

APPENDIX 2 – Notes re. recommended structure

Service Committees

Five service committees are proposed as set out below with indicative responsibilities (not exhaustively listed).

Specific functions could be delivered through sub-committees, which could be constitutionally specified. Some services could also be delivered through two committees working jointly.

1) *Children’s Services*

- services for children and young people that provide for their care, well-being, education and health
- functions relating to children in need and child protection
- functions and powers relating to the provision of education, including Special Educational Needs and Disabilities
- supporting schools in raising educational attainment
- overseeing the council’s role as a corporate parent
- domestic violence support jointly with Adult Social Care and Well-being

2) *Adult Social Care, Public Health & Housing*

- adult social care services
- adult safeguarding, and adult mental and physical health
- supporting people with learning disabilities
- domestic violence support jointly with Children’s Committee
- overseeing the delivery of public health functions not otherwise delegated to another committee
- housing management and delivery including homelessness prevention and housing acquisition

3) *Economy, Transport & Infrastructure*

- economic development across all sectors and for rural and urban areas
- regeneration of unused and under-used assets that sustainably grows and extends the Island economy, in line with the council’s housing priorities and cultural aspirations
- workforce skills development and training
- supporting development and growth of newly established businesses
- strategic planning
- highway authority and highways PFI
- rights of way

4) *Environment & Community Protection*

- matters relating to the Isle of Wight as a UNESCO Biosphere, to climate change and sustainability
- waste management and recycling
- coastal protection and flood protection
- leisure, library and cultural services
- public spaces including parks, beaches and rights of way
- community resilience and cohesion

5) *Policy, Finance and Resources*

- providing strategic policy direction through a Corporate Plan developed by it for recommendation to Full Council for adoption, and thereafter monitor performance against key indicators
- to coordinate development of an annual Budget (and medium term financial plan) which it then recommends to Full Council, and thereafter monitor financial performance
- oversight of employment matters, where appropriate
- determine policy on any matter not otherwise delegated to another committee, referred to it by any other committee, or where other committees are not in agreement
- committee to be chaired by Leader with Deputy as Vice Chair. The other 4 service committee chairs to be members, subject to political proportionality.

Scrutiny

Sections 9JA and 9JB of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) relate to overview and scrutiny arrangements under a committee system local authority.

A scrutiny sub-committee will be necessary for scrutiny relating to crime and disorder (section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006), health (section 244 of the National Health Service Act 2006), flooding (section 9JB of the Local Government Act 2000).

Remaining committees and boards

The remaining committees and boards would be:

- Appeals Committee, including sub-committee arrangements
- Appointments and Employment – as a sub-committee of Policy, Finance & Resources Committee
- Audit and Governance Committee
- Harbour Committee
- Investigatory and Disciplinary Committee
- Isle of Wight Pension Fund Committee
- Licensing Committee, including sub-committee arrangements
- Planning Committee
- Health and Wellbeing Board – membership to be constitutionally prescribed, as now
- Local Pension Board

In total we are proposing 100 full Committee places. There are currently 95.