to

Ensure we continue to take a co-ordinated approach to addressing the emergency, working with community partners and providing resources where possible.
Set up a dedicated officer working group to address the issues.
Call on national government to ensure a right to food is written into law.
Free up finance to target help through community groups.
Ensure all council decisions do not disproportionately impact residents who are struggling the most, by considering the socio economic impact in our assessments of actions we need to take.
Champion a real living wage for all workers on the Island.
Make it easier for local groups to access any funding available.
We commit as 39 Cllrs to work together on the cost of living emergency for the benefit of the Island and our residents.

Following debate a vote was taken the results were as follows:

RESOLVED:

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22. **By Councillor Jarman**

This motion had been raised as a motion without notice on an item earlier in the agenda, therefore it was withdrawn.

22a **By Councillor Lilley**

Councillor Lilley withdrew his motion

22b **By Councillor Brodie**

Councillor Brodie withdrew his motion

23. **Member Questions to the Leader and to any other Cabinet Member (30 minutes)**

Due to time constraints this item was not considered

CHAIRMAN