

# Record of decision

The following decisions were taken on **TUESDAY, 17 JUNE 2008** by the  
**CABINET**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON  
THURSDAY, 26 JUNE 2008**

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 George Cameron, Geoff Lumley, Erica Oulton, Colin West, David Whittaker,  
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>	15/08
<b>Decision Taken</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on <a href="#">3 June 2008</a> were agreed.
<b>Questions/ Amendments</b>	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	16/08
<b>Questions</b>	Mr Miller asked a question regarding the One School Pathfinder. The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People provided a response.  Mr Miller asked a supplementary question regarding education arrangements for 11-14 year olds. The Cabinet Member provided a response.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Isle of Wight Act Blue Paper</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	17/08
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	Cllr Tuson introduced the report. There was an amendment to paragraph 4.2 of the blue paper to read 'Safer Communities' instead of 'Safer Neighbourhoods'.  Cllr Williams outlined the work undertaken by the Policy

	Commission for Safer Communities which had gathered evidence on Section 5 of the Isle of Wight Act. Cllr Williams offered thanks to Members and Officers who had been involved in the process.
<b>Decision taken</b>	THAT the Cabinet agree Option 2 to retain the Act and produce guidance on its application.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	To ensure successful and safe events by proactively managing risks to public order, safety and minimising nuisance.  To align with the corporate objective to create safer and stronger communities.
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	Option 1 – to retain the Act (retain the status quo) Option 3 – to retain and amend the Act and produce guidance on its application Option 4 – to seek to repeal Section 5 of the Act
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>One School Pathfinder – Procurement</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	18/08
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	Cllr Wells introduced the report which set out options for the procurement of a contractor for the design and build stages of the One School Pathfinder. Cllr Wells recommended Option B in relation to the procurement of the One School Pathfinder and Option E to fund the project.  Cllr Lumley asked a question regarding the funding of the project. The Cabinet Member provided a response.
<b>Decision taken</b>	i. THAT the Cabinet authorise officers to proceed with the design and build procurement of the One School Pathfinder in line with the processes set out in Option B as set out in the report.  ii. THAT the Cabinet set a cost limit for the One School Pathfinder of £36 million and that the identified shortfall is made up by the commitment of £1.25 million from the basic school's capital grant in each of the financial years 2009/10 and 2010/11.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	To assist the Council to raise educational standards.  To align with the corporate objective to improve outcomes for children and young people.
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	Options A, C, D and F as set out in the report.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	Cllr Alan Wells declared a personal interest in this item as he had family members involved in education on the Island.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Formation of Education Forum</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	19/08
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	Cllr Wells introduced the report which set out the context for an Education Forum and identified the stakeholders who should be engaged in its development. Cllr Wells proposed an amendment to the report to add a representative of young people to the Forum. The Leader suggested that the Youth Council may wish to be involved.
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>i. THAT Cabinet endorses the principle of the establishment of an Education Forum and adopts the stakeholder membership as outlined in paragraphs 7-10 of the report.</p> <p>ii. THAT the Cabinet accepts that the Island Teacher Council cannot fulfil this wider remit and so formally rescinds the previous commitment to retain this group.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To provide leadership for the development and maintenance of an education vision for the future provision on the Island.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to improve outcomes for children and young people.</p>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	None.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	Cllr Alan Wells declared a personal interest in this item as he had family members involved in education on the Island.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Proposed Land Swap with the Salvation Army to Enable the Construction of a Hostel at Green Street Car Park, Ryde</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	20/08
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Cllr Cousins introduced the report which asked the Cabinet to approve the swap of the frontage of Green Street car park for a similar sized parcel of land adjacent, currently owned by the Salvation Army, to enable the Salvation Army to construct a hostel.</p> <p>There was an amendment to the recommendation to read appendix 3 instead of appendix 6.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	THAT the Cabinet agree Option (i) (as set out in the report) and approve the terms set out in Appendix 3, to enable the land swap with the Salvation Army to proceed, thereby enabling the construction of the hostel.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	To assist the Salvation Army in providing a hostel which will then assist the Housing and Community Support Team to fulfil its statutory housing duties.

	<p>To assist in reducing the Councils significant revenue costs associated with the need to provide housing for homeless individuals.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to improve the health and well being of Island communities.</p>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	Option (ii) the Council refuse the terms set out in Appendix 4.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>IW Economic Strategy 2008 - 2020</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	21/08
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	Cllr Brown introduced the report which provided Members with a new Economic Strategy for the Island for the period 2008-2020 and an action plan to deliver the strategy. The report would be put to the Full Council on 18 June 2008.
<b>Decision taken</b>	THAT Council be recommended to adopt the Economic Strategy as attached to the report and that further work be undertaken to develop an action plan to deliver the strategy.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To ensure the Economic Strategy remains relevant and fit for purpose in delivering the Islands economic objectives.</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>	<p>Option B – undertake further consultation on the Economic Strategy and Action Plan.</p> <p>Option C – Do not adopt a new Economic Strategy.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Community Management and Ownership of Public Assets</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	22/08
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Cllr Brown introduced the report which briefed the Cabinet on Community Management and Ownership of Public Assets and recommended that the Council join the Development Trust Association (DTA).</p> <p>There was an amendment to paragraphs 8.1 and 10 to read DTA instead of LDA.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked a question regarding the Development Trust Association. The Cabinet Member provided a response and offered to discuss the detail with Cllr Lumley outside of the meeting.</p>

<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>THAT</p> <p>i. The DTA be engaged to produce the Community Management and Ownership of Public Assets strategy utilising local skills and knowledge.</p> <p>ii. A press release be prepared explaining the work to be undertaken in the preparation of the Community Management and Ownership of Public Assets Strategy, and how this could benefit community groups.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To support the Council in mitigating against the potential reputational risks associated with the disposal of assets.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to be a high performing cost effective Council.</p>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	<p>Option 2 – to produce the strategy solely in-house.</p> <p>Option 3 – not to produce a strategy.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Financial Management Report for Quarter 4 (to 31 March 2008) Outturn Position for 2007/08</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	23/08
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Cllr Abraham introduced the report which set out the Council's outturn position for both revenue and capital expenditure in 2007/08, an overview of financial performance during 2007/08, and an analysis of the amounts of reserves and balances at 31 March 2008.</p> <p>The report would go to the Scrutiny Committee on 19 June 2008 and Audit Committee on 23 June 2008.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked a question regarding the capacity to deliver the capital budget. The Leader provided a response.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	THAT the Cabinet note the financial information in the report which would be included in the Councils draft Statement of Accounts for approval prior to 30 June 2008.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To monitor the Councils ongoing financial position.</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 declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Finalisation of Communications Contract</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	24/08
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Leader agreed to take this matter as an urgent item as a decision could not await the next meeting of the Cabinet and the negotiations had only been finalised after the despatch of the agenda for this meeting. Cllr Lumley asked a question regarding the urgency of the report. The Leader provided a response.</p> <p>Cllr Brown introduced the report on the final contract arrangements for the communications contract with Westminster City Council.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked a question regarding the role of Scrutiny in the communications contract. The Cabinet Member provided a response.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	THAT the revised proposals (as set out in the report) for the contract specification and costs that have been negotiated with Westminster City Council be approved.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To ensure the service is run using best value for money.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to be a high performing cost effective Council.</p>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	To continue with the existing contract as approved under delegated powers.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Consideration of the Forward Plan</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	25/08
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	Cllr Lumley asked a detailed question in relation to the Constructionline item and the Cabinet Member for Economy, Leisure, Planning and Property agreed to respond to Cllr Lumley outside of the meeting.
<b>Amendments / Additions / Removals</b>	None.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Delegated Decisions</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	26/08
<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>	27/08
<b>Questions</b>	A written question had been received from Cllr Lumley

	regarding Cabinet decision ref 11/08 (MQ 13/08). The Leader provided a response.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.