



Record of decision

THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, 1 SEPTEMBER 2009 BY THE CABINET

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2009

Members of the Cabinet who were present

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

Members also present (non-voting)

Cllrs Vanessa Churchman, Julie Jones-Evans, David Whittaker

Apologies

None

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	Minutes of the Last Meeting
Decision reference	28/09
Decision Taken	That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2009 be agreed.
Questions / Amendments	None.

Agenda item	Declarations of Interest
Decision reference	29/09
	None declared

Agenda item	Public Question Time
Decision reference	30/09
Questions	An oral question from Mr Dave Miller was put to the Cabinet in relation to the budget deficit of £1.4m at Ryde High

	<p>School. The Leader provided a response and would supply a more detailed written reply.</p> <p>Mr Miller also put a supplementary question on the timetable for the Cowes One School Pathfinder to the Cabinet. The Leader provided a response and would supply a more detailed written reply.</p>
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Agenda item	Quarterly Performance, Risk And Strategic Programme Management Report- Quarter 1 2009/10
Decision reference	31/09
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet considered the report that covered the first quarter of the financial year 2009/10 and included information detailed under the relevant Eco Island theme.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member advised that the Report should be amended on Page B-6, Community Safety Services, to read the number of crimes per 1000, not 100,000 and that the figure recorded should be 7.28 and not 7.28%. It was also noted that the target should be 6.55 and not 6.55%.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member stated that the risk of not measuring and managing the organisational health of the council effectively would compromise the success of the corporate priorities to modernise, thus affecting progress.</p> <p>The Cabinet was advised that the overall performance against the corporate themes were relatively strong in the first quarter with the performance against the Councils strategic priority on track. However it was essential this must continue to be managed effectively with full commitment to address any areas that needed improving.</p> <p>The Leader praised the recent achievements of the Island students in relation to the GCSE results which were issued after the publication of the Quarter 1 Performance report.</p> <p>Councillor Cousins highlighted the continued reduction of people in temporary accommodation but stated that there must be no complacency in this area.</p> <p>Councillor Brown updated the Cabinet on the recent Vestas redundancies and stated that whilst sites would continue to operate at St Cross Business Park in Newport, Venture Quays in East Cowes as well as the proposed Research and Development site at Stag Lane in Newport, there would be no blade manufacturing facilities on the Island until at least 2015, thus affecting directly and indirectly a significant</p>

	<p>number of people within work on the Island. Whilst the council had no influence over the way in which Vestas manages its business, the council would continue to explore all possibilities with central government and the South East Economic Development Agency (SEEDA) and a response from the Secretary of State for Energy and Climate Change as well as SEEDA would be expected in due course.</p> <p>Councillor Brown also highlighted the strong performance within the local Tourism sector, promoting the Island in a favourable light.</p> <p>Councillor Churchman enquired about the method of disposal for commercial waste. Whilst this was not under the obligation of the Council, the Cabinet Member would provide a detailed response following the meeting.</p> <p>The Cabinet also confirmed that the recent Street Pastor schemes that had been piloted in Ryde had been a great success and would be expanded further into Newport.</p>
Decision taken	THAT the Quarterly Performance, Risk And Strategic Programme Management Report - Quarter 1 2009/10 be noted.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To ensure that the Council's performance and risk is consistently managed effectively in order to improve services for Island residents.</p> <p>To align with the corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A healthy and supportive Island • A safe and well-kept Island • An inspiring Island • A thriving Island • A modern Council
Options considered and rejected	To not note the Quarterly Performance, Risk And Strategic Programme Management Report - Quarter 1 2009/10.
Declarations of Interests	None declared

Agenda item	Financial Management Report for Quarter 1 (to 30 June 2009) and Update on the Overall Financial Position of the Council
Decision reference	32/09
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet was advised that whilst the government would continue with the indicative grant settlement for 2010/11

	<p>there were indications that there would be a reduction in resources for 2011/12 to 2013/14. The Cabinet Member therefore advised that some tough and robust decisions would have to be taken in the future in order to ensure that core services continue to be maintained and delivered.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member reported that there was good news in relation to council borrowing, with a number of long term loans with the Public Works Loans Board incurring relatively high rates of interest, being repaid. The full benefit of these settlements would help ensure that the council would remain within its approved borrowing and lending limits for the financial year.</p> <p>Councillor Cousins stated that with an ongoing increase of older people on the Island facing the tough challenges of the recession the council would need to look at better ways of working with its partners. It was also hoped that central government would continue to provide sufficient long term funding to support elderly and vulnerable people.</p>
<p>Decision taken</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i.) THAT the Council's overall financial position be noted. (ii.) THAT the need for strict financial control to deliver the revenue budget in balance for 2009/10 be endorsed. (iii.) THAT the measures being taken with the Council's Capital Programme to deliver in accordance with the agreed corporate priorities be agreed. (iv.) THAT the need to maintain a sustainable level of reserves and balances in the medium to long term be noted. (v.) THAT the likely impact of economic conditions on income generation and future grant settlements be noted. (vi.) THAT the position of the likely impact of economic conditions on income generation and future grant settlements as part of the Quarter 2 Monitoring report be agreed. (vii.) THAT the likely impact of the projected deficit budget for Ryde High School be noted. viii.) THAT a review of the position as part of the quarter 2 monitoring report be agreed.
<p>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</p>	<p>To support the delivery of the Eco Island Community Strategy and the council's strategic and corporate priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan.</p>

	To align with the corporate themes: <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	None
Declarations of Interests	None declared

Agenda item	Consideration of the Forward Plan
Decision reference	33/09
Amendments / Additions / Removals	Members of the Cabinet reviewed the Forward Plan and the Leader advised that an additional Cabinet meeting had been organised for Tuesday, 8 December 2009 in order to deal more efficiently with the volume of business. Councillor Brown requested that the possibility of moving the Consideration of Proposals Received for the Management and Development of Ryde and Shanklin Theatres report be moved forward from the Cabinet Meeting of 13 October 2009 to 1 October 2009.
Declarations of Interests	None declared

Agenda item	Delegated Decisions
Decision reference	34/09
Questions	It was noted that the Capital Receipts Programme 2009-2012 was agreed and signed off by the Cabinet Member for Resources on Friday, 14 August 2009.
Declarations of Interests	None

Agenda item	Members Question Time
Decision reference	34/09
Questions	None received.
Declarations of Interests	None declared