



Record of decision

THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON MONDAY, 20 APRIL 2009 BY THE CABINET

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON TUESDAY, 28 APRIL 2009

Members of the Cabinet who were present

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

Members also present (non voting)

Cllr Geoff Lumley

Apologies

Cllr Dawn Cousins

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	Minutes of the Last Meeting
Decision reference	35/09
Decision Taken	That the minutes of the meeting held on 31 March 2009 be agreed.
Questions / Amendments	None.

Agenda item	Declarations of Interest
Decision reference	36/09
	Cllr Pugh declared a personal interest in item 5(a) as Shanklin Fire Station was within his electoral ward.

Agenda item	Public Question Time
Decision reference	37/09
Questions	Ms Jacqueline Hawkins of Newport asked a question and a supplementary about the Council's support for the

	<p>Sustainable Communities Act 2007 and the inclusion of town and parish councillors on the proposed panel of local citizens.</p> <p>The Leader provided a response.</p>
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Agenda item	The Sustainable Communities Act and Community Empowerment
Decision reference	38/09
Summary of Discussion	Cabinet considered the Council's approach to the Sustainable Communities Act 2007 together with related guidance, and reviewed the Eco Island action for 2008-2009. It was envisaged that the establishment of a local people's panel would provide opportunities for direct involvement in Council decisions and enable a participatory budget pilot exercise.
Decision taken	<p>(i) THAT Council implement the Sustainable Communities Act, and related legislation, in partnership as appropriate, and bring forward projects under the Council's scheme of delegations and via the ISP Board</p> <p>(ii) THAT Council establish a representative panel, to ensure citizen's voices are heard and may inform service planning and provision. This panel will be recommended to the ISP as a new and important strategic addition to its governance structure</p> <p>(iii) THAT Council, working with partners, establish a Participatory Budgeting pilot to demonstrate the benefits of community-driven spending on local projects.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To comply with Government legislation and guidance and to align with the Council's corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thriving Island • A healthy and supportive Island • A safe and well-kept Island • An inspiring Island
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option B: The Council will not choose to fully implement the Sustainable Community Act, but will still choose to implement elements of the related legislation. This implementation will be in partnership as appropriate and will be brought forward under the Council's scheme of delegations and via the ISP's Board.</p> <p>Option C: The Council will seek to further implement neither</p>

	the Sustainable Community Act, nor related legislation, and therefore will not bring forward community empowerment or regional economic engagement projects or proposals as a result of the legislation.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Corporate Plan 2008-2011
Decision reference	39/09
Summary of Discussion	Cabinet was advised of the need to refresh the Council's Corporate Plan 2008-2011 and review the Council's strategic programme to 2011. The new draft plan incorporated proposals for the Council's contribution to the delivery of the Island Strategic Partnership's Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) Action Plan as well as the Local Area Agreement (LAA).
Decision taken	THAT the refreshed Corporate Plan 2008-2011 be adopted.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To ensure that the Council's priorities and objectives are delivered; to contribute to the SCS and the LAA and to align with the corporate themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thriving Island • A healthy and supportive Island • A safe and well-kept Island • An inspiring Island
Options considered and rejected	Option B: Not to recommend the adoption of the refreshed Corporate Plan.
Declarations of Interests	None.

Agenda item	Model for Change Project
Decision reference	40/09
Summary of Discussion	Cabinet considered the proposed model for restructuring and modernising the Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (IWFRS). It was noted that following the Full Council decision in 2007 to retain an Island service, a review of all resources and extensive consultation had been undertaken. An amended proposal was circulated, moved and seconded, which took account of concerns around

	<p>Yarmouth Bridge and the proposed closure of Shanklin Fire Station.</p> <p>During the debate Cabinet noted two points of clarification: that the delivery of the project would not be affected if the capital receipt figure shown in the report for the sale of Shanklin fire station was not received. It was also noted that work around the risks of access when Yarmouth Bridge is closed had already been undertaken, however that the means by which this risk will be managed could be made more explicit during the consultation process.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked for further detail about the proposed use of St George's Park and the Cabinet Member provided a response.</p>
<p>Decision taken</p>	<p>(i) THAT the IWFRS continues to modernise in line with the recommendations from the model for change project board, subject to the following;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">a. THAT Shanklin Fire Station remains open as an RDS 1 Pump Station.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">b. THAT the forthcoming consultation process takes into account the potential for an increased risk profile if Yarmouth Bridge is closed, when considering the future of Yarmouth Station.</p> <p>(ii) THAT a consultation on the revised proposals be undertaken, with the results being presented to Cabinet in September 2009.</p> <p>(iii) THAT the consultation process commences no earlier than July 2009.</p> <p>(iv) THAT prior to the consultation process commencing, officers will undertake additional work to take into account the capital and revenue implications of these revised proposals.</p>
<p>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</p>	<p>To progress the modernisation of the IWFRS and to align with the corporate theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe and well-kept Island
<p>Options considered and rejected</p>	<p>Option A: Maintain current arrangements with no change.</p> <p>Option B: Merge with another fire and rescue service.</p>

Declarations of Interests	Cllr Pugh declared a personal interest as Shanklin Fire Station was within his electoral ward.
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Agenda item	Ensuring the Environment for A Thriving Third Sector on the Isle of Wight
Decision reference	41/09
Summary of Discussion	Cabinet considered a proposed strategy to improve the potential value of voluntary, community and not-for-profit organisations on the Isle of Wight. It was envisaged that the proposed strategy would encourage and ensure that the Council and the Third Sector worked together effectively to fund and deliver local services.
Decision taken	THAT the strategy for ensuring the environment for a thriving third sector on the Isle of Wight be adopted.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To support and lead the Eco Island sustainable community strategy and provide governance for the delivery of a number of corporate objectives and to align with the corporate themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thriving Island • A healthy and supportive Island • A safe and well-kept Island • An inspiring Island
Options considered and rejected	Option 2: Not to adopt the strategy.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Community Asset Transfer Policy
Decision reference	42/09
Summary of Discussion	Cabinet reviewed the draft Community Asset Transfer Policy, which was aimed at providing a consistent approach for the transfer of public assets to third sector organisations. The policy had been developed following investigation into financial viability and a sound business case.
Decision taken	THAT the Community Asset Transfer Policy be approved.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To provide a consistent approach for the future and to encourage and enable the third sector to consider ownership and management of public assets and to align with the corporate themes:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thriving Island • A healthy and supportive Island • A safe and well-kept Island • An inspiring Island
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option (ii): To re-write the policy in the event that the current draft is unacceptable.</p> <p>Option (iii): Not to approve the policy and maintain the status quo with Community Asset Transfers being undertaken on an ad hoc basis.</p>
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Isle of Wight Council Strategic Asset Management Plan 2009
Decision reference	43/09
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet Member proposed that the report be withdrawn to be aligned with recent Cabinet decisions. The proposal was seconded and following the vote was carried.
Decision taken	None.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	
Options considered and rejected	
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Safeguarding Pilot Inspection
Decision reference	44/09
Summary of Discussion	<p>Cabinet was advised of the Ofsted response following the safeguarding pilot inspection undertaken in March 2009. Members considered the proposed action plan, which was aimed at improving and strengthening the Council's compliance in its statutory duties, and ensuring that the Island's children and young people live in a safe and positive environment.</p> <p>An amended recommendation was proposed, incorporating recommendations from the Scrutiny Committee following</p>

	<p>the meeting held on 16 April 2009.</p> <p>Cabinet noted that the actions detailed in the Action List, Appendix B of the report, with a date prior to 20 April 2009 had been completed.</p>
Decision taken	<p>(i) THAT the recommendations from the Ofsted safeguarding pilot inspection, in Appendix A, be noted and officers be authorised to implement the action plan as set out in Appendix B.</p> <p>(ii) THAT the Director of Children and Young People and the Lead Member for Children and Young People consider the frequency of progress reports and that the first such progress report on the Action Plan be submitted to the first Cabinet and first Scrutiny Committee meeting of the next Council term.</p> <p>(iii) THAT appropriate training be offered to Members of the Local Safeguarding Children Board on their role and responsibilities to ensure more robust governance arrangements.</p> <p>(iv) THAT officers investigate ways for the Children Services Directorate and the Local Safeguarding Children Board to have a more open and transparent culture.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To support immediate and effective action to address the issues regarding the safeguarding of children and young people and to align with the 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 B: Note the recommendations from the safeguarding pilot inspection, as set out in Appendix A, and authorise officers to carry out further work on the action plan, as defined in Appendix B, and to re-submit the action plan for delegated decision approval by the Lead Member for Children and Young People by 30 April 2009. The Director of Children and Young People and Lead Member for Children and Young People to consider the frequency of progress report.</p>
Declarations of Interests	<p>None declared.</p>

Agenda item	Consideration of the Forward Plan
Decision reference	45/09
Amendments /	No amendments received.

Additions / Removals	
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Delegated Decisions
Decision reference	46/09
Questions	No questions received.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Members Question Time
Decision reference	47/09
Questions	No questions received.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.