



Record of decision

THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, 21 JUNE 2011 BY THE CABINET IN COMMITTEE ROOM ONE

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 30 JUNE 2011

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs David Pugh (Chair), Barry Abraham, George Brown, Dawn Cousins, Edward Giles, Roger Mazillius

Apologies

None

Other Members also present (non-voting)

Cllrs Tim Hunter Henderson (Cabinet Secretary), Ian Stephens, Wayne Whittle

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

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| Agenda item | <u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> |
| Decision reference | 01(11/12) |
| Decision Taken | THAT the minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday, <u>10 May 2011</u> be agreed |
| Questions / Amendments | None |

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| Agenda item | <u>Declarations of Interest</u> |
| Decision reference | 02 (11/12) |
| | <p>Cllr Edward Giles declared a personal interest in decision reference 08 (11/12) as he was the councils nominated Director on Island Waste Services Limited.</p> <p>Cllr Barry Abraham declared a personal interest in decision reference 05 (11/12) as he was a member of the Wootton Youth Centre Management Committee.</p> |

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| | Cllr George Brown declared a personal interest in decision reference 05 (11/12), as he was a trustee of the Island Youth Water Activities Centre (IOW) Ltd (IWAC) in Cowes. |
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| Agenda item | <u>Public Question Time</u> |
| Decision reference | 03 (11/12) |
| Questions | <p>There were no written questions received.</p> <p>Mr Adrian Nichols, an Island Resident, asked an oral question on whether the Cabinet Member for Fire, Culture and Resident's Services had met with Fire Brigade Union (FBU) officials to discuss the decision to transfer Fire Control to Surrey.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member responded by stating that he had not met with officials as the matters they wished to discuss were management issues, but reiterated that the FBU had been fully consulted with. It was also noted that the petition of 1,100 plus signatures had been taken into account before the final decision was made.</p> <p>An oral question was asked by Mr Simon Haytor from Whitwell on how the proposals for the Islands Youth Services would affect the opinion of the Islands young people towards the council. The Leader responded by stating that young people's views on the council and the services which it provided them with were varied and represented a broad range of political views. The Cabinet Member for Fire, Culture and Resident's Services also responded by stating that the proposals were about meeting young peoples needs and that the Islands Youth Council had been fully consulted with and had since contributed its own views.</p> <p>Mr Steve Goodman, an Island Resident, asked an oral question as to when the FBU had been consulted on the issues of transferring Fire Control to Surrey. The Cabinet Member responded by stating that the FBU had been consulted thoroughly throughout the process.</p> <p>Mr Goodman asked a supplementary question on the legality of the tender process for the moving of the fire control that had been adopted. The Leader responded by stating that the approach made by the council was lawful.</p> <p>An oral question was asked by Ms Tanya Rebel, an Island Resident, with regard to the issues of traffic congestion in Newport town centre. The Cabinet Member responded by referring to the answer given to the same question at the previous meeting as well as highlighting the recent Local Transport Plan which was approved at Cabinet on 10 May 2011 and Full Council on 15 June 2011.</p> |
| Declarations of Interest | None declared |

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| Agenda item | <u>Financial Management Report for Quarter 4 (To 31 March 2011) – Outturn Position for 2010-11</u> |
| Decision reference | 04 (11/12) |
| Summary of discussion | <p>The Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources presented a report to the Cabinet on the Council's financial position and the revenue budget and capital programme performance as at the end of the financial year 2011/12.</p> <p>The control measures to help offset the identified budget pressures were highlighted and included the establishment of an Authorisation Panel to control recruitment costs and a procurement / contract review and moratorium on non-essential supplies and services.</p> <p>It was also noted that that after applying the year end carryovers to allow maximum flexibility in 2011/12 for the delivery of the Council's strategic priorities and budget savings strategy, the overall net expenditure was £787,000 lower than anticipated in the revised budget. Members were happy to note that the good management and cooperation of staff had led to the encouraging results and that council staff that had faced a difficult year with reductions in capacity should be commended.</p> |
| Issues Raised by Other Members | None raised |
| Action taken | Option a) – THAT the contents of the report be noted, in particular the in-year performance of the Council, the carryover arrangements for underspends and grants into 2011/12 to support corporate priorities and delivery of the savings strategy, and the amount of reserves and balances available at 31 March 2011. |
| Reason for noting | To assist in supporting the delivery of the Council's corporate priorities and strategic priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan. |
| Options considered and rejected | Option (b) – To note the contents of the report and make alternative arrangements for the carryover of underspends and grants into 2011/12. |
| Declarations of Interests | None declared |

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| Agenda item | <u>The Future of the Youth Service</u> |
| Decision reference | 05 (11/12) |
| Summary of Discussion | <p>Cabinet was presented with a report which set out proposals to develop a new and efficient youth service, which more young people in the appropriate age group wished to use.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member advised that the proposals would seek to address issues around the provision of youth services on the Island and identify why some areas were not utilised as efficiently and effectively as they could be. The buildings used would also be looked at, although it was noted that the service needed to focus</p> |

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| | <p>more on how it engaged with users as well as providing a range of activities that suited them and not on actual buildings.</p> <p>It was noted that the Islands youth service workforce was dedicated to their profession. However, there was a need to analyse what young people on the Island wanted from the service.</p> <p>The council would look to focus on the statutory area of providing services (as far as is reasonably practicable) for the 13 -19 year olds as well as 19 - 24 year old for those with a learning disability, who needed more specific services.</p> <p>Members were reminded that as well as providing a revised service that would help address the need of users, there was also a requirement to deliver the savings target of £128,000 as set out in the 2009/10 budget approved by Full Council on 25 February 2009.</p> <p>A small amendment to the recommendation was noted which referred to the period of representations running from the date of the decision and clarifying that the final decision would be made via delegated powers.</p> |
| Issues Raised by Other Members | Members were advised that the needs of all areas on the Island would be identified and addressed accordingly and that a transitional approach to changes would be adopted. |
| Decision taken | Option A - THAT a period for representations on the proposed changes, to run from the date of this Cabinet decision being implemented until 30 September 2011 and with a view to a final decision being made in October 2011, by Cabinet Member decision which takes into account all comments received, be agreed |
| Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with | <p>To be able to help the Isle of Wight Council to meet the following corporate objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Delivering Better Services through the Council business transformation programme; • The 'Inspiring Island' theme of the Sustainable Community Strategy "<i>Eco Island</i>" and the Council's <i>Corporate Plan</i>; • To contribute to the delivery of the key elements in the medium term financial strategy set out in the <i>Isle of Wight Council Corporate Plan 2009 – 2013</i>. |
| Options considered and rejected | <p>Option B – Not to agree to the period for representations.</p> <p>Option C - To agree to keep the current arrangements, with no changes and with alternative ways suggested to make the necessary budget savings.</p> |
| Declarations of Interests | None declared |

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| Agenda item | <u>Schools Performance</u> |
| Decision reference | 06 (11/12) |
| Summary of Discussion | <p>The Cabinet Member presented a report which was for information only, since it reflected the academic year 2009 -10. The outcomes would be used to inform the business planning cycle and key priorities for schools and learning for the year 2011-12.</p> <p>Whilst there were encouraging improvements around the areas of Early Years Foundation Stage outcomes, Key Stage (KS) 1 and the performance of pupils with Special Educational Needs (SEN) in KS2 (compared with those that were not SEN), improvements in KS2 in English and Maths needed to be addressed in order to maximise opportunities in later life where such skills and qualifications were a necessary requirement.</p> |
| Issues Raised by Other Members | No issues were raised by other members. |
| Decision taken | THAT Cabinet accepted the report on educational achievement for Children and Young People for the academic year 2009/2010. |
| Declarations of Interests | None declared. |

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| Agenda item | <u>Exclusions From Schools Update</u> |
| Decision reference | 07 (11/12) |
| Summary of Discussion | <p>The Cabinet Member presented a report which provided an update on the current position regarding exclusions and the actions being taken to maintain or further reduce the numbers.</p> <p>Some of the actions outlined in the report included the continued sharing, monitoring and discussion of exclusion data with schools with the highest levels of exclusions in the critical years, promote partnership working amongst the new secondary providers as well as working with the police, to develop support programmes for schools with issues of anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>It was noted that whilst a balance was needed to be struck with how disruptive pupils were treated, those children who did wish to learn should not be hindered in any way.</p> <p>Members were advised that the majority of disruptive pupils were of the 14 -16 age group and that the focus of any strategy would be on this area.</p> |
| Issues Raised by Other Members | None were raised. |
| Decision taken | Option 1 – THAT the actions outlined in report be approved and exclusions are continued to be monitored. |

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| Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with | <p>To assist in the reduction of the NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) figures for the Island as well as help evaluate the effectiveness of provision and resource deployment for those with special educational needs and disability (SEND).</p> <p>To align with the following corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An inspiring Island • A healthy and supportive Island |
| Options considered and rejected | Option 2 – To recommend alternative actions |
| Declarations of Interests | None declared |

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| Agenda item | <u>Household Waste Collection Arrangements</u> |
| Decision reference | 08 (11/12) |
| Summary of Discussion | <p>The Cabinet Member presented a report which detailed the proposed implementation of revised waste collection and disposal arrangements intended to increase the amount of waste recycled and reduce the cost of landfill.</p> <p>It was noted that the outcomes of the public consultation on the issue formed part of the report.</p> <p>Members were asked to note that the report and proposals were in line with the recently announced Government Waste Strategy.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member advised that under the new proposals, food waste would continue to be collected weekly with two containers provided, one for indoors and a larger one for outdoors ready for collection. Recyclable waste would be collected fortnightly, for which a wheelie bin or clear plastic sacks would be provided. Non recyclable waste would also be collected fortnightly but on alternate weeks to recyclable waste. Garden waste would continue to be collected fortnightly on a paid for basis by the householder to the contractor.</p> <p>It was noted that clear plastic sacks would be provided to residents whose property was not deemed suitable for wheelie bins.</p> <p>It was noted that an amendment would be made to the recommendation in order to take into account the provision of wheelie bins where appropriate as well as clarifying the responsibility of any further decision around additional adjustments or detailed arrangements.</p> <p>Members were advised that the Isle of Wight Council would seek to minimise any disruption to residents and that the number of receptacles required would be three.</p> |

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| <p>Issues Raised by Other Members</p> | <p>Members were advised that residents who live in blocks of flats would be able to use the recyclable food waste bins as both were of a manageable size and that clear sacks would be used if wheelie bins were not appropriate.</p> <p>It was noted that the proposals, if adopted, would help with the rationalisation of council financial resources and assist in keeping the cost of council tax bills down.</p> |
| <p>Decision taken</p> | <p>THAT Option 2 be adopted, namely:</p> <p>1. THAT the waste collection arrangements are changed with effect from 1 February 2012 to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase the types of waste that residents can recycle from the current arrangement of glass bottles and jars, some types of papers and textiles to glass bottles and jars, all paper, all plastics, cardboard and metals. • Provide wheelie bins to residents for recycling, or sacks were wheelie bins are not appropriate which will be collected fortnightly reflecting the current collection arrangements for the black box scheme. Residents will continue to provide their own sacks and bins for non recyclable waste which will also be collected fortnightly. • Provide weekly collection of food waste, with provision of two caddies per household – one for the kitchen and one to leave out for collection. • Introduce a commercially operated garden waste collection service where residents can pay the contractor an annual subscription for a fortnightly collection of biodegradable garden waste for composting in wheeled bins. • That any further adjustments or detailed arrangements required are delegated to the Strategic Director for the Economy and Environment in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member. |
| <p>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</p> | <p>To reduce the impact of waste disposal on the environment as well as reduce costs.</p> <p>To align with the following 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 |

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| Options considered and rejected | Option 1 – That no change is made to the current household waste collection arrangements |
| Declarations of Interests | None declared |

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| Agenda item | <u>Fire Control Centre - Consideration By Cabinet Of Motion To Full Council</u> |
| Decision reference | 09 (11/12) |
| Summary of Discussion | <p>The Leader advised that he had agreed, in accordance with the legislation, that this item could be considered at this meeting as: the papers for this Cabinet meeting had been sent out before the last Council meeting of Wednesday, 15 June 2011 (at which the item had been moved) and that the next Cabinet meeting would be held after the next meeting of Council therefore including this item for this meeting would save resources by avoiding an additional meeting for one item.</p> <p>The Cabinet member presented a report which provided members with the implications of the following motion to Full Council on Wednesday, 15 June 2011 in relation to fire control:</p> <p>“Council resolves, in the light of increasing public concern, to recommend to the Cabinet that they reverse the 2011 Budget decision and subsequent delegated decision (15/11) to transfer the Isle of Wight Fire Control service to Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, with the loss of savings for this year of £125k to be drawn from General Reserves. Further it recommends to Cabinet that any future alternative provision of this service must be Island based and preferably based on a shared emergency services approach.”</p> <p>It was reiterated that savings included in the budget for the proposed merger of fire control were £125,000 in 2011/12 and £250,000 in 2012/13 and thereafter. Should the merger not proceed then such savings would not be realised. It was also noted that a further £145,000 of revenue funds would need to be identified in order to cover anticipated software charges and staff salary costs as well approximately £200,000 capital expenditure for retaining and maintaining a solely island based fire control centre. £40,000 of capital would also need to be required urgently to replace station end equipment.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member was confident that concerns around local knowledge being required to direct fire crews to an incident were unfounded and provided no additional risk. Fire Centre staff would all be trained accordingly and Firefighters themselves would have all the local knowledge required.</p> |
| Issues Raised by Other Members | The Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee stated that he had added his name to the Full Council motion in the interests of |

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| | <p>fair debate following concerns from the FBU and some Island residents</p> <p>It was noted that all the implications of the merger with Surrey as well as informing the public about the service going off Island had been made public prior to the meeting of Council in February 2011. Merging with other services on the Island had also been looked at but was not viable due to some significant different needs between the various emergency services.</p> |
| Decision taken | <p>THAT the following be agreed.</p> <p>Option i) – To recommend to Council to vote against the motion to recommend Cabinet to reverse the decision to merge fire control with Surrey and therefore to affirm the Cabinet decision to merge fire control with Surrey and furthermore that the report to the cabinet of Tuesday 21 June 2011 and the delegated decision (of 3 May 2011) previously considered be included in the papers for the council meeting to which this recommendation returns.</p> |
| Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with | <p>To provide a response to the motion to Full Council of 15 June 2011 in relation to fire control:</p> <p>To provide a more resilient and technologically advanced Fire control and therefore allow faster location of incidents, better command and control, and improve the response times to incidents.</p> <p>To align with the following 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 ii) - To vote for the motion to recommend cabinet to reverse the decision to merge fire control with Surrey and to take £125k from general reserves.</p> <p>Option iii) - To vote for an amended motion.</p> |
| Declarations of Interests | None declared |

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| Agenda items | <u>Consideration of the Forward Plan</u> |
| Decision reference | 10 (11/12) |
| Amendments / Additions / Removals | <p>Members reviewed the latest published Forward Plan of key decisions. No issues were raised</p> <p>The next edition of the Forward Plan would be published on Monday, 18 July 2011.</p> |
| Declarations of Interests | None declared |

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| Agenda items | <u>Delegated Decisions</u> |
| Decision reference | 11 (11/12) |
| Summary of Discussion | Members reviewed the Cabinet decisions taken by Cabinet Member delegated powers since the last Cabinet meeting on 10 May 2011. No issues were raised |
| Declarations of Interests | None received |

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| Agenda items | <u>Members' Question Time</u> |
| Decision reference | 12 (11/12) |
| Questions | A written question was received from Cllr Jonathan Bacon on the Youth Services Proposals. The Cabinet Member provided a response. (<u>MQ 9/11</u>) |