



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 19 DECEMBER 2012 COMMENCING AT 5.00PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Wayne Whittle (Chairman), Paul Fuller, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Ian Ward
Cabinet Member	Cllr Edward Giles
Officers Present	Ashley Curzon, Stuart Love, Paul Thistlewood
Apologies	Cllrs George Brown (Cabinet Member), David Knowles, Jerry White

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25. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [26 November 2012](#) be confirmed.

26. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillors Lora Peacey-Wilcox and Ian Ward declared an interest in minute 28 as they both had parking permits.

27. [Public Question Time](#)

A written question had been submitted by Mr Matthew Martin, a resident of Cowes, in relation to the provision of street lighting in Maxted Road, Cowes. The chairman provided a response. ([PQ 25/12](#)).

A question was asked by Tanya Rebel, a resident of Cowes, regarding the heating within county hall. The chairman indicated that he would ensure that officers were made aware of her concerns.

28. [Annual Parking Report](#)

The panel gave consideration to the annual parking report for 2011/12. The publication of this was a statutory requirement.

In looking at the range of permits issued members asked for clarification on the number of permits that each household could apply for in an off street parking place if there was

no available on street parking. The use of parking places by blue badge holders was outlined. Mention was made by members that in some mainland areas provisions were made for power charging facilities in council car parks for use by motor caravans. Although there appeared to be no current demand for such a facility on the island officers agreed to investigate the implications of this.

Members asked for an update on the proposed parking strategy which had been referred to in the previous annual report. The panel had indicated a wish to be involved in the development of the strategy. The cabinet member advised that there had been a delay in developing the strategy and this would not be available until next year.

The council had a number of free car parks and the range of reasons for these was given by the strategic director. There was a need to have the use of these regulated so to prevent misuse.

It was noted that the potential for the council to manage the operation of private car parks had been considered but no firm proposals had been developed.

There had been a reduction in the income received for off street car parks and the loss of the sites at Park Road, Cowes and Well Road, East Cowes had contributed to this. The surplus from car parking operations was ring fenced for highway and transport schemes. The panel requested that a breakdown be supplied at the next meeting of the revenue generated by each parking place for 2011/12 with a comparison for the previous year. Members also asked for further details regarding the recharges and reserve contributions for 2010/11 and 2011/12.

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) THAT clarification be sought on the number of permits allowed per postal address for use in a car park 200m from that address where there is no on street parking available.
- (b) THAT officers investigate the provision of a power charging facility for use by motor caravans whilst parked in off street car parks.
- (c) THAT a breakdown of the parking dispensations given be supplied to the panel members.
- (d) THAT a breakdown of revenue for each parking facility for 2011/12 be supplied at the next meeting with comparison for 2010/11.
- (e) THAT clarification be given to the panel as to what is included within recharges/reserve expenditure and reason why difference in 2010/11 and 2011/12 figures.

29. **Economic Development**

The panel considered a report setting out progress with various aspects of the economic strategy.

The establishment of the Destination Management Organisation (DMO) was discussed and the Visit Isle of Wight (VIOW) was formally launched in October 2012. It was noted

that the council contributed £340,000 to the new organisation and it was hoped that matching funding would come from the private sector. The not for profit company had held a number of workshops and would be developing a marketing strategy for 2013. The panel believed that it would be beneficial for a members information seminar to be arranged on the new tourism body and for its Chief Executive to be invited. A regular update would also be provided to the panel.

Details of the pre-apprenticeship and apprenticeship schemes and the number of opportunities provided were outlined. The approach taken by the council on the pre-apprenticeship scheme had received an award from the Federation of Small Businesses and was also being used by the Solent Local Enterprise Partnership.

The Jobs Fair had been successful and attracted over 500 young people together with 40 organisations. It was proposed to hold a repeat event in the autumn of 2013.

The progress with the Solent Ocean Energy Centre, superfast broadband and Solent Offshore Renewable Energy Consortium was also mentioned.

**RESOLVED:**

THAT arrangements be made for a members information seminar to be held on the proposals by Visit Isle of Wight.

30. **Forward Plan and Consultations**

The panel had looked at the current forward plan at its last meeting. It was noted that the consultation period for the Meaders Road – Oakvale pedestrian link had closed on 17 December 2012. The responses were being analysed and the panel would be advised of the outcome.

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the matters be noted.

31. **Members' Question Time**

Councillor Ian Ward asked a question seeking clarification about the use of black bags for waste in green recycling wheelie bins. The strategic director indicated that he would ascertain the find out the information required and circulate this.

CHAIRMAN