

Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, 12 APRIL 2011 BY
THE CABINET IN COMMITTEE ROOM ONE**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON
THURSDAY, 21 APRIL 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 Reg Barry, Vanessa Churchman, Julie Jones-Evans

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	<u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u>
Decision reference	66 (10/11)
Decision Taken	THAT the minutes of the meeting held on <u>Tuesday, 1 March 2011</u> be agreed.
Questions / Amendments	None.

Agenda item	<u>Declarations of Interest</u>
Decision reference	67 (10/11)
	<p>Cllr Pugh declared a personal interest in decision reference 69 (10/11) as he has future family members attending Newchurch Primary school.</p> <p>Cllr Pugh declared a personal interest in decision reference 71 (10/11) as he knew some of the parties involved in the proposal.</p> <p>Cllr Giles declared a personal interest in decision reference 69 (10/11) as he was a Governor at Queensgate Primary School.</p>

	<p>Cllr Giles declared a personal interest in decision reference 71 (10/11) as he knew two of the directors involved in the company referred to in the report.</p> <p>Cllr Mazillius declared a personal interest in decision reference 69 (10/11) as his son worked for a company which supplied architectural services to the council.</p> <p>Cllr Brown declared a personal interest in decision reference 71 (10/11) as he knew several people involved in the proposal.</p> <p>Cllr Abraham declared a personal interest in decision reference 69 (10/11) as he was a governor at Wootton Primary School and that he had a son who attended Medina College.</p>
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Agenda item	<u>Public Question Time</u>
Decision reference	68(10/11)
Questions	<p>A written question was put to Cabinet by Ms Jackie Hawkins of Newport on the council's participation of the Sustainable Communities Act – PQ09/11</p> <p>A written question was put to Cabinet by Mr David Miller of Cowes on schools capital funding – PQ10/11</p> <p>A supplemental question was put asking if the Cabinet report scheduled to be presented in May 2011 on Schools Performance would include tables for individual primary schools for the submitted 2012 predicted / target results in terms of Key Stage (KS) 2 Level 4+ and Level 5, and Contextual Value Added values (KS1 to KS2) in order to illustrate the improvements being forecast.</p> <p>The Leader responded by stating that the anticipated paper would focus on reporting academic performance from recent results and was not intended to set out predictions and targets for future results for 2012. Once the 2011 results had been received in the summer, the council would then be in a position to identify the targets for the following year.</p> <p>An oral question put to the Cabinet from Ms Tanya Rebel asking in what way the proposed Biomass plant at Stag Lane Newport would be ecologically advantageous and how would areas of air quality and aesthetics be addressed.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member responded by stating that the areas would be fully addressed when the planning application would be received. The material used for the plant would likely be sourced from suppliers using a ten year cycle programme.</p> <p>An oral question was put to the Cabinet from Mr Chris Whitehouse with regard to the removal of some financial support for</p>

	<p>concessionary fares for travel to faith schools and what consultation would be expected.</p> <p>The Leader responded by stating that consultation would take place following Easter 2011 and that the timeline of discussion would take into account the various bank holidays. The process would also be full and meaningful and in line with national best practice.</p>
Declarations of Interest	None declared

Agenda item	<u>Schools Capital Programme</u>
Decision reference	69 (10/11)
Summary of discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member presented a report which recommended officers to implement a Schools Capital Programme that would support the provision of sufficient and suitable accommodation at schools across the Island.</p> <p>The report also advised that sufficient and appropriate accommodation would be provided to support the second stage of the reorganisation programme of school provision across the Island into primary and secondary phases.</p> <p>It was noted that whilst the One School Cowes Pathfinder contract rested with a mainland company, there would be a number of Island firms that would receive significant business from the various work planned.</p> <p>Members were advised that the investment into support for autistic children at four locations would fit into the Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) agenda. The Cabinet Member for Childrens Services also advised that a report on SEND would be presented to Cabinet in July 2011 following an initial presentation to the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel.</p> <p>With regard to Northwood Primary School, it was noted that the local ward member and Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Housing was satisfied that concerns over highways safety would be addressed accordingly by the school, its governors, the Parents Teachers Association (PTA) and Highways and Planning and that travelling to and from school would be safe for children and parents adopting all modes of transport.</p>
Issues Raised by Other Members	<p>It was noted that the investment to be carried out at the Nodehill Middle School site for the Island Innovation Trust Sixth Form would be solely for educational purposes and that the applied for listed building would be made fit for purpose in the appropriate way.</p> <p>Members were advised that whilst the sixth form students of the college were not subject to the home to school travel arrangements, students would be encouraged to access the site via bus or foot and</p>

	<p>that no major highways implications had been anticipated</p> <p>With regard to the SEND numbers being accommodated at Sandown Bay Academy, a written response to the Leader of the Independent Group would be provided following the meeting</p>
Decision taken	<p>THAT officers be authorised to implement the Schools Capital Strategy as set out in Appendix 1 of the report</p> <p>It was noted that 6 Members voted for the recommendation and one abstained</p>
Reason for decision and corporate themes it aligns with	<p>To ensure sufficient and appropriate accommodation was provided to support the reorganisation programme of school provision across the Island into primary and secondary phases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To raise educational standards and to provide greater opportunities for all young people on the Island <p>To align with the following corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thriving Island • An inspiring Island
Options considered and rejected	Option B. Not to implement the School Capital Programme.
Declarations of Interests	None declared

Agenda item	<u>Reclaiming Social Work: Reconfiguration Of Social Work Practice</u>
Decision reference	70 (10/11)
Summary of Discussion	<p>Members were presented with a report by the Cabinet Member which outlined the programme of transformation within the children's social care workforce.</p> <p>The proposal was for the implementation of a new model of delivering children's social care services, known as the 'Reclaiming Social Work' model and would entail a number of professionals working together in a unit. This approach had been adopted by Hackney Borough Council since 2006/07 and had been recognised as a model of outstanding practice by Dr Eileen Munro within her first and second interim reports into the child protection system in England and Wales.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Childrens Services advised members that historically the Island had a problem in securing sufficient numbers of social workers. It was also noted that the previous Ofsted Inspection had yielded an adequate result (a service meeting the minimum requirements) and that sickness levels within the service had been high. The proposed approach would therefore help to</p>

	<p>address these issues in a positive way.</p> <p>The Chair of the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel supported the proposed option and agreed that the restructure was the right way forward for the council.</p> <p>Members were also advised that the Isle of Wight Council could benefit with a visit to Hackney Borough Council by the relevant Cabinet Members.</p>
Issues Raised by Other Members	It was noted that since the adoption of the approach by Hackney Borough Council, services had improved and they had since been rated amongst the best in the London Boroughs.
Decision taken	THAT an internal restructure in line with the Reclaiming Social Work model be proceeded and implemented by the end of the summer 2011.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To improve performance and value for money; keep children and young people safe; raise standards and increase skills; enhance the council's reputation.</p> <p>To align with the following corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Healthy and Supportive Island • A safe and well-kept Island
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option 2 - Agree in principle but delay implementation.</p> <p>Option 3 - No change to existing configuration.</p> <p>Option 4 - Agree with a restructure in principle but seek an alternative model of delivery.</p>
Declarations of Interests	None

Agenda item	<u>Stag Lane – Extension Of Preferred Bidder Status Timescale</u>
Decision reference	71 (10/11)
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member presented a report which requested that members agreed an extension to the option to purchase the Stag Lane tip site, for the preferred bidders and followed the Cabinet report on <u>30 March 2010</u> which agreed the selection of a preferred bidder to enter into detailed discussions and negotiations for the disposal of the former Stag Lane Tip site for the purpose of economic regeneration and specifically the development of renewable energy industries.</p> <p>It was noted that whilst the decision of 30 March 2010 was taken on the basis that should negotiations prove abortive a time limit of 12 months would be applied to the negotiations with the preferred bidder; the extension being requested was not the result of abortive negotiations. The primary reason for the request to extend was</p>

	around the negotiations underway between Real Ventures and the Environment Agency in respect of further ground tests that were required on the site before the Environment Agency could support the development.
Issues Raised by Other Members	No issues were raised
Decision taken	THAT the preferred bidder status be extended by a further 15 months to expire at the end of July 2012 in order to enable up to 12 months of ground testing plus the subsequent analysis of findings.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To support the development of suitable renewable energy schemes. To Increase inward investment and protect the natural environment. To align the following corporate themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thriving Island • An inspiring Island
Options considered and rejected	(Option ii) - Do not extend the preferred bidder status but re-offer the site to all of the select marketing bidders as indicated in the Cabinet report of 30 March 2010. (Option iii) - Allow the preferred bidder status to lapse.
Declarations of Interests	None

Agenda items	<u>Consideration of the Forward Plan</u>
Decision reference	72 (10/11)
Amendments / Additions / Removals	The council's Forward Plan of key decision covering the April to July 2011 period was reviewed and the following items were discussed: <u>1170/10 - Island Transport Plan</u> This was planned to be decided at Cabinet at its meeting on 10 May 2011 <u>1128/10 - Youth Service Proposals</u> This was planned to be decided at Cabinet at its meeting on 10 May 2011
Declarations of Interests	None declared

Agenda items	<u>Delegated Decisions</u>
Decision reference	73 (10/11)

Summary of Discussion	<p>The Following Cabinet decisions taken under delegated powers had been made since the last meeting of Cabinet On Tuesday, 1 March 2011.</p> <p>09/11 - Policy For The Implementation of Variable Street Lighting Levels and Shorter Illumination Periods</p> <p>10/11 - Island Plan Core Strategy – Submission Document</p> <p>11/11 - Highways And Transport Capital Programme 2011 / 2012</p> <p>The following decision notice was republished following a Call In by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 March 2011</p> <p>018/11 - Objections to the Isle of Wight Council (Various Streets, Newport) (Traffic Regulation) Order No 1 2010</p>
Declarations of Interests	<p>None received</p>

Agenda items	Members' Question Time
Decision reference	74 (10/11)
Questions	<p>No questions were received.</p>