

# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY PANEL</b>
Date and time	<b>MONDAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2012 COMMENCING AT 5.00PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs Wayne Whittle (Chairman), Paul Fuller, David Knowles, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Ian Ward, Jerry White
Cabinet members	Cllrs George Brown, Edward Giles
Officers Present	Amanda Gregory, Stuart Love, Chris Mathews, John Metcalfe, Bill Murphy, Paul Thistlewood
Other members present	Cllrs Barry Abraham, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Julie Jones-Evans, David Pugh, Margaret Webster

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18. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED:

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [4 July 2012](#) be confirmed.

19. [Declarations of Interest](#)

Councillor Jerry White declared an interest in minute 22 as he was a licensee.

Councillor Paul Fuller declared an interest in minute 21 as he was on the Regulatory Committee that considered the review of the license for the IW Music Festival.

Councillor Lora Peacey-Wilcox declared an interest in minute 21 as family members attended the IW Music Festival.

Councillor Wayne Whittle declared an interest in minute 21 as relatives provided equipment for the IW Music Festival.

20. [Public Questions Time](#)

A written question had been submitted by Mrs U Rushton, a resident of Newport, in relation to the closure of the riverside walk at Seaclose Park during the IW Music Festival. The chairman provided a response. (PQ 23/12)

A written question had been submitted by Mr B Rushton, a resident of Newport, in relation to information on the restoration of Seaclose Park following the IW Music Festival. The chairman provided a response. (PQ 24/12)

21. **2012 Isle of Wight Music Festival** ([Recording 1](#) and [2](#))

The chairman advised the panel of the outcome arising from the Regulatory Committee held on 19 and 20 November 2012 which considered an application for a review of the premises licence for the Isle of Wight Festival. The purpose of the item before the panel was to consider the lessons learnt following the 2012 event and actions proposed to avoid these being repeated.

Concerns had been raised by a number of local members about the disruption on the public highway experienced with the 2012 event and asked that the scrutiny panel should look at the issues and actions that could be taken to prevent a reoccurrence. The Strategic Director of Economy and Environment presented a report on the background to the problems encountered, the impact on residents, businesses and visitors, lessons learnt and proposed actions and the economic and cultural benefits of the event.

Mr Dave Steele from Solo Promotions gave a presentation covering the problems identified with the traffic management and parking arrangements for 2012 and steps being taken in conjunction with other agencies to prevent these happening again. It was noted that a number of lessons that had been learnt were implemented as part of the arrangements for the Bestival.

Among the improvements to be introduced were :-

- Separate car parking facilities for traffic from Wightlink and Red Funnel routes;
- Additional entrances and exits to all car parks with contingency plans in case of incidents;
- Stacking system off main routes;
- Marshalling of trade vehicles away from site for trade vehicles;
- Improved communication and information with ferry companies;

In addition to the revised car parking and traffic management plan there had been further clarification as to the role and responsibilities of other key agencies.

The panel ascertained the suitability of the proposed car parking arrangements and associated entrances. They were informed that planning permission would be sought for these and relevant works undertaken to ensure their suitability. More substantial tracks on the sites would not be constructed until the layout had been assessed in their first year of use.

Members suggested that the event organisers should discuss the promotion of bus use during the event. It was also necessary to ensure that the local network was maintained.

With regard to the Event Safety Operational Plan arrangements would be put in place for this to be signed off in the future by the Strategic Director. Such a plan would also be drawn up for the Bestival.

In looking at the income received by the council from the event the panel was made aware of the background to the changes made to arrangements for 2007 and 2008. The assessment of the economic and environmental impacts of the festival although produced in 2008, provided a useful evaluation and wider considerations of staging the event on the island.

The local members who requested the panel's consideration of this issue were then invited to offer their comments on the report and associated presentation. It was noted that the event organisers were willing to liaise with the community to discuss issues and concerns. Meetings were also being held with relevant town and parish councils. Mr Steele agreed that it would be beneficial if he met with the relevant local members from the Council who would be able to assist with the collation and dissemination of information.

It was noted that there would also be closer liaison with Southampton and Portsmouth City Councils. A number of island organisations had identified the positive impact that the festival had together with the wider promotion of the island.

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the actions being taken to overcome the problems experienced at the 2012 Isle of Wight Music Festival be endorsed.

22. **Changes to Licensing Legislation**

Members of the committee were advised of changes being made to a range of licensing legislation. The impact of these would have a resource implication for the council. Although local authorities would have the ability to set fees no guidance or implementation dates had been issued by the government.

Of concern was the significant change made to the processes connected with temporary event notices and in particular those which could be applied for by giving five working days' notice. In addition to the police being able to object on such applications the environmental health service now had the ability to do so. There was no opportunity for the local member to make an objection.

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the changes to licensing legislation be noted.

23. **Quarterly Performance Management Report – Quarter 2**

The panel reviewed the performance for the services coming within its remit. The response times by the fire and rescue service was raised. Although the overall figure was just below the target rate members asked for more information. There were no specific trends behind the number of recorded kitchen fires.

The anticipated overspend in the budget for the fire and rescue service was due to the costs of salaries and action was being taken to address this. It was also indicated that the income from car parking was £270,000 below target but this had been partly offset by increased income in other areas.

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the Strategic Director advise panel members of the reasons behind the 20 failures to meet the response times in quarter 2.

24. **Forward Plan and Consultations**

a) **Forward Plan**

The forward plan covering the period December 2012 to March 2013 was reviewed. It was noted that the proposed sale of land at Ryde Business Park to a preferential purchaser was no longer taking place and the council would be looking at other options.

The delegated decision relating to a pedestrian link at Meaders Road, Ryde would not be taken until the end of February 2013. This matter was now the subject of a consultation exercise. The Strategic Director outlined the background to the issues involved.

**RESOLVED:**

THAT the forward plan items be noted.

b) **Consultation**

Following on from the previous item members were told that the consultation period for the Meaders Road, Ryde pedestrian link, which had commenced the previous week, would end on 17 December 2012.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the matter be noted.

CHAIRMAN