

# Record of decision

The following decisions were taken on **TUESDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2007** by the **CABINET**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 20 DECEMBER 2007**

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 David Williams, Jilly Wood

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Leader of the Council

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	39/07
<b>Decision Taken</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on <a href="#">20 November 2007</a> were agreed.
<b>Questions/ Amendments</b>	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	40/07
<b>Questions</b>	<p>Mrs Stephanie Welch asked a written question concerning the accountability of officers and Councillors with regard to officer settlements. The Leader responded stating that the Council had put in place a revised Discretionary Provisions Policy in September 2005 and a Severance Policy in March 2007. The Leader explained that there was no case to answer in terms of Member responsibility for these payments and the District Auditor had decided to take no further action (PQ 53/07).</p> <p>Mr David Grocock asked a written question regarding why the Council had opted for an in house solution with regard to tourism services. The Cabinet Member for Economy, Planning and Property provided a response stating that the Council had tried to work with the tourist industry in a Joint Venture, however, agreement on this could not be reached. The Cabinet Member assured Mr Grocock that the Council would continue to work with the industry for the benefit of the Island (PQ 52/07).</p>

	<p>Mr David Shirley asked a question regarding communication between the Council and the industry and which officer of the Council was responsible for tourism to enable the industry to have one point of contact. The Cabinet Member responded stating that the Council was working on improving communication between the Council and the industry. The Interim Director of Regeneration and Development further clarified that the Head of Regeneration was assuming the responsibility for tourism.</p> <p>Mr Shirley asked a supplementary question regarding the Council's investment in tourism and marketing. The Cabinet Member explained that the Council spent in the region of £800,000 on tourism, however, there were other costs including strategic marketing activities and money for events.</p>
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Ethical Audit Action Plan</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	41/07
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	The Leader introduced the report which presented the Cabinet with an action plan arising from an ethical governance audit undertaken by the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) earlier in the year. The three recommended improvements were to review the Councils constitution, establish a robust and ongoing programme of organisational development, and develop the role of the Standards Committee.
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>THAT the Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. adopt the action plan set out as appendix 2 to the report</li> <li>ii. recommend the action plan to Full Council for adoption.</li> </ul>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To achieve high ethical standards and ensure public confidence in the Council.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to 'be a high performing cost effective Council'.</p>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	None.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Island Vision: Eco Island</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	42/07
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	The Leader introduced the report explaining that 'Eco Island' was the overall vision to support the Islands sustainable community strategy. The Council would work with its partners to reduce the Island's carbon footprint and look at options for tidal power.

<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>THAT the Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. endorse and adopt the Eco Island vision and values, as the way ahead for the Council and the Island</li> <li>ii. endorse the development of the One Island programme as the mission for the Council</li> <li>iii. endorse the Council's internal values of SUCCESS</li> </ul>
<b>Reasons for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To submit the new Sustainable Community Strategy to the Government Office of the South East (GOSE) by the March 2008 deadline.</p> <p>To enable the Council to align its budget to priorities which support the Island vision.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective 'to drive the sustainable regeneration and development of the Island'.</p>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	To reject the vision and values of the Island as 'Eco Island'.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Carbon Management Strategy and Implementation Plan</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	43/07
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	The Cabinet Member introduced the report and drew Members attention to the 10 projects and activities that would be implemented during the first three years of the plan to reduce carbon emissions. The Council would invest £200,000 into a Carbon Management Fund which would be matched with a grant from Salix Finance. Progress would be reported to Directors and the Scrutiny Committee.
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>THAT the Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. adopt the Carbon Management Plan in full as described in Option 1</li> <li>ii. apply to Salix Finance for funding for the Carbon Management Fund (see Para 20 of the report) and agree the current bid for £200K Council contribution as match funding</li> <li>iii. begin negotiations with Schools to ensure that a proportion of energy costs savings generated by Council investment are returned to the Carbon Management Fund (see Para 21 of the report)</li> <li>iv. Report progress to the Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis, along with any proposed changes to the emissions reduction target.</li> </ul>

<b>Reasons for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To set an example in carbon reduction on the Island and support the Eco Island vision.</p> <p>Reductions in energy consumption would result in cost savings to the Council.</p> <p>To align with the governments target of reducing emissions.</p> <p>To meet the corporate objective to 'drive the sustainable regeneration and development of the Island'.</p>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	<p>Option 2 – to adopt a Carbon Management Plan with a lower level of emissions reduction.</p> <p>Option 3 – To delay adoption of the Carbon Management Plan.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Tourism Service – Plan for Action</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	44/07
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member for Economy, Planning and Property and the Interim Director for Regeneration and Development presented the report which set out the Direction of Travel for the tourism service. The Tourist Information Centres and the tourism call centre would be integrated corporately. The Council would continue to produce and develop the brochures and website and the money generated would go into marketing the Island. The Council would work with the industry for the benefit of the Island and a marketing plan for 2008 would be agreed shortly with the industry.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. That the Council agrees to Option 5 as detailed in Appendix B to the report</li> <li>ii. That the Council agrees the Tourism Restructuring and Improvement Plan and that it is implemented within the timescale, as set out in the report</li> <li>iii. That the Council formally applies to dissolve the IW Tourism Partnership Ltd</li> </ul>
<b>Reasons for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To ensure that the visitor economy continues to grow by promoting and developing tourism on the Island.</p> <p>To improve co-ordination and performance by realigning functions within the Council.</p> <p>To contribute to the delivery of the Councils overall vision of Eco Island and support the strategic marketing campaign.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective 'to drive the sustainable regeneration and development of the Island'.</p>

<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	Options 1, 2, 3, 3A, 3B and 4 as detailed in Appendix B to the report.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None Declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Adult Social Care Performance Assessment 2006/07</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	45/07
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	The Cabinet received the 2007 performance rating and judgements for the Council's Adult Social Care Services. Mr Adrian Hughes from the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI) presented the report to the Cabinet. The Cabinet Member for Health and Community Well Being stated that paragraph 2 of the report 'human resources' would be withdrawn. The Cabinet Member thanked the Director of Community Services and her staff for their hard work.
<b>Decision taken</b>	THAT the Cabinet accept the report from the Commission for Social Care Inspection (CSCI).
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	To ensure that the Adult Social Care Service is performing well.  To align with the corporate objective 'to improve the health and well being of Island communities'.
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	None.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Consideration of the Forward Plan</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	46/07
<b>Amendments / Additions / Removals</b>	The item 'to approve the economic strategy' would be delayed until April.  An item on 'leisure needs analysis outcome' would be added for April.  A final decision on Education would be made at the March Council meeting.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Delegated Decisions</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	47/07
<b>Questions</b>	No questions were received.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Members Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	48/07
<b>Questions</b>	No questions were asked.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.