



# Record of decision

The following decisions were taken on **TUESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2008** by the **CABINET**

**THE CALL PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00PM ON THURSDAY, 11 DECEMBER 2008**

Members of the Cabinet who were present:

Cllrs David Pugh (Chairman), Barry Abraham, George Brown, Dawn Cousins, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Diana Tuson, Alan Wells

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Leader of the Council

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>
<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>63/08</b>
<b>Questions</b>	<p>Mr Burdett of East Cowes asked a question about protection for the Island's marine and river frontages. The Cabinet Member provided a response.</p> <p>Mr Burdett asked a supplementary question about the future of Newport Harbour. The Cabinet Member provided a response.</p> <p>Mrs Jill Wareham of Brighstone asked a question about the reduction in VAT being passed on via car parking charges. The Cabinet Member provided a response.</p>

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Peer Review of the ICT Service</b>
<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>64/08</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Cllr Abraham provided a background explanation for work undertaken to date, which included the results of the recent Peer Review of the service.</p> <p>The proposed action plan for improvement and development of the service was noted.</p>
<b>Decision Taken</b>	TO accept the proposal and the findings of the Peer Review and to adopt and implement the Action Plan for further development of the service.
<b>Reason for the decision</b>	To support the priorities of the Council; to strengthen

<b>and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	and improve project management.  To align with the corporate objective to be a high performing, cost effective Council.
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	Option 2 – not to adopt the action plan.
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Revised 2008/09 Revenue Budget and Capital Programme</b>
<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>65/08</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member asked, and Cabinet agreed, that item 3(c) on the agenda be taken before item 3(b).</p> <p>Cllr Abraham advised the Cabinet that in order to mitigate the impact of the highlighted budget pressures, it would be necessary to revise the programme for the remainder of the financial year.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked a question related to additional savings and variations within Children’s Services. The Cabinet Member provided a response.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked a question relating to deferred schemes particularly bus shelters and loft insulation for the disadvantaged. The Cabinet Member provided a response.</p>
<b>Decision Taken</b>	<p>(a) TO note the Council’s overall financial position.</p> <p>(b) TO agree the revenue variations and revised budgets set out in Appendices 1 and 2 of the report.</p> <p>(c) TO note the overall position on the Capital Programme and consider and agree the capital schemes to be stopped or deferred as set out in Appendix 4 of the report.</p> <p>(d) TO agree the changes to the Strategic Programme as set out in paragraph 22 of the report.</p> <p>(e) TO endorse the need to continue with strict budgetary control.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>In order to achieve the Council’s savings targets and reduce the effect of the recession and budget pressures.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective ‘to be a high performing, cost effective Council’.</p>
<b>Options considered and</b>	None.

rejected	
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Medium Term Budget Strategy and Capital Programme 2009/10 – 2011/12</b>
<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>66/08</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Cllr Abraham provided an update on the Council's Medium-Term Financial Plan (MFTP) and the issues related to the projected resource gap.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked a question about the projected shortfall noted in the report against the amount of planned efficiency savings. The Cabinet Member provided a response.</p>
<b>Decision Taken</b>	<p>(a) TO note the updated Medium-Term Financial Plan and consequent shortfall in resources.</p> <p>(b) TO agree the overall approach to developing the Budget Strategy and Capital Programme for 2009/10 and future years, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To address the impact of the recession and additional budget pressures.</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 Interest</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Access to Council Services</b>
<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>67/08</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	Cllr Abraham proposed that this item be deferred to a future Cabinet meeting.
<b>Decision Taken</b>	TO defer the report.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	To enable further work to be undertaken.
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>14 – 19 Strategy Plan 2009 - 2013</b>
<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>68/08</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	Cllr Wells advised Cabinet that the Plan would support

	<p>the Council’s vision to enable all young people to fulfil their potential and its commitment to improve the standard of education on the Island.</p> <p>An amendment was suggested to include the Isle of Wight College and the Chair of all Secondary School Governors in the representation for the 14-19 Strategic Board. The amended motion was moved.</p>
<b>Decision Taken</b>	<p>TO approve the 14-19 Strategy Plan and its implementation subject to the following amendment on page E-7 of the report:</p> <p>“The 14–19 Strategic Board includes representatives at a senior level from the Local Authority, Local Learning and Skills Council, Chair of the 14-19 Partnership Consortium, the Chair of Governors for all Secondary Schools and the Isle of Wight College, Voluntary Sector, Employer and other partners as appropriate.”</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To enable all young people to develop their talents and fulfil their potential and to raise the standard of education on the Island. To support progression to further education and skilled employment on the Island.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• to drive the sustainable regeneration and development of the Island</li> <li>• to improve outcomes for children and young people.</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	That Cabinet approve the 14– 9 Strategy Plan, subject to amendments prior to implementation.
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Isle of Wight Council Strategic Accommodation Rationalisation</b>
<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>69/08</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	Cllr Brown advised Cabinet of the work undertaken to date, including the Joint Strategic Property Review with the PCT and Police, conducted by Bruton Knowles.
<b>Decision Taken</b>	<p>(a) TO undertake a Strategic Accommodation Rationalisation in conjunction with the emerging Strategic Transformation Programme, as detailed in the report.</p> <p>(b) TO retain County Hall for the long term with a full refurbishment, subject to formal costings being undertaken.</p>

<p><b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b></p>	<p>To support the Council’s strategic outcomes including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Better corporate support to services.</li> <li>• Better service delivery.</li> <li>• Buildings more fit for purpose.</li> <li>• Better work/life balance.</li> <li>• Touch down offices.</li> <li>• Revenue savings.</li> <li>• Capital receipts.</li> <li>• Few business travel miles.</li> <li>• Better Eco Island building credentials.</li> <li>• Lower carbon footprint.</li> <li>• Improved energy performance.</li> </ul> <p>To align with the corporate objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To improve the health and well being of Island communities</li> <li>• To create safer and stronger communities</li> <li>• To be a high performing, cost effective Council.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Options considered and rejected</b></p>	<p>Option (ii) – The HQ building being developed on an alternative site.</p> <p>Option (iii) – The HQ building being acquired from an existing open market development.</p> <p>Option (iv) – Refurbishing County Hall for short term occupation together with the Guildhall, subject to formal costings being undertaken.</p> <p>Option (v) – Refurbishing County Hall for long term occupation together with the Guildhall, subject to formal costings being undertaken.</p> <p>Option (vi) – Retaining County Hall with a short term refurbishment, subject to formal costings being undertaken.</p> <p>Option (viii) – Do nothing and remain as is without any rationalisation programme.</p>
<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p>	<p>None declared.</p>

<p><b>Agenda Item</b></p>	<p><b>Island Plan Core Strategy – Submission Document</b></p>
<p><b>Decision Reference</b></p>	<p><b>70/08</b></p>
<p><b>Summary of Discussion</b></p>	<p>Cllr Brown introduced the report, which set out the criteria for the development of the Island Plan Core Strategy Submission Document. It was envisaged that the Strategy would provide a mechanism for the</p>

	<p>delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy, support Eco Island and support sustainable regeneration for the Island.</p> <p>Cabinet's approval of the Strategy would enable a further 8 week consultation to be undertaken in accordance with Regulation 27 of the Town and Country Planning (Local Development) Regulations (2004) (as amended May 2008).</p>
<b>Decision Taken</b>	<p>TO agree the Island Plan Core Strategy for consultation, and submission, subject to the final wording being delegated to the Head of Planning Services in consultation with the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods and the Cabinet Member for Economy, Leisure, Planning and Property, and to agree that the submission core strategy be used as a material consideration for planning applications with effect from the date of implementation of this decision.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To enable adherence to the previously agreed timetable for submission; to maximise receipt of Planning and Housing Delivery Grant money and to ensure a Core Strategy based on the Eco Island vision and values.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective 'to drive sustainable regeneration and development of the Island'.</p>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	<p>Option 2 – to delay the Core Strategy submission document paper for further consideration.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	<p>Cllr Pugh declared an interest as cyclist and user of the Island's cycle path network.</p>

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Quarterly Performance, Risk and Strategic Programme Management Reports</b>
<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>71/08</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Leader introduced the report, which detailed the Council's performance during the second quarter, ending 30 September 2008.</p> <p>Cabinet was advised of the recent success of the Social Care Service in achieving 3 stars with excellent prospects.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked a question about the targets for service delivery as opposed to the actual number achieved, and a perceived lack of improvement in the affordable housing targets. The Leader provided a response and Cllr Cousins proposed that a report on</p>

	<p>housing and homelessness be submitted to a future Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Cousins, the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Community Wellbeing, proposed that a report on housing and homelessness be submitted to a future Cabinet meeting.</p>
<b>Decision Taken</b>	TO approve the Quarterly report for Performance, Risk and Strategic Programme Management.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	To align with the corporate objective 'to be a high performing, cost effective Council'.
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	None.
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Consideration of the Forward Plan</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>72/08</b>
<b>Questions</b>	Cllr Wells advised that the decision to award the contract for the One School Pathfinder project would not now be taken in January 2009.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Delegated Decisions</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>73/08</b>
<b>Questions</b>	No further delegated decisions had been taken since the Cabinet meeting held on 24 November 2008.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Members Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>74/08</b>
<b>Questions</b>	There were no Member questions.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Exclusion of the Public and Press</b>
<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>75/08</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	Cabinet considered the exclusion of the public and press for agenda item 12 on the grounds that there is likely to be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 5 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.
<b>Decision Taken</b>	TO exclude the public and press from the following item, agenda item 12.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	To prevent disclosure of exempt information.
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	Not to exclude the public and press.

<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None declared.
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<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Change of Procurement Route for the One School Pathfinder</b>
<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>76/08</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Cllr Wells advised the Cabinet that in view of recent changes in case law, it was necessary to review the procurement strategy, as agreed in June 2008.</p> <p>Following the debate and decision, Cabinet Members requested that the report be circulated to all Members the following day and in addition that a media statement be provided. The report would also be added to the Council's website the following day.</p>
<b>Decision Taken</b>	<p>(a) TO abort the current process and start a competitive dialogue process as set out in Appendix A Procedure 3 of the report.</p> <p>(b) TO circulate the report to all Members the following day for information.</p> <p>(c) TO provide a media statement the following day.</p> <p>(d) TO add the report to the Council's website the following day.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To enable further discussion with the contractor about what the Council wants to achieve and to mitigate any risks of legal challenge to the process.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective 'to be a high performing, cost effective Council'.</p>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	Option A – to continue with the existing strategy as set out in Appendix A, Procedure 2 of the report.
<b>Declarations of Interest</b>	None declared.