

Cabinet – 14 September 2023

Written question from Cllr Paul Brading to the Leader

Would the leader publicly acknowledge the excellent work that Hampshire Country Council have done for the island over the term of our partnership, some 11 years, and that she is disappointed that the successful partnership is coming to an end?

Response

“I agree that we have benefitted from a long and supportive partnership with Hampshire County Council, working together to improve services for children and to create a sustainable service. Our success is largely due to the dedication and support of all those who work with our children and young people both staff, councillors and those in our communities — and I thank them wholeheartedly for their support.

“The partnership has evolved over the years and whilst I recognise that many will be disappointed that it is coming to an end, this was not a decision for the IWC alone. We are now looking to the future with renewed resilience, strength and good support for local children and families. We will continue to work closely with colleagues across the water over the next few weeks and months in considering the proposals.”