

**Corporate Scrutiny Committee – 12 April 2022**

**Written question from Simon Cooper of Freshwater to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee**

With regard to the Draft Island Plan, why is the council not awaiting national guidance to be published this summer, instead appearing to rush into a course of action that will decide the fate of the Island for the next fifteen years and will bring little or no benefit to the Island and the people living on it, and one that, as you are fully aware, has much opposition from Island residents; is this an attempt to side-step the democratic process?

***Response***

Please see responses to PQ13/22 (change in national planning guidance/policy) and the first paragraph of response to PQ14/22 (the suggestion that views have been ignored).