



# Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, 13 OCTOBER 2009  
BY THE CABINET**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON  
WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2009**

Members of the Cabinet who were present

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

Members also present (non voting)

Cllrs George Cameron, Stuart Dyer, Julie Jones-Evans, John Hobart, Geoff Lumley

Apologies

Cllr George Brown

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>41/09</b>
<b>Decision Taken</b>	That the minutes of the meeting held on <a href="#">1 October 2009</a> be agreed.
<b>Questions / Amendments</b>	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>42/09</b>
	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>43/09</b>
<b>Questions</b>	Mr Bob Blezzard of Sandown asked an oral question on Sandown Fire Station continuing to operate as a 2 pump station. The Leader provided a response.  Mr Rodney Corbet of Yarmouth asked an oral question on

	issues regarding the future of Yarmouth Fire Station. The Leader provided a response.
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Use of Resources Assessment 2008/9</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>44/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Members of the Audit Commission addressed the Cabinet and advised that a new assessment structure was in place to rate the council in the way it manages its resources to deliver value for money.</p> <p>This new structure was applicable to all audited bodies such as the PCT and the Police.</p> <p>The Audit Commission commented on the good progress that the council had made and that there were strong prospects for improvement. There were some areas that needed to improve such as the delivery of the Capital Programme but overall budget planning and accounting were strong.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member highlighted the good work of the council's accounting team with regards to managing finances and also pointed out that great progress had been made around procurement.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>(i.) THAT the presentation received from the Council's Auditors on their Use of Resources 2008/09 Audits be noted</p> <p>(ii.) THAT the following issues be recommended to the Audit Committee to consider as part of their consideration of the reports at its meeting on 10 November 2009:</p> <p>(a) To gain advantage from the Councils and the Fire and Rescue Service Use of Resources reports, and embed improvements across the organisation by :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider the improvements identified by the Use of Resources assessment</li> <li>2. Review those against the Council's current plans and priorities for improvement</li> <li>3. Develop a focused SMART action plan in response</li> </ol>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	In order to ensure that the council can run as a successful organisation and deliver value for money and outcomes for local people.

	<p>To align with the following corporate 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>	To not make recommendations to the Audit Committee to consider as part of their consideration of the reports at its meeting on 10 November 2009.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children and Young People Strategy</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>45/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Members were advised by the Cabinet Member that the issue of safeguarding was a matter that affected everybody. The strategy would link to the Childrens Trust and would also be considered at the next meeting of the Local Safeguarding Childrens Board.</p> <p>The strategy focussed on preventative measures and had been submitted to the Childrens and Young Peoples Scrutiny panel on 23 September 2009.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	THAT the Safeguarding and Promoting the Welfare of Children and Young People Strategy, the governance arrangements and the action plan be approved.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To enable the Island's children and young people to live in a safe and positive environment.</p> <p>To ensure that the council addresses its statutory obligations arising from the Children Act, 2004.</p> <p>To align with the following corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A healthy and supportive Island</li> <li>• A safe and well-kept Island</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	Option B - Consider the strategy, suggest further changes and authorise officers to re-submit the strategy and action plan for delegated decision and approval by the Lead member for Children and Young People by 30 November 2009.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Carers Strategy</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>46/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	The Cabinet Member advised that the strategy had been a joint project in conjunction with the IOW NHS, Carers UK and YMCA which was based around the national carer's strategy. It also took into account the Carers Self Assessment Survey results.
<b>Decision taken</b>	THAT the Isle of Wight Carers' Strategy 2009-2012 be agreed.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To provide more joined-up local care services between the council, health and the third sector.</p> <p>To make available more efficient services that is tailored to people's needs.</p> <p>To align with the following corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A healthy and supportive Island</li> <li>• A safe and well-kept Island</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	Option 2: To not agree Isle of Wight Carers' Strategy 2009-2012
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Fire and Rescue - Model for Change - Outcome of Consultation</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>47/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member advised members that the report set out the future plans of the Fire and Rescue service on the Island following the period of public consultation.</p> <p>The consultation was the outcome of the Cabinet decision of 20 April 2009 that approved to proceed with the modernisation of the service.</p> <p>An amended recommendation was proposed which included the need for a future Cabinet Member Delegated Decision to report on the reduced revenue requirements for the continuation of Shanklin Fire station.</p> <p>There would also be a need for a further Cabinet report on the detailed revenue and capital implications of Phase 2 of the Model for Change project by January 2010.</p> <p>Prior to the decision being made, the Leader of the Council handed over a petition to the Cabinet Member for Fire and</p>

	Community Safety in relation to the continued use of Yarmouth fire station.
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>(i.) THAT the outcomes from the public consultation be accepted.</p> <p>(ii.) THAT the continued implementation of the Fire and Rescue Service Model for Change Project be agreed.</p> <p>(iii.) THAT in principle the implementation of Phase 2 of the project as set out in paragraph 17 of the Cabinet report be agreed, thus significantly reducing the revenue requirements for keeping Shanklin Fire Station open in the interim, and a Cabinet Member delegated decision on what the revised revenue requirements would be and how they had been derived, be made.</p> <p>(iv.) THAT a further Cabinet report on the detailed revenue and capital implications of Phase 2 of the Model for Change project be presented to a future cabinet meeting by January 2010.</p> <p>(v.) THAT Shanklin and Yarmouth Fire Stations be retained in the interim pending the implementation of Phase 2 of the project.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To enable the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service to carry out more preventative and protection work thus reducing the number of fires, particularly in the higher risk areas, which would ensure that the effect of a major fire would not damage the economy.</p> <p>To Improve competency of the workforce and attendance time to emergency incidents.</p> <p>To provide job opportunities and effective role models for young people.</p> <p>To align with the following corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thriving island</li> <li>• A safe and well kept Island</li> <li>• A healthy and supportive Island</li> <li>• An inspiring Island</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	<p>Option (b) - Close Shanklin Fire Station; agreeing to the risk control measures.</p> <p>Option (d) - Close Yarmouth Fire Station; agreeing to the risk control measures.</p>
<b>Declarations of</b>	None declared.

<b>Interests</b>	
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Ryde Gateway</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>48/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member advised that the previous agreement by Cabinet to support the Ryde Gateway project, no longer represented value for money.</p> <p>The continuation of support for the project would require a further £4 Million from capital funds, representing an additional increase of £734,000 on previous estimates.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>(i.) THAT the Ryde Gateway agreement be terminated.</p> <p>(ii.) THAT consideration of allocating £1,500,000 be given to undertake improvements to the public realm and council assets in Ryde, aligned with the council's corporate priorities, following consultation with the relevant Ward Members and the Town Council.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To allow for the additional capital allowance of £1,500,000 agreed in September 2008 to be utilised on improvements to the public realm and Council assets in Ryde.</p> <p>To align with the corporate 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>	Option 1 - Cabinet agrees to allocate an additional £734,000 from its budgets to enable the Ryde Gateway Project to be implemented.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None received

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>East Yar Fluvial and Coastal Erosion Risk Strategy Agreement to Proceed to Consultation</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>49/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member advised that a major study into managing flood and coastal erosion within the Eastern Yar Valley and Bembridge Harbour led by the Environment Agency (EA) in partnership with the Isle of Wight Council's Coastal Management Team assessed potentially increasing flood risks. The study referred to five frontages, with one, the Duver, being council owned.</p> <p>Cabinet was advised that all the options presented within the report would need to be funded by the council, however the preferred option of doing nothing thus resulting in a</p>

	<p>gradual lowering of the beach followed by retreat of the shoreline was not possible owing to a legal covenant dating back to August 1970 that required the council to maintain a portion of the Duver sea wall “in perpetuity”.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Resources advised that the council would need to plan for any additional costs that would inevitably be incurred as a result of the proposed recommendation.</p> <p>The Ward Member for Brading, St Helens and Bembridge requested consideration be given to discounting the two week Christmas period during the three months of consultation and that the opinions of every person and all businesses are taken fully into account.</p>
<p><b>Decision taken</b></p>	<p>THAT proactive maintenance for St Helens Duver sea wall be carried out for a period of fifty years or until sea levels rise to the point where mitigation is no longer legally possible, then “Do nothing” thereafter.</p> <p>THAT the Council’s preferred management option for St Helens Duver sea wall be stated in the draft consultation document entitled the Eastern Yar Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy.</p>
<p><b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b></p>	<p>To comply with the legal covenant dating back to August 1970 which required the council to maintain a portion of the Duver sea wall “in perpetuity”</p> <p>To help preserve and protect the area from potential rising sea levels that would affect the natural beauty of the area as well as a number of businesses and properties which are located on land behind the Duver sea wall.</p> <p>To align with the following corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thriving island</li> <li>• A safe and well kept Island</li> <li>• A healthy and supportive Island</li> <li>• An inspiring Island</li> </ul>
<p><b>Options considered and rejected</b></p>	<p>Option A – Cabinet agrees that “Do Nothing” as the Council’s preferred management option for St Helens Duver sea wall, to be stated in the draft consultation document entitled the Eastern Yar Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy.</p> <p>Option B - Carry out proactive maintenance of the sea wall and maintain the beach in front of the wall as the Council’s preferred management option for St Helens Duver sea wall, to be stated in the draft consultation document entitled the</p>

	<p>Eastern Yar Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy.</p> <p>Option C – Carry Out Proactive Maintenance of The Sea Wall and Maintain The Beach In Front Of The Wall as the Council’s preferred management option for St Helens Duver sea wall, to be stated in the draft consultation document entitled the Eastern Yar Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None Declared

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Consideration of the Forward Plan</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>50/09</b>
<b>Amendments / Additions / Removals</b>	<p>It was noted that both the Supporting People Strategy and the Transforming Social Care – Charging Policy would be submitted to the Cabinet meeting on 17 January 2009.</p> <p>The Leader advised that the Appointments to Outside Bodies; Constitutional Amendments; Investment Panel and Employment Matters report, as well as the Appointment of Co-opted Members to the Audit Committee and Independent Members to the Ethical Standards Committee report would be submitted to the Full Council Meeting on 28 October 2009.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Delegated Decisions</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>51/09</b>
<b>Questions</b>	There were no delegated decisions taken since the previous Cabinet meeting held on 1 October 2009.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Members Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>52/09</b>
<b>Questions</b>	No questions received.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.