

Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, 10 MAY 2011 BY
THE CABINET IN COMMITTEE ROOM ONE**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON
THURSDAY, 19 MAY 2011**

Members of the Cabinet who were present

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

Apologies

None

Other Members also present (non-voting)

Cllrs Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, Julie Jones-Evans, Geoff Lumley, Susan Scoccia and Margaret Webster

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>
Decision reference	75 (10/11)
Decision Taken	THAT the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, <u>12 April 2011</u> be agreed
Questions / Amendments	None

Agenda item	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>
Decision reference	76 (10/11)
	None declared at this stage

Agenda item	<u>Public Question Time</u>
Decision reference	77 (10/11)
Questions	There were no written questions received, An oral question was put to Cabinet by a Mr Steve Goodman, an

	<p>Island resident, with regard to the Highways Private Finance Initiative (PFI) on whether the administration would still proceed with the scheme following various media and National Audit Office (NAO) reports on PFI projects not being successful elsewhere.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member responded by stating that the feedback from the NAO was on projects that had closed during the height of the financial crises of 2009/10, meaning that commitments to higher than expected borrowing rates had been made. The council accepted the findings of the NAO and would therefore use the information to avoid any similar problems occurring for the Islands PFI scheme. It was therefore noted that the project would continue.</p> <p>Ms Tanya Rebel, an Island resident put an oral question to the Cabinet and asked whether the council would look at Newport town centre with a view to making it free of cars.</p> <p>The Cabinet member responded by stating that whilst there was no plan to make the town car free, there was a pedestrian precinct in the town centre as well as the provision of sufficient car parking. The use of public transport, cycling and walking was also outlined in the forthcoming Island Transport Plan which also recognised that the use of the car would remain and must therefore be managed responsibly.</p>
Declarations of Interest	None declared

Agenda item	<u>Development of Proposals for a Health and Wellbeing Board for the Isle of Wight</u>
Decision reference	78 (10/11)
Summary of discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member explained the progress made to date in taking forward the Government's planned Health Service reforms on the Isle of Wight with particular reference to those elements that relate to the Isle of Wight Council.</p> <p>A Health and Wellbeing Board for the Island was being established along with an Island based Healthwatch organisation as well as planning for the formal transfer of a range of public health responsibilities from the IOW NHS to the Isle of Wight Council.</p> <p>It was noted that Cabinet recognised that not only should Boards be set up, but the delivery of outcomes must also be achieved. The five Strategic Partnership sub groups would assist in driving through the agenda.</p> <p>With regard to health, the Cabinet Member for Childrens Services advised that the Council would support children's heart services being retained at Southampton Hospital. Cabinet recognised that the facility was a centre of excellence which Island residents should continue to benefit from.</p>

<p>Issues Raised by Other Members</p>	<p>It was noted that the financial costs of operating the Health and Wellbeing Board would be carefully monitored and no additional expenses were anticipated.</p> <p>Members were advised that with the loss of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) and Local Public Service Agreement (LPSA) as well as there being no representatives from the Government Office for South East who attended the previous Island Strategic Partnership (ISP) meetings, a more discretionary approach should be of benefit.</p> <p>The decision on the final shape of the Health and Wellbeing Board would be taken at a future Full Council meeting yet to be determined.</p>
<p>Decision taken</p>	<p>Option 1:</p> <p>(i) THAT Cabinet noted the work to date in responding to the Coalition Government's Health Service reforms and instructs officers to continue their work in establishing a Health and Wellbeing Board for the Island, including preparing any papers for decision at a future meeting of Full Council.</p> <p>(ii) THAT work continued to take place to establish an Island-based Healthwatch organisation and planning, for the formal transfer of a range of public health responsibilities from NHS Isle of Wight to the Council in April 2013.</p>
<p>Reason for decision and corporate themes it aligns with</p>	<p>To assist towards the council's priorities of Transforming Social Care, Local Housing and Delivering Better Services</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
<p>Options considered and rejected</p>	<p>Option 2: The Cabinet can note the progress made to date and indicate any changes in direction that it would wish officers to take forward.</p> <p>Option 3: As the Government has chosen to take a short period for reflection before confirming or amending its reform programme the Cabinet may choose to instruct officers to undertake no further work on preparing for implementation of the reforms until further clarity is published.</p>
<p>Declarations of Interests</p>	<p>None declared</p>

Agenda item	<u>Proposals for Determining the Futures of the Gouldings and the Adelaide Resource Centres</u>
Decision reference	79 (10/11)
Summary of Discussion	<p>Cabinet received a report outlining the proposals for the next stage to determine the future use of The Gouldings and the Adelaide Resource Centres. Particular emphasis would be placed on the involvement of the community.</p> <p>It was noted that the report stated that a decision on the outcomes on the consultation would be taken at Cabinet in January 2012. This was not correct and the report would now be presented to the Budget meeting of Cabinet on 14 February 2012.</p> <p>Market research and the seven months of consultation would be able to establish what services people actually require at the facilities</p>
Issues Raised by Other Members	<p>With regard to funding associated with carrying out the proposals the Cabinet Member advised that the sum set aside would be put to best use and monitored accordingly.</p> <p>It was noted that the council would have a duty to ensure that services commissioned would be of the appropriate standard expected. Service delivery would be monitored and providers held to account.</p>
Decision taken	THAT the proposed outline plan be approved in order to allow the council to embark on the period of engagement and consultation in a timely way, preparing the way to improvements in service delivery as soon as is reasonable.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To be able to review the provision of day and respite care for older people in the community, with a particular focus on the communities in and around Ryde and Freshwater.</p> <p>To align with the following corporate theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A healthy and supportive Island
Options considered and rejected	<p>(ii) To approve the proposed outline plan subject to additional considerations or changes.</p> <p>(iii) To reject the proposed outline plan.</p>
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	<u>Quarterly Performance and Strategic Risk Management Report- Quarter 4 - 20010/11</u>
Decision reference	80 (10/11)
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet Member presented a report which updated on the council's performance and strategic risks for the final quarter of

	<p>2010/11 ending 31 March 2011 which included the identification of key performance achievements and issues for the council against the seven key priorities set out in the Corporate Plan 2009-2013.</p> <p>Members agreed that whilst improvements had been made in some areas, there was a need to recognise that programmes may need to be revised and that consideration should always be given as to whether the council was achieving what it wanted.</p> <p>Improvements in staff sickness levels were also highlighted by the Cabinet Member.</p> <p>In respect of waste services, it was noted that a report would be presented to Cabinet on 21 June 2011 on the outcome of the consultation on improving re-cycling rates and the fortnightly collection of non food waste. It was noted however that weekly collections of all food waste would still continue to be carried out.</p> <p>With regard to Childrens Safeguarding and Family Services, the Cabinet Member stated that whilst the new structure was progressing well with encouraging feedback, there would be no complacency.</p> <p>It was noted that there was a small typographical error in recommendation number (v) and that the word “member” should read “members”.</p>
<p>Issues Raised by Other Members</p>	<p>It was noted that with regard to the issue of learning points as a result of the appeals allowed against decisions to refuse planning applications, all elected members should be encouraged to undergo planning training and not just Planning Committee members.</p> <p>Concerns were raised over the issue of where recommendations went following discussions at meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Panels. The Leader agreed to amend the recommendation (i) of the report to include scrutiny recommendations being made to Cabinet. It was further noted however that Scrutiny would deliver recommendations and not set policy.</p> <p>Whilst not directly related to performance monitoring, Members were advised however that the report on the provision of Youth Services was planned to be considered by Cabinet on 21 June 2011.</p>
<p>Decision taken</p>	<p>THAT the following be agreed.</p> <p>(i) Cabinet invites the scrutiny panels for Health and Community Wellbeing and Children and Young People to establish a joint working group to look at the issues regarding the rates of hospital admission per 100,000 for alcohol related harm, recognising this is a partnership issue that involves staff and</p>

	<p>resources from both health and police services. The joint working group would report back to the relevant Cabinet members and the outcomes of that report would be summarised in a future edition of the quarterly reports.</p> <p>(ii) The report on children's social care due to be presented to Cabinet in October 2011 makes specific reference to the revised arrangements for use of IT to record all cases; the progress in raising the level of IT capability amongst all social care and support staff; an initial analysis of the impact of introducing the new ways of working within the social care teams; the implementation of the revised statutory guidance with regard to foster care and an update on the working of the adoption panel and staff.</p> <p>(iii) A report is taken to June Council on the proposed changes and revisions to the Corporate Parenting Strategy.</p> <p>(iv) The annual Fire and Rescue Service annual report to be presented Council in July includes actions that have been and are being taken to minimise the number of accidental dwelling fires in domestic dwellings.</p> <p>(v) A report is presented to Planning Committee outlining the learning points for both members and officers as a result of the appeals allowed against decisions to refuse planning applications.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To support 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	That no action is taken.
Declarations of Interests	None declared

Agenda item	<u>Highways PFI - Revised Funding</u>
Decision reference	81 (10/11)
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet Member presented a report on the funding arrangements for the Highways PFI project following the Department for Transport's approval of the revised grant allocation

	<p>as well as giving an update on progress made since the last Cabinet report submitted in August 2009 and changes to the project since then.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member reiterated that the Council was committed to the implementation of the Highways PFI project and emphasised that the revised allocated grant of £262 Million (in Net Present Value (NPV) terms (or £487m in cash terms) over the 25 year period was a grant and not a loan and therefore did not need repaying.</p> <p>Cabinet members agreed that the PFI offered Island residents an opportunity to resurface the network of public highways on the Island at no additional level of spend.</p> <p>With regard to residents living by Unadopted roads, the possibility of privately funding any work required whilst contractors were in the vicinity could be adopted by those residents should they chose to do so.</p>
Issues Raised by Other Members	<p>Members were advised that quartering, fundamental to drainage, would be included in the PFI programme.</p> <p>With regard to the Undercliff road in St Lawrence, members were advised that any vulnerable road would be subject to assessment and a level of funding would be agreed that could lead to a long term technical solution or a series of short term solutions.</p> <p>It was noted that the Cowes Chain Ferry, whilst outside of the PFI remit, would feature in the Capital Programme in two years time.</p>
Decision taken	<p>THAT the revised (Department for Transport) DfT grant funding allocation and the implications thereof for the Isle of Wight Highways Maintenance PFI project be noted</p>
Options considered and rejected	<p>There were no other options to consider</p>
Declarations of Interests	<p>During the debate Cllr Giles declared a personal interest as he lived by an Unadopted Road.</p>

Agenda item	<u>Island Transport Plan</u>
Decision reference	82 (10/11)
Summary of Discussion	<p>Members were presented with a report by the Cabinet Member which set out the background to the development of the Island Transport Plan (ITP), which when approved will become the statutory Local Transport Plan (LTP) for the Island and will help guide transport improvements here over the period 2011-2038.</p> <p>With regard to the consultation exercise, it was noted that a full and comprehensive process had been carried out.</p>

	The Cabinet Member advised that the proposed transport plan was available on line to view here .
Issues Raised by Other Members	No issues were raised
Decision taken	THAT the Island Transport Plan as the statutory local transport plan for the Island be adopted
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To comply with government legislation and guidance and accord with other local plans and policies including Eco-Island, the Island Plan and the council's Corporate Plan in particular the roads PFI scheme and regeneration and the economy. To align with the following corporate themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thriving Island • A safe and well-kept Island • An inspiring Island
Options considered and rejected	Option b) - To incorporate the suggested amendments and adopt the Island Transport Plan. Option c) - Not to adopt the Island Transport Plan.
Declarations of Interests	None declared

Agenda items	<u>Consideration of the Forward Plan</u>
Decision reference	83 (10/11)
Amendments / Additions / Removals	Members reviewed the latest published Forward Plan of key decisions. The next edition of the Forward Plan would be published on Wednesday, 18 May 2011.
Declarations of Interests	None declared

Agenda items	Delegated Decisions (<i>Recording 1 and 2</i>)
Decision reference	84 (10/11)
Summary of Discussion	Members reviewed the Cabinet decisions taken by Cabinet Member delegated powers since the last Cabinet meeting on 12 April 2011. It was noted that the decision on the transfer of Fire Control to Surrey County Council was taken on 3 May 2011. The Call In would expire on 11 May 2011 at 5.00pm With regard to the decision around the Seaview and Nettlestone Traffic order, it was clarified that Part B of the report was owned by the Leader and not that of the Cabinet Member for Environment,

	Transport and Corporate Services.
Declarations of Interests	None received

Agenda items	Members' Question Time
Decision reference	85 (10/11)
Questions	No questions were received.