



# Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, 10 FEBRUARY 2009 BY THE CABINET**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY 2009**

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs David Pugh (Chair), Barry Abraham, George Brown, Dawn Cousins, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Diana Tuson, Alan Wells

Members also present (non voting)

Cllrs Henry Adams, Wendy Arnold, William Burt, Vanessa Churchman, Michael Cunningham, Geoff Lumley, Erica Oulton, Ian Stephens

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken .....  
**Leader of the Council**

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>11/09</b>
<b>Decision Taken</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on <a href="#">20 January 2009</a> were agreed.
<b>Questions/ Amendments</b>	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>12/09</b>
	Cllr Pugh declared a personal interest in agenda item 5a, as he was a former pupil and former school governor of Trinity Middle School.  Cllr Pugh declared a personal interest in the oral question put by Mrs Jackie Hawkins as he was a musician.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>13/09</b>
<b>Questions</b>	In view of the number of written questions received, the Chairman proposed, and Cabinet agreed, that Procedure Rule 7 under Article 7(5) of the Constitution be suspended to enable adequate time for questions to be presented and

	<p>responses given.</p> <p>Three written questions had been submitted by Ryde Circle of Older Voices (PQ03/09) and put by Mr Miles Clark regarding:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Council job cut details</li> <li>2. Bus facilities for Haylands and Binstead, Ryde</li> <li>3. CO2 gains for Eco-Island via concessionary fares.</li> </ol> <p>The Cabinet Members provided a response.</p> <p>Eight written questions had been received regarding Christ the King College:</p> <p>Mrs Wendy Welsford – PQ01/09  Mr Chris Welsford – PQ02/09  Mr James Pickett – PQ04/09  Mr David Stradling – PQ05/09  Mrs Wendy Varley – PQ06/09  Mr Steve Stubbings – PQ07/09  Mr David Miller – PQ08/09  Mr Ian Winter – PQ09/09</p> <p>The Cabinet Member responded.</p> <p>Supplementary questions were also put by Mr Welsford, Mr Pickett, Mrs Varley, Mr Stubbings, Mr Miller and Mr Winter.</p> <p>An oral question and a supplementary question were put by Mrs Jacqueline Hawkins of Newport about the withdrawal of Council funding for the music service. The Cabinet Member responded.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	Cllr Pugh declared a personal interest in the oral question from Mrs Hawkins as he was a musician.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Medium-Term Revenue and Capital Budget Strategy 2009/10 – 2011/12 and Council Tax 2009/10</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>14/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member for Residents and Resources introduced the report and drew Members particular attention to the recommendations, which set out the changes to the overall budget for the medium term and the revised Council Tax banding for 2009/10. Members were advised that the changes were mainly driven by the impact of the recession.</p> <p>In particular Cabinet discussed the efficiency savings proposed for</p>

	the Adult Social Care Service, the Youth Service and the service for those with Learning Difficulties.
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>THAT Cabinet recommend to Council the overall Budget and Council Tax Strategy and in particular :-</p> <p>(a) The Medium-Term Financial Plan as set out in Appendix 1.</p> <p>(b) The use of £3.9m of balances in 2009/10.</p> <p>(c) The schedule of savings set out in Appendix 3.</p> <p>(d) An increase in the IOW Council element of Council Tax by 3.5% for 2009/10</p> <p>(e) The overall Capital Programme set out in Appendix 8.</p> <p>(f) To agree to receive a further report at the Cabinet meeting on 31<sup>st</sup> March on the individual capital projects and the outcome of actions set out in Paragraphs 41 and 42.</p> <p>(g) The Prudential Code Indicators, Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy as set out in Appendix 9.</p> <p>(h) The overall Council tax base of 54,892.50 for 2009/10.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To support the Council's priorities, provide resources for key projects and to meet the Council's vision and strategic objectives.</p> <p>To align with the Council's Eco-Island themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thriving Island</li> <li>• A healthy and supportive Island</li> <li>• A safe and well-kept Island</li> <li>• An inspiring Island</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	The report highlighted a number of options open to the authority and proposed an overall strategy to balance them.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Change of Age Characteristic – Christ the King College Voluntary Aided Church of England/Roman Catholic</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>15/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Cabinet was advised that following consultation it was proposed that the college should be aligned with the age range of the Island's school reorganisation project. It was envisaged that this could be achieved in three stages over a three year period.</p> <p>During the debate, Members were advised of an error in</p>

	<p>paragraph 20 of the report, where the date should read 1 September 2010 and not 1 September 2009.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member proposed an amendment to the recommendation as shown in paragraph 24 of the report, that subject to the deletion of the figure 4 in the final sentence and the addition of the figure 3, the recommendation be approved.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>THAT the Council exercises its power under the Education and Inspections Act 2006 to grant the Governing Body of Christ the King College and the Church of England Diocese of Portsmouth and Winchester and the Roman Catholic Diocese of Portsmouth the right to change the age characteristic of Christ the King College to that of an 11 to 19 school. The change of age to be achieved as described in paragraph 3 of this report and to take effect from 1 September 2010.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To align with the Council's current school reorganisation programme.</p> <p>To align with the Council's Eco-Island themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thriving Island</li> <li>• An inspiring Island.</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	<p>Not to approve the change of characteristic and establishment of the new age range for the College from 1 September 2010.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	<p>None.</p>

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Review of the Council's Approach to the Provision of Homelessness Prevention Services</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>16/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Cabinet reviewed the issues outlined in the report and discussed the development of the Council's approach to homelessness. In particular Members noted the disproportionate levels in applications over the past two years compared with the levels of available affordable housing on the Island. It was envisaged that a more proactive approach to homelessness would provide an effective preventative service, whilst avoiding stress for the vulnerable residents as well as the high costs of temporary</p>

	accommodation for the Authority.
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>a) THAT Cabinet note the report.</p> <p>b) THAT Cabinet support the ongoing development of a strong homelessness prevention service based on the good practices identified in the report and the Homelessness Strategy 2008-2013.</p> <p>c) THAT Cabinet support the ongoing use of the Find-a-Homes scheme and the use of the Rent Deposit Scheme to make the best use of private rented sector accommodation for preventing homelessness.</p> <p>d) THAT in the light of the ongoing impact of the world-wide credit crunch, to monitor the resources, both financial and employees, available to tackle homelessness prevention.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To provide a more proactive approach to homelessness and build on best practice established over the past year.</p> <p>To align with the Eco-Island themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A healthy and supportive Island</li> <li>• An inspiring Island</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	To return to a more reactive approach to homelessness. This would lead to an increase in the number of homeless acceptances, an increase in the cost of homelessness and a potential reputational loss for the Council.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Consideration of the Forward Plan</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>17/09</b>
<b>Amendments / Additions / Removals</b>	<p>Members reviewed the Forward Plan and the following comments were put forward:</p> <p>To add the Children and Young Peoples' Plan for recommendation to Full Council in April 2009.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Delegated Decisions</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>18/09</b>
<b>Questions</b>	No questions were received.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Members Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>19/09</b>
<b>Questions</b>	No questions were received.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None.