

## 8. Joint Arrangements

The current delegations to, or functions exercised by, Executive or Non-Executive joint committees, joint scrutiny committees, boards or other bodies are set out below.

### Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB)

Health and wellbeing encompasses public health and NHS services, adult social care, children's services and the impact of housing, community safety, economic development and the environment.

The purpose of the HWB is to build strong and effective partnerships, which improve the commissioning and delivery of services by the NHS and local government, leading to improved health and wellbeing for local people.

The HWB leads and advises on work to improve the health and wellbeing of the people of the Isle of Wight. This is achieved through joined up commissioning across the NHS, social care, public health and other services directly related to health and wellbeing in order to:

- (a) secure better health and wellbeing outcomes on the Island
- (b) reduce health inequalities and
- (c) ensure better quality of care for all patients and care users

The HWB has a primary responsibility to make sure that health care services paid for by public monies are provided in a cost-effective manner.

The HWB also aims to increase the role of elected representatives in health and provide a key forum for public accountability for NHS, public health, social care and other commissioned services that relate to people's health and wellbeing.

In accordance with the Health and Social Care Act 2012, the HWB is constituted as a formal committee of the council under s.102 of the Local Government Act 1972, and answerable to its scrutiny functions with the following terms of reference:

- (a) Encourages all those who arrange for the provision of any health or social care services to work closer together for the purpose of advancing the health and wellbeing of the people of the Isle of Wight.
- (b) Receives and adopts a Health and Well-Being Board Strategy.
- (c) Commissions and endorses a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) for the Isle of Wight, having regard to any guidance issued by the Secretary of State and ensuring the involvement of the Local Healthwatch organisation, the people who live and work on the Isle of Wight and subject to final approval by relevant partners, if required.
- (d) Commissions and endorses a Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JHWS) to meet the health and social care needs identified in the JSNA, subject to final approval by relevant partners, if required.
- (e) Commissions and endorses the Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment, subject to final approval by relevant partners, if required.
- (f) Receives the reports of both the Safeguarding Children Partnership Board (SCPB) and Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), including their annual reports.

The membership of the HWB is as follows:

- (a) Executive Leader - Chairman

- (b) Cabinet member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills
- (c) Cabinet member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
- (d) Cabinet member for Community Protection, Regulatory Services and Waste
- (e) Council Chief Executive
- (f) Council Director of Children's Services
- (g) Council Director of Adult Social Care and Housing
- (h) Council Director of Public Health
- (i) Council Strategic Director of Community Services
- (j) Clinical Chairman of the Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board (ICB) – Vice-Chairman
- (k) Managing Director of the Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board (ICB)
- (l) Area Director representative for the Wessex Area Team of NHS England
- (m) Chief Executive of Isle of Wight NHS Trust
- (n) Chief Constable representative for Hampshire Police
- (o) Police and Crime Commissioner representative for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight
- (p) Healthwatch Isle of Wight representative
- (q) Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) representative
- (r) Chairman of the Isle of Wight Voluntary Sector Forum

The quorum is at least two Cabinet members, one statutory officer of the council, a representative of the ICB and four other members of the Board or their representatives present.

Voting is by show of hands. A simple majority prevails and in the event of a tied vote the chairman shall have a second or casting vote. The recording of votes and the right for an individual vote to be recorded will follow the council's Constitution procedure rules.

The HWB meets four times a year with additional meetings arranged in agreement with the Chairman, as required. The chairman determines, in consultation with the clerk, the agenda for each meeting.

All meetings of the HWB are held in public unless there are grounds for excluding the press and public, as set out in the Access to Information rules (see Part 5 Section 2) or in accordance with legislation. Members of the public have the right to ask questions at each meeting.

The HWB is supported by sub-groups, if needed. Both the SCPB and SAB can bring issues and concerns to the attention of the HWB and, in turn, the HWB needs to be confident that these fora are operating effectively to discharge their responsibilities.

### **Safeguarding Children Partnership Board (SCPB)**

The Isle of Wight Safeguarding Children Partnership Board is established in accordance with the Children and Social Work Act 2017 and Working Together to Safeguard Children 2018 statutory guidance. It provides arrangements under which the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies work together to coordinate their services, identify and respond to the needs of children in Isle of Wight, commission and publish local child safeguarding practice reviews and provide scrutiny to ensure the effectiveness of the arrangements.

The three safeguarding partners in relation to a local authority area are defined under the Children Act 2004 (as amended by the Children and Social Work Act 2017) as:

- (a) the Local Authority

- (b) a Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) for an area any part of which falls within the local authority area
- (c) the Chief Officer of Police for an area any part of which falls within the local authority area

The SCPB sets the performance, policy and strategic priorities for partnership. It is responsible for ensuring that statutory requirements are met and it sets the priorities for its business plan according to local issues and demands with evidence of clear improvement priorities to improve outcomes.

The SCPB objectives are:

- (a) To co-ordinate the work of statutory partners in helping, protecting and caring for children on the Isle of Wight and ensuring there are mechanisms in place to monitor the effectiveness of these arrangements.
- (b) To regularly monitor and evaluate multi-agency frontline practice to safeguard children to identify where improvement is required in the quality of practice and services, that children and families receive, including early help.
- (c) To hold partners to account for their contribution to the safety and protection of children, including children living in the area away from their home authority.

The SCPB responsibilities are:

- (a) Overseeing the governance arrangements of the partnership to ensure it complies with its statutory responsibilities in accordance with the Children Act 2004 and as outlined in Working Together 2018.
- (b) Identifying emerging issues to inform priority-setting and raising awareness of emerging issues across the partnership.
- (c) Publishing an annual business plan with clear priorities that will improve multi-agency professional practice with children and families.
- (d) Producing an annual report that provides a rigorous and transparent assessment of the performance and effectiveness of local services, identifies areas of weakness and their causes, and evaluates and challenges the action being taken. This report will include learning from audits and scrutiny activity, local learning reviews and other partnership functions where appropriate.
- (e) Ensuring there is a local Learning and Improvement Framework in place and opportunities for learning are effective and properly engage all partners.
- (f) Considering regular reports from the Learning Inquiry Group and ensuring recommendations are acted upon and lessons learnt embedded into improved practice.
- (g) Agreeing and reviewing the local strategy and action plan in response to children missing and children at risk of sexual exploitation
- (h) Using its scrutiny role and statutory powers to influence the priority setting across other strategic partnerships, including the Health and Wellbeing Board, Safeguarding Adults Board, Local Family Justice Board, Strategic MAPPA Board, Corporate Parenting Board and Community Safety Partnerships.
- (i) Ensuring high quality policies and procedures are in place (as required by Working Together 2018) and that they are monitored and evaluated for their effectiveness and impact, and revised where improvements can be made.
- (j) Scrutinising and challenging the arrangements agencies are required to have in place under s.11 of the Children Act 2004.

- (k) Ensuring high-quality multi-agency training is available and evaluating its effectiveness and impact on improving front-line practice and the experiences of children, families and carers.
- (l) Facilitating communication between all the safeguarding partners and relevant agencies, strengthening working relationships between organisations.

The SCPB reports annually to Isle of Wight Council's Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills, the Health and Wellbeing Board, the Children's Trust, the Hampshire Constabulary Child Centred Policing Board and the HIOW CCG Partnership Quality, Finance and Performance Committee.

The safeguarding partners and the following relevant agencies are members of the SCPB. The partnership meetings will be led by the Independent Chair:

- (a) Designated Doctor
- (b) Designated Nurse
- (c) Hampshire and Isle of Wight Community Rehabilitation Company
- (d) Hampshire Constabulary
- (e) IOW Fire & Rescue Service
- (f) IOW Safeguarding Adults Board
- (g) Isle of Wight Adult Services
- (h) Isle of Wight Children's Services
- (i) Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group
- (j) Isle of Wight Education Services
- (k) Isle of Wight NHS Trust
- (l) National Probation Service
- (m) NHS England
- (n) Portsmouth Diocese
- (o) Primary Schools
- (p) Public Health
- (q) Regulatory & Community Safety Service
- (r) Secondary School
- (s) Special Schools
- (t) Voluntary Sector
- (u) Youth Offending Service

The Lead Councillor for Children's Services is a participant observer.

Other organisations are invited by the SCPB to be members having regard to s.13(4) of the Children Act 2004, as amended (Working Together 2018). The SCPB will also, where practicable, include up to two lay members who are representative of persons living on the Isle of Wight or have links to the Isle of Wight. Attendees are expected to have a good understanding of children's safeguarding and be of sufficient seniority to be able to:

- (a) Speak for their organisation with authority
- (b) Commit their organisation on policy and practice matters; and
- (c) Hold their own organisation to account and hold others to account

The SCPB meets at least four times a year. The quorum is half of its members present, including the Independent Chair and representatives from each of the three safeguarding partners.

## **Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB)**

The SAB performs a similar function to the SCPB in relation to vulnerable adults. Its overarching purpose is to help and safeguard adults with care and support needs by:

- (a) assuring itself that local safeguarding arrangements are in place as defined by the Care Act 2014 and statutory guidance
- (b) assuring itself that safeguarding practice is person-centred and outcome-focused
- (c) working collaboratively to prevent abuse and neglect where possible
- (d) ensuring agencies and individuals give timely and proportionate responses when abuse or neglect have occurred
- (e) assuring itself that safeguarding practice is continuously improving and enhancing the quality of life of adults in its area.

The SAB leads adult safeguarding arrangements across the Island and oversees and coordinates the effectiveness of the safeguarding work of its member and partner agencies. It is concerned with issues that contribute to the wellbeing of the community and the prevention of abuse and neglect, such as:

- (a) the safety of people who use services in local health settings, including mental health
- (b) the safety of adults with care and support needs living in social housing
- (c) effective interventions with adults who self-neglect, for whatever reason
- (d) the quality of local care and support services
- (e) the effectiveness of prisons in safeguarding offenders
- (f) making connections between adult safeguarding and domestic abuse

The SAB has three core duties:

- (a) to develop and publish a strategic plan setting out how it will meet its objectives and how its member and partner agencies will contribute
- (b) to publish an annual report detailing how effective its work has been
- (c) to commission safeguarding adults reviews (SARs) for any cases that meet the criteria for these

SAB membership comprises:

- (a) Isle of Wight Council Adult Social Care – Statutory Lead
- (b) Hampshire Police – Statutory Lead
- (c) Clinical Commissioning Group – Statutory Lead
- (d) Cabinet member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs
- (e) H.M. Prisons
- (f) Healthwatch
- (g) Isle of Wight National Health Service Trust
- (h) Probation Service
- (i) Wessex National Health Service England
- (j) Public Health
- (k) A residential care home representative
- (l) Southern Housing Association
- (m) Fire and Rescue Service
- (n) Safeguarding Children Partnership Board
- (o) Age UK or an alternative voluntary sector representative
- (p) Community Rehabilitation Company

- (q) Care UK
- (r) Care Quality Commission
- (s) Community Safety Partnership Lead
- (t) Isle of Wight Council Housing Department

### **Corporate Parenting Board**

The Corporate Parenting Board is a multi-agency advisory panel to the Full Council and to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Corporate Functions. The Board confirms its joint commitment to improving services and outcomes for children and care leavers for whom the council is corporate parent.

The Board's role is to lead on ensuring the corporate parenting responsibilities of the multi-agency partnership are being met. Section 22 of the Children Act 1989 sets out the general duty of the council in relation to children looked after by it; to safeguard and promote the welfare of these children, ensuring effective, individualised support and access to services. This duty is inclusive of both children and young people with care orders and those provided with accommodation. The Children and Social Work Act 2017 defined the responsibility of corporate parents to ensure, as far as possible, secure, nurturing and positive experiences for looked-after children and young people.

The Corporate Parenting Board is accountable to:

- (a) The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills and to the Full Council
- (b) Looked after children, care leavers and their carers or guardians
- (c) Each respective member on the Board and the relevant senior management team of each agency represented

The roles and responsibilities of the Corporate Parenting Board are to:

- (a) Develop expertise about services for and issues affecting children and young people, both in care and leaving care
- (b) Enable elected councillors to fulfil their role as corporate parenting champions and advocates for Isle of Wight children who are looked after, and those leaving local authority care
- (c) Provide multi-agency strategic direction for services and projects working to achieve good outcomes for both children in local authority and leaving care
- (d) Actively raise the awareness of other elected councillors, the Cabinet and the Full Council to the whole council's corporate parenting responsibilities towards the Isle of Wight's looked after children and care leavers
- (e) Oversee and challenge progress and performance against the objectives within the Isle of Wight's Corporate Parenting Strategy

The terms of reference of the Corporate Parenting Board are to:

- (a) Secure real and sustained improvements in the life chances of Looked After Children, Children in Need, care leavers and youth offending children, and to work within an annual programme to that end
- (b) Develop, monitor and review a corporate parenting strategy, work plan and training programme for all members to receive regular training in their corporate parenting

- responsibilities. Board members should have specific training, particularly before the consideration of important child care issues at Board meetings
- (c) Ensure the life chances of Looked After Children, Children in Need and care leavers are maximised in terms of health, educational attainment, and access to training and employment, to aid the transition to a secure and productive adulthood
  - (d) Recommend ways in which more integrated services can be developed across all council directorates, schools and other stakeholders, to lead towards better outcomes for Looked After Children, Children in Need and care leavers
  - (e) Ensure performance monitoring systems are in place and regularly review performance data to ensure sustained performance improvements in outcomes for Looked After Children, Children in Need and care leavers
  - (f) To receive inspection and annual reports, including from the Independent Reviewing Lead Officer and the Virtual School Head, including:
    - (i) areas of good practice
    - (ii) areas for development
    - (iii) commentary on the participation of children and their parents
    - (iv) the educational achievement of looked-after children
    - (v) whether any resource issues are putting the delivery of a good service to all looked-after children at risk
  - (g) To report to the Cabinet and subsequently to Full Council annually
  - (h) To make recommendations to the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills as the Lead Councillor for Children's Services
  - (i) To report to the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Lifelong Skills after each meeting
  - (j) To develop and undertake a programme of consultation, listening and engagement events with, as well as visits to services providing support and advice to, Looked after Children, Children in Need and care leavers
  - (k) Ensure Looked After Children, Children in Need and care leavers play an integral role in service planning and design, and that their views are regularly sought and acted upon through the Hearing Young People's Experience (HYPE) group, including:
    - (i) those with special educational needs (SEN) and learning difficulties or disabilities (LDD)
    - (ii) unaccompanied asylum-seeking children in the care of the Isle of Wight Council and Isle of Wight looked after children placed in other local authority areas
  - (l) Drive forward improvements for children in care and care leavers, especially those from the HYPE group
  - (m) Ensure that the needs of the HYPE group are appropriately considered and incorporated into key plans, policies and strategies throughout the council
  - (n) Ensure sufficient resources are made available for the HYPE group to directly engage with all children in care and deliver agreed projects on behalf of the council and function as a working group
  - (o) Raise awareness of the council's corporate parenting responsibilities among elected councillors and officers by promoting the role of elected councillors as corporate parents and the council as a large corporate family with key responsibilities
  - (p) Ensure councillors are regularly updated on the issues affecting CiC and CL and how the council is held to account to respond
  - (q) Provide a forum for elected councillors to oversee progress of all Looked After Children through the implementation of the Children in Care Strategy

- (r) Scrutinise and monitor outcomes for children in care and care leavers, and encourage all partners to work in an integrated manner, in the best interests of looked after children and care leavers and hold partners to account for their role in delivery of services
- (s) Raise the profile of the needs of children in care and care leavers through a range of actions and events, to recognise their achievement and contribution
- (t) Ensure that children and young people are clear about what they can expect from the Isle of Wight Council as corporate parents, including access to somewhere to call home, education, employment and training
- (u) Ensure that the local offer of ongoing support for care leavers continues to meet their needs
- (v) Ensure staff working with children in care and care leavers have appropriate support and training
- (w) Oversee the Virtual School for the Isle of Wight

#### Membership:

- (a) Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills (Chair)
- (b) At least one representative from the HYPE group, selected to represent the group at the regular HYPE meetings
- (c) Elected councillors, including a member of the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Children's Services, Education and Skills, at least one minority group councillor and one from either the Fostering or Adoption Panel
- (d) At least one Isle of Wight Council Foster carers, identified through foster carers support network.
- (e) Children and Families Branch- Children's Rights Officer
- (f) Head of Strategy and Operations Children and Family Branch
- (g) Service Manager-Children in care
- (h) Health - LAC Designated Dr and Nurse.
- (i) CCG-Lead Officer with responsibility for children's health commissioning.
- (j) Education -Virtual Head
- (k) Adult Social Care – Lead Officer from Transitions Team
- (l) Housing Services Lead Officer

The quorum of the Board is at least three persons, including the Chairman or Vice Chairman, Head of Strategy and Operations or a Children and Families Service Manager, the Children's Rights Officer or a representative from HYPE.

The Board will meet at least quarterly. Agendas and papers will be distributed at least one week prior to the meeting.

#### **Local Care Board<sup>1</sup>**

The Local Care Board (LCB) is made up of senior council officers, the Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group and the Isle of Wight NHS Trust, and supported by the Cabinet member for Adult Social Care and Public Health.

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<sup>1</sup> To be replaced by Integrated Care Partnership? <https://www.iow.gov.uk/Meetings/committees/cabinet/9-1-20/PAPER%20C%20-%20Local%20Care%20Board%20Report.pdf>



The group brings together commissioners and providers of care on the Island with responsibility to transform the Local Care System and unite efforts to improve the overall quality of health and social care on the Isle of Wight.

#### Principles:

- (a) To put the interests of patients, communities and the taxpayer before the interests of individual organisations, and focus on these together to deliver the Local Care System Vision
- (b) To jointly commission and develop new care models that break down the boundaries between different providers and make the best use of the Island pound
- (c) Make full use of Pooled Budgets, the Better Care Fund and innovative commissioning frameworks to facilitate long term planning and improved outcomes
- (d) Have a focus on prevention and population health management
- (e) Ensure people with on-going care needs receive more coordinated care, with more services at home and in community settings
- (f) Provide high quality care that is integrated with primary, community, mental health and social care
- (g) Align with the vision and objectives of the Hampshire and Isle of Wight Sustainability Transformation Programme

#### Terms of reference:

- (a) To transform the Local Care System and drive the delivery of best outcomes for those we serve
- (b) To improve the physical, mental health and wellbeing of Isle of Wight residents through the integrated commissioning and provision of adult social care, health, children's and public health services
- (c) The development and delivery of a Local Care Plan (LCP) to transform care on the Isle of Wight within available resources
- (d) To ensure evidence-based and outcomes focussed approach to decision making and planning.
- (e) To establish and monitor the key performance indicators that will identify the successful implementation of the LCP and provide a forum for the management and resolution of key system issues
- (f) To identify and secure the resources necessary to support the LCP
- (g) To enable a system-wide response to any intervention and improvement programme introduced by or imposed on any partner organisation that has a system wide impact
- (h) To ensure the LCP is consistent with and contributes to the aspirations of the HIOW Sustainability Transformation Plan (STP) and that the needs of the Isle of Wight are properly identified and reflected

#### Membership:

- (a) Clinical Chair of the Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group
- (b) Accountable Officer Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group
- (c) Managing Director, Isle of Wight Clinical Commissioning Group
- (d) Chief Executive, Isle of Wight Council
- (e) Director of Adult Social Services, Isle of Wight Council
- (f) Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs
- (g) Chief Executive, Isle of Wight NHS Trust

- (h) Medical Director, Isle of Wight NHS Trust
- (i) Chairman, Isle of Wight NHS Trust
- (j) Chair of the Stakeholder Reference Group
- (k) Chair of GP Federation (One Wight Health)

The Board has developed a [Local Care Plan](#) which has been agreed with all partners and by the Health and Wellbeing Board. The plan identifies and prioritises changes required to improve care across the Island, building on the Island's shared vision for person-centred care, delivered closer to home.

The Board meets on a monthly basis and is supported by a number of key system-wide groups as set out in the governance structure within the plan above.

### **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority**

Pursuant to [The Hampshire And Isle Of Wight Fire And Rescue Authority \(Combination Scheme\) Order 2020](#), a single fire and rescue authority was formed for the combined area of the Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority and the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority, comprising the areas of Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council and Southampton City Council. The Scheme came into force on 1 April 2020 for the purpose of doing anything necessary to bring the Scheme fully into operation on 1 April 2021. It is now established as a separate legal entity.

### **Police and Crime Panel**

At its meeting on [16 May 2012](#), Full Council endorsed the establishment of a Police and Crime Panel (PCP) as a joint committee under the the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, in conjunction with 14 other local authorities within the Hampshire Police Area. It is administered by [Hampshire County Council](#) and includes the 11 district councils in Hampshire, and the unitary authorities for Portsmouth and Southampton).

The PCP is independent of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and oversees the work of the PCC by:

- (a) reviewing PCC proposals for the amount of council tax local people pay towards policing. It has the power to veto these proposals if it considers the amount is inappropriate
- (b) considering the PCC's Police and Crime Plan and Annual Report
- (c) considering PCC proposals for the appointment of a new Chief Constable, with the power to veto
- (d) investigating complaints about the PCC

The PCP's [procedure rules](#) and its governance [arrangements](#) are made under paragraphs 24 and 25 of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, [Schedule 6](#).

Full Council appoints one elected councillor to act as its representative on the PCP and one elected councillor as an authorised substitute.

### **Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)**

The law states that religious education (RE) must be taught in all schools. However, RE is not part of the National Curriculum, it is a local responsibility.

Every Local Education Authority (LEA) is required by law to have a SACRE. Its origins go back to the Education Act of 1944, but the Education Reform Act 1988 and the Education Act 1996 strengthened its place in an LEA. The responsibilities of SACRE are to:

- (a) provide advice to the LEA on all aspects of its provision for RE in its schools (this does not include Voluntary Aided Schools), including methods of teaching, the choice of materials, and the provision of training for teachers
- (b) advise the LEA on its Agreed Syllabus for RE and require it to review it
- (c) provide advice to the LEA on Collective Worship in its schools (this does not include Voluntary Aided or Voluntary Controlled Schools)
- (d) consider requests from head teachers to hold Collective Worship that is not of a broadly Christian character
- (e) consider complaints assigned to it by the LEA concerning collective worship or RE
- (f) publish an annual report on its proceedings and those of its representative groups; to specify any matters on which the SACRE has given advice to the LEA and the reasons for offering the advice

SACRE is required by law to be made up of four groups in order to bring a wide range of interests and talents to its work and to reflect local communities:

- (a) Group A: faiths and beliefs representative of the local communities, including Christian denominations other than Church of England
- (b) Group B: representatives of the Church of England
- (c) Group C: representatives of the teaching profession
- (d) Group D: representatives from the LEA, including councillors and RE advisors

Full Council is responsible for appointing all members of SACRE.

Meetings are held three times a year.

[Find out more about SACRE meetings, members and contact details](#)

### **Economic Development Board**

By virtue of a Cabinet decision dated 7 July 2014, and as part of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce, Trade and Industry, the Economic Development Board was established as an advisory body to Cabinet to develop and agree a vision for the economic future of the Island and a strategy for its delivery, and also to advise the work of the partners.

The purpose of the Board is to:

- (a) enable local partners to agree shared economic priorities for the Island and to ensure the most effective use of the increasingly limited resources and support services available
- (b) develop, agree and review an ongoing vision for the economic future of the Island as part of a wider regeneration strategy
- (c) provide input to and act on feedback from other Island or regional partnerships addressing issues such as education and skills, infrastructure and housing
- (d) oversee and monitor the effective development and deployment of an Island Business support programme
- (e) inform and monitor the development and delivery of a local economic strategy and, where appropriate, ensure consistency with the Solent Strategic Economic Strategy and relevant UK government policy, such as the Industrial strategy

- (f) initiate activities to improve the overall economic wellbeing of the Isle of Wight in line with the economic strategy
- (g) work together to influence the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (SLEP) and ensure that the needs and aspirations of the Isle of Wight are clearly understood
- (h) assist in establishing a clear communications strategy to ensure consistent messaging about the Island's economy and to generate investment interest in the Isle of Wight
- (i) facilitate widest possible engagement with the business community of the Isle of Wight and act on the feedback presented by bodies such as the Chamber of Commerce, Federation of Small Business and the IOW Business Reference group
- (j) inform, direct and lobby plans and objectives of any agency which impacts on the Isle of Wight in all matters in relation to the Island's economy

Members of the Board shall be appointed by the Leader and consist of:

- (a) Three representatives from the Isle of Wight Council
- (b) Three representatives from the Isle of Wight Chamber of Commerce
- (c) Three representatives from the private sector
- (d) A representative from the Isle of Wight College
- (e) A representative from Visit Isle of Wight
- (f) A representative from the Federation of Small Businesses

The chairman of the Board will be a representative from the private sector, nominated and elected by a simple majority of the members of the Board, to serve for a period 12 months.

[Find out more about the meetings and members of Economic Development Board.](#)

### **ACCESS Pool Joint Committee**

In exercise of its powers under section 102(1)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 and the LGPS Investment Regulations, Full Council [agreed](#) to form a joint committee with 10 other local authorities, to run and operate collective investment vehicles and to pool their respective investments with effect from 12 July 2017.

Full Council is responsible for appointing as its representative on the Joint Committee a member of the Pension Fund Committee plus a named substitute from the same committee.

Any elected councillor who is not a member of the Joint Committee may, at the invitation of the chairman, speak at a meeting of the Joint Committee.

The Joint Committee meets at least four times each year. Meetings are open to members of the public unless the Joint Committee determines that it is necessary to exclude them in accordance with Part VA of the Local Government Act 1972 or because of a disturbance.