



# Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, 13 JULY 2010 BY THE CABINET**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 22 JULY 2010**

Members of the Cabinet who were present

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

Members also present (non voting)

Cllrs Reg Barry, George Cameron, Rodney Downer, John Hobart, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Chris Welsford and David Williams

Isle of Wight Youth Council (Non Voting)

Mr Jack Bell (Member of Youth Parliament), Mr Robert Jackson

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken .....

**Leader of the Council**

item	Point Of Order – Notice of Meeting
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>09 (10/11)</b>
<b>Issue Raised</b>	<p>Mr Izzard, an Island resident, raised a point of order with regard to his view on the validity of the meeting as there apparently being no Notice of Meeting displayed outside of County Hall on the Official Notice Board.</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer advised Members that in her view the meeting was valid and the meeting should proceed. If in the event that it was determined that the meeting had been incorrectly called then any decisions made would be referred to the Cabinet’s next meeting for ratification.</p> <p>The Leader and Cabinet Members agreed to proceed with the meeting.</p>

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>10 (10/11)</b>
<b>Decision Taken</b>	That the minutes of the meeting held on <a href="#">1 June 2010</a> be agreed
<b>Questions / Amendments</b>	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>11 (10/11)</b>
	<p>Cllr Roger Mazillius declared a personal interest in Decision Ref 14 (10/11) and 15 (10/11) as his mother-in-law resided in a residential home and received various council benefits.</p> <p>Cllr Pugh declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Decision Reference 13 (10/11) as he was the Ward Member for Shanklin South and a resident of Shanklin. He was also an acquaintance of several Firefighters.</p>

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>12 (10/11)</b>
<b>Questions</b>	<p>Mr Izzard a regular Island Bus user requested if the decision on withdrawing the £60,000 funding for bus services could be postponed until further consultation had been undertaken with Island bus users.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member responded by stating that a postponement was not possible at this stage but local Town and Parish Councils had been consulted and the results of the tender for local bus services would be announced over the coming days.</p> <p>Mr Wood of Shanklin asked an oral question with regard to the Fire Service Modernisation Report and queried whether the blue light data as outlined within the report and takes into account the actual road speed and traffic conditions. was realistic</p> <p>The Cabinet Member responded by stating that he was confident the times stated would be achieved.</p>

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Fire and Rescue - Fire Service Modernisation</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>13 (10/11)</b>
<b>Summary of discussion</b>	The Chairman, Cllr Pugh left the room for this item.

	<p>The Deputy Leader, Cllr Brown took the Chair. The Cabinet Member for Fire and Community Safety presented a report to Members which provided further information relating to the costs associated with Phase 2 of the Fire Service Modernisation programme and also set out revised options to implement Phase 1.</p> <p>Members were advised that owing to the huge budgetary constraints, the council had to conclude that there was no capital funding available for the implementation of phase 2 of the modernisation programme by 2013, as previously envisaged at the Cabinet meeting on 10 October 2009, hence the reason as to why Phase 1 was being revised.</p> <p>Whilst Phase 2 was not being addressed as previously anticipated, it was still the intention to open a Fire and Rescue Station to serve the Bay area of the Island. The closure of Shanklin Fire Station would be offset by the Day Crew manning of Sandown Fire Station.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member advised that a written response had been provided to the representations received from Shanklin Retained Firefighters and was confident that all concerns had been addressed. He agreed to make this available as part of the Committee papers. Click <a href="#">HERE</a>.</p> <p>Although previously having had some reservations, Cllr Bingham, Cllr Cousins and Cllr Mazillius now expressed their full confidence in the recommendations of the report after consultation with the Chief Fire Officer and other relevant officers.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader observed that the letter received highlighted major issues made by the retained Firefighters and that these would be taken seriously. The Strategic Director of the Economy and Environment was also satisfied that the data provided in the report was correct.</p>
<p><b>Issues Raised by Other Members</b></p>	<p>A Written Question was received from Cllr Downer with regard to the cover needed in an emergency should the Sandown Crew already be out on a call.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member responded by stating that should both Sandown pumps be unavailable then fire cover would come from the next or quickest pump closest to the incident. This could be provided by either Ventnor or Newport stations.</p> <p>Cllr Barry raised concerns over funds utilised throughout the Undercliff Drive enquiry which could have been better invested in the Fire and Rescue Modernisation Programme.</p>

	<p>The Cabinet Member responded by stating that at the time of the Investigation the situation with regard to the Fire and Rescue Service had not been anticipated.</p> <p>Cllr Williams raised concerns over the data on blue light conditions and the safety of Shanklin residents with regard to response times from Ventnor Fires Station owing to the nature of the roads needed to be negotiated to Shanklin. Cllr Williams also requested that the possibility of a shared Blue Light Station in which both Police and Ambulance Services could be involved along with the Fire and Rescue service would be given due consideration.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member stated that whilst it was too early to make any commitments, the possibility of such a facility could still remain, although any decision would be subject to the financial position of the council.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>THAT Shanklin Fire Station be closed.</p> <p>THAT the potential for greater partnership (locality) working arrangements be endorsed.</p>
<b>Reason for decision and corporate themes it aligns with</b>	<p>To enable the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service to carry out more preventative and protection work. This will reduce the number of fires, particularly in our higher risk areas, which will ensure that the effect of a major fire will not damage the economy.</p> <p>To improve the overall competency of the workforce as well as attendance time to emergency incidents and make the Island safer.</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) Accept additional financial costs associated with retaining Shanklin Fire Station with one pump appliance.</p> <p>Option (c) Endorse the potential for greater partnership (locality) working arrangements.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	<p>Cllr Pugh declared a personal and prejudicial interest as he was the ward member for Shanklin South a resident of</p>

	Shanklin and was also an acquaintance of several Firefighters and therefore left the room for the duration of the debate.
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Budget Review 2010/11 - (To incorporate the QTR 1 and Outturn information)</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>14 (10/11)</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Chairman, Cllr Pugh rejoined the meeting for this item.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Resources presented to Members a report which outlined the council's current revenue and capital budget position for 2010/11, as at July 2010 and took into account various factors. These factors were the budget monitoring position for the first two months of the year, progress in implementing savings as highlighted through the monthly Star Chamber process, the impact of the £6.2billion of savings announced in May 2010 by the then Government and the emergency budget announced by the Coalition government on 22 June 2010.</p> <p>The Leader of the Council highlighted various areas which needed to be addressed and advised that there was a potential risk of an under achievement on total budgeted savings in the region of £3million.</p> <p>On the area of Bus Subsidies, the Cabinet was advised that the cost to the council was £7.9 million which equated to each council tax payer having to contribute between £80 and £90 or approximately 11% of the average council tax bill.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member advised that with regard to the Student Rider scheme, usage had fallen significantly and to continue to support the initiative would add a further cost burden to the council. It was further noted that as an alternative to the scheme, Southern Vectis were able to provide cheaper options with the Freedom Pass if purchased in conjunction with student NUS cards.</p> <p>It was noted that the budget revision, whilst unfortunate, were as a result of the Coalition government's response to the UK deficit and was being addressed by authorities across the country.</p> <p>A revised set of recommendations had been drafted and circulated to all members and public at the meeting. The recommendations would, if approved, be considered by Full</p>

	<p>Council on Wednesday, 21 July 2010 where all Elected Members would have an opportunity to present alternative suggestions.</p>
<p><b>Issues Raised by Other Members</b></p>	<p>Cllr Welsford put a written question on behalf of Cllr Bacon and asked if the reduction in bus services that would affect the elderly as well as children attending after schools activities and thus generate benefits could be seen as false economy.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member responded by stating that in light of the large spending involved in the subsidising of non commercial bus services to rural areas and the very significant reductions in local government funding, it would be necessary for the council to revisit all of its areas of discretionary spend in the coming year and subsidised bus services could not be immune to cuts.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked an oral question on what representations the council's administration was making to the national Coalition Government on the spending cuts being delivered nationally and thus impacting on local budgets, in particular those around vulnerable adults and children.</p> <p>The Leader responded by stating that it was the duty of the administration to respond to the national debt crises as all other authorities would have to do and that tough decisions would need to be made.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader stated that the Cabinet would continue to carry out its duty in an open and transparent manner and would try to be as sympathetic as possible in the difficult circumstances.</p> <p>Mr Robert Jackson - East Wight Member and Vice Chair of the Isle of Wight Youth Council expressed concerns over the Student Rider scheme and stated that the alternative of purchasing a Freedom Pass ticket from Southern Vectis, whilst cheaper in the long term for some, would be seen as cost prohibitive as many students were unable to invest £90 in such a ticket.</p> <p>Mr Jack Bell, the Isle of Wight Member of the UK Youth Parliament also expressed the same cost concerns of Island Students and was disappointed that the Cabinet Member did not meet with the Island's Youth Council to discuss the issue.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member and the Leader advised that the Island was one of only a few authorities which had such a system and its proposed abolition, whilst regrettable, was</p>

	<p>necessary for the council in meeting its reduction of public spending.</p> <p>The Leader agreed to meet with the youth council in due course to discuss the issue further.</p>
<p><b>Decision taken</b></p>	<p>THAT after considering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The report to Cabinet and the financial position facing the council;</li> <li>(ii) The Equality Impact Assessment set out in Appendix 6;</li> <li>(iii) The additional action and budget saving proposals as set out in Appendix 5.</li> </ul> <p>The following actions and savings proposals, as set out in Appendix 5 of the report, are recommended to Full Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) THAT officers fully implement the mechanisms to drive cost savings, as set out in section 1, and for a report on progress to be received at the Budget Review in September.</li> <li>b) THAT officers are required to address budget pressures within the Community Services Directorate, as set out in section 2, and the following actions are agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Charging for day care, a review of the current approach to free personal homecare, increasing the price of meals on wheels and reviewing the eligibility criteria for services are all investigated, so that they can be fully considered as part of the Budget Review in September.</li> </ul> </li> <li>c) THAT officers are required to address budget pressures within the Children &amp; Young People Directorate, as set out in section 3, and the following actions are agreed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) The in-year reductions in government funding are implemented with immediate effect, minimising any additional costs being incurred by the council;</li> <li>(ii) General budget management takes place to contain spend and reprioritise resources of £761,000;</li> <li>(iii) Arrangements for post-16 transport are reviewed so that consultation can begin in September, and that further information is</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<p>made available for consideration as part of the Budget Review in September.</p> <p>d) THAT officers are required to address budget pressures within the Economy &amp; Environment Directorate, as set out in section 4, and the following actions are agreed:</p> <p>(i) The in-year reductions in government funding are implemented with immediate effect, minimising any additional costs being incurred by the council;</p> <p>(ii) The 2010-11 budget for bus subsidies is reduced by £60,000;</p> <p>(iii) The Student Rider scheme is terminated with effect from 1 September 2010;</p> <p>(iv) A review of parking income and car parking arrangements is undertaken in advance of the Budget Review in September 2010;</p> <p>(v) Partnering arrangements for fire control are considered ahead of the Budget Review in September 2010.</p> <p>e) THAT the further savings proposed, as set out in section 5, are agreed in principle, subject to detailed work taking place ahead of the Budget Review in September 2010.</p> <p>f) THAT work is undertaken in relation to all the areas for budget review, as set out in section 6, ahead of the Budget Review in September 2010.</p> <p>g) THAT work is undertaken in relation to all the areas identified for more radical change, as set out in section 7, in preparation for the 2011/12 budget.</p>
<p><b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b></p>	<p>To enable the council to maintain its overall financial position and be able to deliver a robust and sustainable Medium-Term Financial Strategy.</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> </ul>
<p><b>Options considered and rejected</b></p>	<p>Option 1 - Not to take any further action at this stage and report back to Council in September 2010 when the budget management position will be clearer with five months of the financial year gone.</p>



	Option 3 - To accept some of the proposals as set out further below, and recommend them to Full Council on 21 July 2010, and consider any alternative proposals for savings.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Transforming Social Care – Annual Report</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>15 (10/11)</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Chairman, Cllr Pugh left the meeting at this stage.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader, Cllr Brown took the Chair.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Housing presented to Members a report which provided an update on the Transforming Adult Social Care programme.</p> <p>Members were advised that it was the desired outcome to enable individuals who were eligible for support to have choice and control over their lives through self directed support (Personal Budgets).</p> <p>Such an initiative represented a huge change in the way vulnerable adults led their lives on the Island.</p> <p>The method of Personal Budgets ensured that funding would be made available to individuals through a fair and transparent way in order for people of equivalent needs to receive equal amounts of money to acquire their own care and support.</p> <p>The Acting Director for Community Services highlighted paragraph 10 of the report which focussed on the Your Care Pathway, a pilot scheme involving three organisations – the IW Advocacy Trust, Help &amp; Care and Citizens Advice Bureau. The scheme ensured that a wide range of clients with different needs were being offered assistance.</p> <p>It was duly noted that the Cabinet Member wished to place on record his thanks to his predecessor, Cllr Cousins for the all the diligent work she had carried out.</p>
<b>Issues Raised by Other Members</b>	<p>Cllr Welsford asked whether the Personalised Budgets would have an adverse effect on those residents who still wished to attend day care centres.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member advised that whilst there were some</p>

	issues with certain centres, any resident eligible for Adult Social Care could still receive the appropriate amount of day care if they so wished.
<b>Decision taken</b>	THAT the Transforming Social Care – Annual Report be noted.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Opportunities to Develop Sustainable Affordable Housing for Rural Areas</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>16 (10/11)</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member presented a report which outlined the options available to take forward affordable housing in rural areas in order to enable council officers to develop a programme of schemes to meet identified aspirations.</p> <p>The report was a result of the recommendations from the Quarter Four Performance Report presented to Cabinet on 1 June 2010.</p> <p>It was noted that the recommendation was slightly amended to include the words “by the end of the calendar year” in order to provide an indication as to when a further report would be presented to Cabinet outlining how new delivery vehicles could be established in order to increase the provision of affordable housing for Island residents.</p> <p>In agreeing to the recommendation, the Cabinet was advised that officers would be able to develop a full suite of information which could be considered by Members as well provide full consultation during the process of the schemes development.</p>
<b>Issues Raised by Other Members</b>	<p>Cllr Downer asked an oral question on whether affordable housing would also include options for those who could not afford to buy.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member advised that there would be a mixture of homes to accommodate those who could buy as well as those who were not in a position to do so.</p> <p>The Deputy Leader acknowledged the progress being made with the Pan Development scheme and expressed the Cabinets desire to see the project be carried out as swiftly as possible.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	THAT officers be authorised to investigate new models of affordable housing and prepare a further report for Cabinet

	by the end of the calendar year outlining how new delivery vehicles could be established to increase the provision of affordable housing for Island residents.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To meet the following Eco Island theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Healthy and supportive Island</li> </ul> <p>As well as with delivering on the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support economic development and regeneration, enabling all to be able to share in the Island's economic success, through increasing the skills of the whole community.</li> <li>• Improve health, emotional wellbeing and life expectancy across the Island.</li> </ul> <p>To align with the following other corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thriving island</li> <li>• A safe and well kept Island</li> <li>• An inspiring Island</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	<p>Option 1 - To carry on with the current providers of affordable housing and do nothing.</p> <p>Option 3 - Not to continue to enable the provision of affordable housing in rural areas on the Island and concentrate development activity around the regeneration areas</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Consideration of the Forward Plan</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>17 (10/11)</b>
<b>Questions</b>	<p>No Issues were highlighted.</p> <p>It was noted that the next Forward Plan which would cover the August – November 2010 period would be published on Monday, 19 July 2010.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Delegated Decisions</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>18 (10/11)</b>
<b>Questions</b>	No Issues were highlighted.

<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None
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