



Record of decision

THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, 1 JUNE 2010 BY THE CABINET

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 10 JUNE 2010

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs David Pugh (Chair), Barry Abraham, Peter Bingham, George Brown, Dawn Cousins, Edward Giles, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Roger Mazillius

Members also present (non voting)

Cllrs Jonathan Bacon and Geoff Lumley

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	Minutes of the Last Meeting
Decision reference	01 (10/11)
Decision Taken	That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 April 2010 be agreed
Questions / Amendments	None.

Agenda item	Declarations of Interest
Decision reference	02 (10/11)
	Cllr Mazillius declared a personal interest in decision reference 04 (10/11) as his mother-in-law resided in a residential home and received various council benefits.

Agenda item	Public Question Time
Decision reference	03 (10/11)
Questions	A Written question was received from Mr David Miller of Cowes with regard to the council's response to the £6.2bn cuts announced by the recently elected Coalition Government with regard to Local Authority education

	<p>services and how the council would reassure Island parents on how it would mitigate any losses.</p> <p>The Chairman responded by stating that once the nature of any possible spending reductions was made clear, plans would be adapted to be in line with the new financial environment. School reorganisation would remain one of the key priorities for the council and the authority would remain committed to implementing the programme.</p>
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Agenda item	Quarterly Performance Management Report – Quarter 3 2009/10
Decision reference	04 (10/11)
Summary of discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member presented a report which covered the fourth quarter of the financial year 2009/10 and included the identification of key performance achievements and issues for the Isle of Wight Council against the seven priorities set out in the Corporate Plan 2009-2013.</p> <p>It was noted that performance targets were overall on track, however it would be the intention in future to manage the area of performance much more efficiently with reports being presented one month earlier than previously with information gathering being reduced by 50%.</p> <p>As a result of recommendations of the performance reports, papers would be presented to future Cabinet Meetings and would appear on the next available Forward Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Mazillius highlighted key achievements in affordable housing such as grant funding provided for a new model of affordable rural housing and the appointment of Barrett Homes and BDW Trading Ltd for the delivery of the Pan Development programme.</p> <p>Cllr Abraham highlighted key areas of performance such as inappropriate sales to minors were an under 18 had been assigned to attempt to purchase alcohol in selected licensed premises, but no adverse sales had been made.</p> <p>Cllr Giles highlighted the targets exceeded by the Cowes Chain Ferry which identified the ferry's essential link between Cowes and East Cowes.</p> <p>Cllr Cousins advised that a Cabinet report would be presented to Members on the Cohort of Young People Who are Not in Education, Employment or Training on 13 July 2010 as this was a worrying area which needed addressing.</p>

	<p>Cllr Brown highlighted the success of the recent Island Walking Festival and the increased number of participants compared to former years, providing more tourism opportunities. The continuing growth of the Research and Development facility for Vestas Blades on the outskirts of Newport was also identified.</p> <p>The Chairman referred to the target of a 25% reduction being exceeded in the area of the number permanent exclusions for all schools and highlighted the good work carried out by schools staff to achieve this.</p> <p>Cllr Bingham advised Members that the Delivering Better Services (Transformation) programme was on course and a paper would be presented to Council and Cabinet on 21 and 27 July respectively. The Cabinet Member also advised that the council's end of year financial position was anticipated at being some £300,000 overspent. This was viewed as an outstanding achievement in light of the original overspend figure being predicted in excess of £3million. With regard to the Capital programme, 80% had been met, the best performance in 5 years.</p>
<p>Issues Raised by Other Members</p>	<p>Cllr Lumley asked about the council position with regard to schools investment in light of the new Coalition Government and the response given to the public question was referred to.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley also enquired about the council's response to the possible withdrawal of the PFI funding as a result of a future government review. The Cabinet Member responded by stating that such a review would not be of the Outline Business Case for the PFI, but rather that of the decision made at the time and whether it was correctly carried out. The Cabinet Member remained confident that such funding would still be available.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley further enquired about the area of Transforming Social Care. The Cabinet Member advised that the personal budgets scheme would be the most effective way to ensure the best use of limited resources were met as well as to enable vulnerable clients to have a far better say in how their lives are run. The Cabinet Member however added that these would need to be managed properly and within resources in order for the scheme to be more efficient.</p>
<p>Decision taken</p>	<p>(i.) THAT a written briefing be provided to the Cabinet Member by the Cabinet meeting on 13 July 2010, on approved schemes for housing development that have yet to be implemented.</p>

	<p>(ii.) THAT additional areas be included in the 13 July Cabinet meeting report on rural affordable housing issues on housing development and the Warm Homes initiative</p> <p>(iii.) THAT a written report to the 27 July Cabinet meeting on children's social care, addressing in particular performance issues around core assessments and personal education plans be submitted.</p>
Reason for decision and corporate themes it aligns with	<p>To support all the Sustainable Community Strategy themes and seven council priorities as outlined in the Isle of Wight Council's Corporate Plan 2009-2013.</p> <p>To align with the following corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thriving Island • A healthy and supportive Island • A safe and well-kept Island • An inspiring Island
Options considered and rejected	Option B – to adjust and agree the recommendations set out under item 21 of the Cabinet Report.
Declarations of Interests	None Declared

Agenda item	Eastern Yar Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy
Decision reference	05 (10/11)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet was presented with a report which advised on the public consultation on the draft Eastern Yar Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy which would confirm the Council's preferred management option for St Helens Duver sea wall.</p> <p>The recommended option within the report was supported by both the Environment Agency and Natural England and would enable the council to comply with a legal covenant for a period of some fifty years.</p> <p>It was clarified by the Strategic Director of Environment and Economy that the cost of the recommended option would be protracted over the fifty year period.</p>

Issues Raised by Other Members	Cllr Bacon enquired as to whether the recommended option of maintaining the sea wall for a period of up to fifty years could include appropriate beach work such as maintaining groynes. The Cabinet Member responded by advising that all future sea wall maintenance would be assessed prior to any work being carried out and issues on the beach work could be addressed if it was deemed to be more cost effective.
Decision taken	THAT the Eastern Yar Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy be adopted and that proactive maintenance out of the St Helens Duver sea wall subsequently be carried for 50 years only, then “do nothing” thereafter as the Council’s preferred management option.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To enable the council to protect the Islands natural environment supporting the Eco Island - Thriving Island theme. To comply with the following two National Indicators: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NI188 – planning to adept to climate change • NI189 - flood and coastal risk management To align with the following corporate themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe and well-kept Island • An inspiring Island
Options considered and rejected	Option a) - Do nothing Option b) - Carry out proactive maintenance of the sea wall only Option c) - Carry out proactive maintenance of the sea wall and maintain the beach in front of the wall
Declarations of Interests	None

Agenda item	Consideration of the Forward Plan
Decision reference	06 (10/11)
Amendments / Additions / Removals	The Forward Plan was reviewed and it was noted that the next issue of the plan on 17 June 2010 would take into account the rescheduled Cabinet Meetings to be held on 13 and 27 July which would address the large amount of

	business for July.
Declarations of Interest	None

Agenda item	Delegated Decisions
Decision reference	07 (10/11)
Questions	<p>The Delegated Decisions made since the last meeting of the Cabinet in April 2010 was reviewed and the following items were highlighted:</p> <p>Ref 1049/10 – Corporate Parenting Policy – would be recommended to Full Council in July via a delegated decision.</p> <p>Ref 1025/10 - Pixley Hill, Freshwater - Site Safety Assessment – this was subject to a Call In and would be discussed at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10 June 2010.</p> <p>It was further noted that a Delegated Decision with regard to the Review of Childrens Social Work Salaries was published on 1 June 2010 with a view to sign off from 9 June 2010. This decision had not appeared on the Forward Plan, but the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny had been consulted and was satisfied it should be added.</p>
Declarations of Interest	None

Agenda item	Members Question Time
Decision reference	08 (10/11)
Questions	No questions received.
Declarations of Interest	None.