



Minutes

Name of meeting	EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL
Date and Time	WEDNESDAY 5 OCTOBER 2022 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs C Critchison (Chairman), M Lilley, D Andre, J Bacon, M Beston, P Brading, G Brodie, V Churchman, I Dore, R Downer, C Jarman, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, K Love, K Lucioni, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, G Peace, L Peacey-Wilcox, D Pitcher, M Price, R Quigley, C Quirk, R Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Stephens and I Ward
Apologies	Cllrs D Adams, W Drew, S Ellis, S Hastings and T Outlaw

13. Minutes

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Full Council held on 20 July 2022 be approved.

14. Declarations of Interest

Councillor J Jones-Evans declared an interest in the cost-of-living motion as she was an employer on the Island.

It was noted that the Monitoring Officer had produced a dispensation to Councillors in April 2022 to allow them to take part and vote on the draft Island Planning Strategy.

15. Public Question Time

A number of questions in relation to the Draft Island Planning Strategy had been received as follows: Mr MacLeod (PQ 35/22), Mr Hicklin (PQ 36/22) Ms Farrand (PQ 37/22) Ms Fosbury (PQ 38/22) Mr Jenkins (PQ 39/22) and Ms Becker (PQ 40/22) Mr MacLeod asked a supplementary question: why can we not use the real data as a robust evidence base for the Strategy, the Cabinet Member advised that if there was the potential to use the data then it would have been used.

An oral question was asked by Mr Palin requested assurance that proposed Draft Island Plan would protect green spaces and listed historic buildings, helping to provide the Islands characteristics The Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage advised that 19 policies were included in the draft Island Planning Strategy. Mr Palin asked a supplementary question regarding the inclusion of Town and Parish Councils views were given greater consideration when dealing with planning matters, the Cabinet member for Planning and Enforcement advised that this was a important particularly regarding neighbourhood plans.

Mr Sharples asked why there was no provision that later more accurate figures should be used when drafting the Island planning strategy, he was advised that the 2014 figures were projected and those that needed to be used when calculating housing figures.

Mr Cave asked how many rental properties in the £495-£600 per month rental market would be built per annum under the Draft Island Planning Strategy, the Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement advised that the proposed plan included an Island affordable policy, he advised that he would provide a figure in writing.

A supplementary question was asked if the Draft Island Planning Strategy would guarantee to prioritise houses to those on the housing register and how quickly that list would reduce. The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Digital Transformation, Housing and Homelessness and Poverty advised that a housing manager had been appointed and was working alongside rental providers on the Island.

Mr Townsend asked for a view and response as to whether the response given by the Strategic Manager for Planning when asked if reports should be balanced was appropriate, the Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement advised he would provide a written response.

16. Chairman's Official Announcements

The Chairman advised that her announcements was going to be about the Tour of Britain and other events that had been cancelled or postponed following the death of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The Sway garden party raised £533 and another Sway event would take place at the weekend.

17. Condolences and Proclamation

The Chairman led with condolences of the death of the late majesty and welcomed King Charles III, Councillors expressed their sympathy and requested a minute's silence to mark the death of the Queen.

18. Leaders Update Report (20 minutes)

The Leader introduced her report, she advised that she had attended the Islands Forum with the Chief Executive in Orkney which was very well attended.

A question was raised regarding the visibility study around County Hall and asked why public money would be spent upgrading the heating system, the Leader advised that she had been informed that the money used to update the heating was paid for by grant money, the Deputy Leader advised that previously a large amount of money was spent in removing the walls within the building, he was aware the grant money was being used for the heating project.

The Leader was asked to provide an update on the Islands Forum meeting in Orkney, she advised that there were many islands in a similar situation as the Isle of Wight however they had more connectivity issues, the meeting was very well organised and structured to fill all the time available to them. Some connections had been made and follow up emails would be sent.

A question was asked regarding the housing at Branston and when they could expect services to go in so that people can move into their homes, the Leader informed Council that she had received confirmation that people would be moving in at the end of the month.

19. **Report of the Monitoring Officer**

20. **Nominations and Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies**

Councillor Andre was nominated and duly seconded to be appointed to Planning Committee, there were no other nominations.

Nominations had been received from the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) for appointments to the Appeals Committee and Health and Wellbeing Board.

It was noted that further information had been requested prior to making nominations to the Armed Forces Day Organisation Committee.

RESOLVED

1. That Cllr Mick Lyons (with Cllr Patricia Redpath as substitute) be appointed to serve as the non-voting co-opted member of the Appeals Committee.
2. The nomination for the Council's representative on the Armed Forces Day organising Committee be deferred to allow for further information to be provided.
3. That the appointment to the Audit Committee be deferred
4. That Cllr Shirley Smart (with Cllr Emily Brothers acting as substitute) be appointed to serve as the voting co-opted member on the Health and Wellbeing Board.

5. That Councillor Debbie Andre be appointed to serve on the Planning Committee to fill the vacancy arising from Cllr Michael Lilley's resignation from the Planning Committee.
6. That the current ongoing vacancy on the Policy and Scrutiny Committee for Neighbourhoods and Regeneration be noted.

21. **Island Planning Strategy**

The Cabinet Member for Planning and Enforcement presented the report and Draft Island Planning Strategy following the recommendation from Cabinet on 8 September 2022 which were duly seconded.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution Part 4B section 10 (Voting), four Councillors present at the meeting requested a named vote to be taken, the result of which was as follows:

For (16)

Cllrs D Andre, J Bacon, C Critchison, I Dore, R Downer, P Fuller, J Jones-Evans, P Jordan, J Lever, M Lilley, K Love, K Lucioni, L Peacey Wilcox, I Stephens, D Pitcher, R Quigley

Against (18)

Cllrs M Beston, G Brodie, P Brading, V Churchman, A Garratt, C Jarman, S Hendry, J Medland, C Mosdell, J Nicholson, M Oliver, G Peace, M Price, C Quirk, R Redrup, J Robertson, P Spink, I Ward

The motion fell.

In accordance with the Council's Constitution Part 4B section 7 (Motions without Notice) Councillor Jarman moved the following motion which was duly seconded:

That, having considered the present Draft Island Planning Strategy, the Leader of the Cabinet be informed that Full Council objects to Cabinet's submitted recommendations (as per Cabinet decision of 08 September 2022). The objections are as follows:

- 1) The annual housing number is based on 2014 estimates of the Isle of Wight population and not on actual Isle of Wight population data published by the ONS from the 2021 Census and their resulting demographic projections.

Full Council objects to the use of outdated data and requires:

- the annual housing need to be recalculated using the Isle of Wight population data from the ONS 2021 Census and their resulting demographic projections,

- the above recalculated figures to replace the current figures in the Draft Island Planning Strategy with particular emphasis on the need for housing which is affordable by Islanders to rent, including those on the housing register, with priority of allocation being given to
 - completing on extant planning permissions,
 - renovating unoccupied properties,
 - delivering brownfield sites and,
 - removing greenfield allocations
- 2) Full Council instructs the Leader of the Cabinet to require the Cabinet to reconsider, in the light of the above specified objections, the Draft Island Planning Strategy submitted to the Full Council, and that the specified period for such reconsideration is sixty working days (beginning on the day after the date on which the Leader of the Cabinet receives these instructions on behalf of the Cabinet) within which the Cabinet Leader may
- (a) submit a revision of the Draft Island Planning Strategy as amended by the Cabinet (the revised "Draft Island Planning Strategy"), with the Cabinet's reasons for any amendments made to the Draft Island Planning Strategy, to the Full Council for the Full Council's consideration; or
 - (b) inform the Full Council of any disagreement that the Cabinet has with any of the Full Council's objections and the Cabinet's reasons for any such disagreement.

Due to time constraints this item was not considered.

22. Motions Submitted under part 4A, Procedure Rule 9 of the Council's Constitution

23. By Councillor Quigley

Due to time constraints this item was not considered

23a By Councillor Jarman

Due to time constraints this item was not considered

23b By Councillor Lilley

Due to time constraints this item was not considered

24. Member Questions to the Leader and to any other Cabinet Member (30 minutes)

Due to time constraints this item was not considered

CHAIRMAN