



# Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON THURSDAY, 12TH NOVEMBER, 2020 BY THE CABINET**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON MONDAY, 23 NOVEMBER 2020**

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs D Stewart (Chairman), S Hutchinson (Vice-Chairman), B Abraham, P Brading, S Hastings, C Mosdell, G Peace, B Tyndall, I Ward and W Whittle

Members also present(non-voting)

Cllrs D Andre, R Hollis

Officers Present

C Ashman, M Bartlett, S Crocker, L Gaudion, J Metcalfe, W Perera, C Potter, G Wild

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken .....

**Leader of the Council**

<b>Agenda item</b>	Minutes
Decision reference	35 – (20/21)
Decision Taken	<u>RESOLVED:</u>  THAT the minutes of the meeting held on 8 October 2020 be agreed.

<b>Agenda item</b>	Declarations of Interest
Decision reference	36 – (20/21)
Decision Taken	There were no declarations received at this stage.

<b>Agenda item</b>	Public Question Time - Maximum 15 Minutes for Written Questions and 15 Minutes for Oral Questions
Decision reference	37 – (20/21)

Decision Taken	There were no public questions received.
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<b>Agenda item</b>	Chairman's Announcements
Decision reference	38 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Chairman advised that the Local Outbreak Engagement Board had met earlier in the day and confirmed that since March 2020, the Island had 770 positive cases of covid-19 and sadly 85 deaths. Active planning was underway for the distribution of the vaccine when it became available, also business support funding was being distributed following government money being received. Covid-19 response and recovery strategy and leadership approach taken to ferry companies was supported.</p> <p>An Island Economic recovery forum would be developed, this would be a virtual event involving Island business stakeholders and other interested parties to identify the best ways to move the Island forward.</p> <p>The Leader sent a letter to the Prime Minister, with copies to the Secretary of State, the Chancellor and the Island's MP regarding the Island deal, a response was awaited.</p>

<b>Agenda item</b>	Appointment of Leader to CFA (Combined Fire Authority for Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton)
Decision reference	39 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Leader advised that following the creation of the Combined Hampshire Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Authority an appointment of an Isle of Wight member was required. The Authority would be fully operational from April 2021.</p> <p>It was noted that the Corporate Scrutiny had made no comment.</p>
Decision Taken	Option 1 – To appoint the Leader as the Isle of Wight Council member on the CFA.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it	The creation of the CFA was detailed as a key objective in the Corporate Plan 2017-20, The Integrated risk management plan (Safety Plan) for both Hampshire and

aligns with	the Isle of Wight FRS was launched in April 2020. The plan sets out a five year Strategic vision.
Options considered and rejected	Option 2 – To appoint an alternative Cabinet member as the Isle of Wight Council member on the CFA.

<b>Agenda item</b>	Newport Harbour Masterplan
Decision reference	40 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	<p>It was advised that the masterplan was would enhance the area, bringing derelict sites and buildings back into use was a key priority for the Regeneration Strategy. Three phases of mixed use development including new cultural and conference facility to the Island and much needed hotel capacity, creating more jobs to support recovery. A new cycle and footbridge would link Seaclose park with the hospital and college avoiding traffic coming into town.</p> <p>Consultations had been extensive and inclusive, as a result of this the proposed affordable housing site at the entrance to Seaclose park had been dropped; an alternative site would be identified. Prior to the masterplan being adopted as a Supplementary planning guidance a site specific flood risk assessment needed to be completed.</p> <p>Government funding would be required to help make some plots viable and support wider infrastructure such as the cycle footbridge, this would be done in partnership with the Island's MP.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing supported the masterplan and believed that it would encourage people to live and work in Newport which would benefit the economy of the town.</p>
Decision Taken	Option 2 – Endorse the masterplan with the Seaclose Gate site being removed and agree to consider its future adoption as a supplementary planning document.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	The land around Newport Harbour had been identified as a key project for the Isle of Wight Regeneration programme to ensure a viable economic future and make the Island a great place to grow, live, work and visit.
Options considered and rejected	Option 1 – Endorse the Newport Harbour masterplan as originally developed and agree to consider its future

	<p>adoption as a supplementary planning document.</p> <p>Option 3 – Note the progress with the masterplan requiring a review in twelve months' time following the completion of additional flood risk assessment work for the Environment Agency and the receipt of a harbour revision order decision.</p> <p>Option 4 – Not to endorse the Newport Harbour masterplan at this time.</p>
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<b>Agenda item</b>	Quarterly Performance Report - Quarter 2
Decision reference	41 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources highlighted the executive summary outlined in the report in particular the key outcomes that had been identified within the corporate plan.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care, Public Health and Housing Needs explained the challenges that had been faced by staff during the Covid-19 lockdowns to help support island residents and provide access to services. This report highlights the hard work undertaken by the departments, continuing to work closely with NHS partners on discharges. Homeless and rough sleeping strategy continued to deliver, no families with children were in bed and breakfast accommodation since March 2020.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment, Heritage and Waste Management advised that feedback on the household waste recycling centres was positive. Bookings had increased and the number of vehicles on site had doubled, bookings can now be cancelled. He also asked that residents do not dispose of batteries and marine flares in general waste as there had been an incident the previous day.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport informed the Cabinet that the St Mary's junction work was on track, possibly under budget. He visited the site on a regular basis and reported very few tailback, good comments had been received on social media.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills advised that the service had continued business as usual, staff had found new ways of working and achieved set deadlines and had kept at level one of the</p>

	<p>plan.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Business Development advised that the New Business grants were now available and could be accessed online through the Isle of Wight Council website. Bids for the Rural fund were also available and businesses were encouraged to apply.</p>
Decision Taken	<p>THAT the Cabinet approved the Performance and Finance report – Quarter ended 30 September 2020 and the priority report detail as set out in Appendix A, together with the Council’s financial position as set out at appendices B and C.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>None</p>

<b>Agenda item</b>	Approval of Revised Constitution
Decision reference	42 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The revision to the Constitution had been undertaken in consultation with officers and members, the Corporate Scrutiny Committee had met and the suggested amendments were incorporated at appendix C.</p>
Decision Taken	<p>Option 1 – to recommend the revised constitution for adoption by Full Council on 18 November 2020</p>
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option 2 – To suggest additional amendments or ask for further work to be done to the draft constitution.</p> <p>Option 3 – To reject the revised constitution.</p>

<b>Agenda item</b>	Cabinet Member Announcements
Decision reference	43 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Children’s services, Education and Skills advised that in the last 7 days 10 instances of positive Covid tests had been in schools, a total of 403 students and 16 staff were currently isolating on the Island. Every incident had been dealt with by Public Health England and the schools had communicated information and undertook home learning.</p>

He highlighted the priority schools building two programme, which had delivered schools such as Christ the King, Gurnard and Queensgate. There was currently ongoing eight primary schools being worked on up to the value of £21.6 million.

It was advised that due to new government grants there will be no children or vulnerable families on the Island that will go without meals this Christmas and in February half term 2021, the money would be distributed in the right way.

The Cabinet Member for Environment, Heritage and Waste Management advised that work had continued on unadopted roads, he thanks all local members and town and parish councillors who had attended meetings to move this forward.

He thanked all Amey staff for their commitment to ensure waste collections were achieved.

The Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Digital Transformation advised that regulatory services were under huge pressure due to Covid, a lot of work was taken up with regulations, business as usual had been put back, some issues around food safety were highlighted, conversations with the Food Standards Agency had taken place and they acknowledged the commitment to the standards of the team.

He also acknowledged the bereavement team and all the hard work they had undertaken especially during recent times, he raised concerns that people needed to be adhere to social distancing and wearing of face covering guidelines during funerals at the crematorium; it was acknowledged that this was a difficult time for people, although it was important guidelines were followed to protect residents and staff.

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing provided an update on the recent consultation on the White paper, a briefing had been provided to members and feedback had been collated and included in the response to government. The response had also been sent to the Islands MP, requesting the Island retain what we have now to reduce the impact on green field sites.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Business Development advised that since the purchase of Venture Quays jobs had been promoted in one of the factory

	<p>buildings, the barracks had also been used as a film set. He also promoted the Island gift card scheme.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Corporate Resources thanked the Contact Centre for all the good work they had achieved.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Strategic Finance and Covid-19 Recovery highlighted the level of strategic risks identified in the quarterly report. The impact of Brexit arrangements on the Island economy were still unknown and the current financial resources, the overspend had reduced to below eight million, however reductions needed to be made with the least impact on providing services. The main risk was how to prepare for the next financial year which had commenced and was considered a challenge.</p>
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<b>Agenda item</b>	Consideration of the Forward Plan
Decision reference	44 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	It was noted that the School funding, Pay Policy and Parking delivery plan would be discussed in January 2021 and the budget would be discussed in February 2021.

<b>Agenda item</b>	Members' Question Time
Decision reference	45 – (20/21)
Summary of Discussion	A question had been received from Cllr Garratt regarding the discussions between the Council and the Ministry of Justice on the future of the land around the prison, including but not limited to Camp Hill (MQ14/20) The Leader provided a response.