



# Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, 28 JULY 2009 BY THE CABINET**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, 5 AUGUST 2009**

Members of the Cabinet who were present

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

Members also present (non voting)

Cllrs Jonathan Bacon, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Julie Jones-Evans, David Whitaker

Apologies

Cllr Barry Abraham

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

**Leader of the Council**

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Minutes of the Last Meeting</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>10/09</b>
<b>Decision Taken</b>	That the minutes of the meeting held on <a href="#">7 July 2009</a> be agreed.
<b>Questions / Amendments</b>	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Declarations of Interest</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>11/09</b>
	Cllr Giles stated that following advice received that was no need to declare any personal or prejudicial interest in item 5 (a), he would leave the room for this item owing to previous involvement with the Newport (IW) and District Community Association.  Cllr Pugh declared a personal interest in item 6 (a) as he

	had used Shanklin Theatre on past occasions as a musician.
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>12/09</b>
<b>Questions</b>	<p>Ms Flora Harbidge representing Newport (IW) and District Community Association as the Liaison Officer and Treasurer asked two written questions (PQ 16/09) on the Potential Disposal of Charter House, St Thomas's Square, Newport. The Leader provided a response</p> <p>Mr Tim Wakeley of Ryde asked an oral question on the future of the Island's Theatres. The Cabinet Member would provide a written response.</p> <p>Mr Tim Wakeley of Ryde asked an oral question on the Isle of Wight Proposal to Reorganise the Youth Connexions Services. The Leader provided a response</p> <p>Mrs Stephanie Welch asked an oral question on the future of Island Theatres. The Leader provided a response.</p>

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>The Isle of Wight Proposal to Reorganise Youth Connexions Services</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>13/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Cabinet considered the future approach for the consultation process on the reorganisation of youth connexions services on the Isle of Wight.</p> <p>Key points were outlined which included the need to provide more flexibility within the services to young people and look at the possibility, through consultation, of utilising more schools buildings following the conclusion of the schools reorganisation.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>(i) THAT the proposals for public consultation be approved.</p> <p>(ii) THAT the Director of Children's Services be authorised to begin the public consultation on the reorganisation of youth connexions services on the Isle of Wight based upon these proposals</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	To contribute to the improvement in outcomes for the Islands children and young people and to the delivery of the council's medium term financial strategy.

	To align with the council's corporate themes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A healthy and supportive Island</li> <li>• A safe and well-kept Island</li> <li>• An inspiring Island</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	Option (b) - To reject the proposals for public consultation.  Option (c) - To request amendments to the proposals before public consultation.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Potential Disposal of Charter House, St Thomas's Square, Newport</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>14/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>Cabinet considered the options of the landmark building situated in a prominent position within the town. The Cabinet were advised that a number of expressions of interest, and an unsolicited offer, for the property had been received.</p> <p>Despite the building undergoing some recent limited refurbishment of the first and second floor, further modernisation was still required.</p> <p>The Cabinet also considered the inclusion of an additional option that the building be offered for disposal (leasehold) under the principles of Community Asset Transfer (CAT).</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>(i) THAT the property be offered for sale with vacant possession on the open market to ascertain whether a higher offer can be achieved.</p> <p>(ii) THAT the property be put on the open market to lease.</p> <p>(iii) THAT the building be offered for disposal leasehold) under the principles of Community Asset Transfer (CAT).</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To meet a number of Eco Island themes and priorities, together with the One Island themes and priorities as well as aligning with the corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Thriving Island</li> <li>• A Healthy and Supportive Island</li> <li>• A Safe and Well Kept Island</li> <li>• An inspiring Island</li> <li>• A modern Council</li> </ul>

<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	<p>Option (i) - Accept the offer as detailed in Appendix C</p> <p>Option (iii) - Retain and fully utilise the building for the Isle of Wight Council and Newport (IW) and District Community Association.</p> <p>Option (iv) - Negotiate terms to lease the building to the Church.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Isle of Wight Council Strategic Asset Management Plan 2009</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>15/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Cabinet was advised of the need to maximise the utilisation of assets in terms of service benefits and financial returns for the council. It was also noted that the Strategic Asset Management Plan was an active document that would be updated on an annual basis. The Cabinet Member requested that it be noted that some property had been inherited from previous administrations</p> <p>The Cabinet also noted that the item had been withdrawn from a previous Cabinet meeting in April 2009 and thus removed from the Forward Plan.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	Option (i) - THAT the Strategic Asset Management Plan 2009 as per <a href="#">Appendix 1</a> of the report be approved.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To link with Council's strategic objectives, as most services deliver a large part of their service from the Council's property portfolio.</p> <p>To align with the corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thriving Island</li> <li>• A healthy and supportive Island</li> <li>• A safe and well kept Island</li> <li>• An inspiring Island</li> <li>• A modern council</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	<p>Option (ii) - Delay approval of the Strategic Asset Management Plan (SAMP) until all background data has been collected, all service property reviews have been undertaken and analysed and the SAMP re-written to reflect these.</p> <p>Option (iii) - Do nothing and retain the 2006 SAMP.</p>
<b>Declarations of</b>	None declared

<b>Interests</b>	
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>The Future of the Council's Theatres</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>16/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Cabinet was advised that the report did not propose a final decision on the future of the theatres in question, but a recommendation to ensure that offers that have been received for them and subsequent negotiations are properly scrutinised and evaluated in order to ensure that the council receives best value for money.</p> <p>The Leader advised that the final decision on the future of both Ryde and Shanklin Theatre's would be taken by Cabinet at a later date.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	<p>(i) THAT The Council identifies a preferred and secondary bidder for each theatre on the basis of the proposals that offer the best value to it and are consistent with its aspiration that the theatres should be operated, 'at no cost to the Council'.</p> <p>(ii) THAT The Council enters into negotiation with the preferred bidder for each theatre to confirm the final terms for the transfer of the theatre to it. Where such terms can not be agreed then the Council will enter into negotiations with the secondary bidder.</p> <p>(iii) THAT The Cabinet Member for Economy, Tourism, Planning and also the Cabinet Member for Resources be authorised to take any relevant decisions on behalf of the Cabinet in respect of any negotiations; the Cabinet will confirm the terms of any proposed transfer.</p>
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>The provision of arts and entertainment activities in theatres is currently part of the council range of cultural and leisure provision.</p> <p>To ensure that arts and entertainment activities in theatres are continued to support the council's wider aspirations for community access to the theatres.</p> <p>To align with the corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thriving Island</li> <li>• A healthy and supportive Island</li> <li>• A safe and well-kept Island</li> <li>• An inspiring Island</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered</b>	Option 4 - The Council closes Ryde theatre.

<b>and rejected</b>	<p>Option 5 - The Council closes Shanklin theatre.</p> <p>Option 6 - The Council continues to fund and operate Ryde theatre.</p> <p>Option 7- The Council continues to fund and operate Shanklin theatre.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Agreement for the use of Seaclose Park as part of the Isle of Wight Festival site.</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>17/09</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Cabinet Member advised that the IW Festival had made a significant contribution to the Island's economy. Following discussions with the festival's promoter it was suggested that the previous ten year agreement ratified in 2003 be replaced by a new ten year agreement.</p> <p>The risk and responsibility for reinstating the site following the festival would be the responsibility of the promoter who would pay sufficient site fee to cover any additional costs to the Council that may arise from the event.</p> <p>Councillor Churchman raised concerns over adherence to the period of hire stated within the contract and was advised that the build up and break down of the festival would continue to comply with the terms of the agreement.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	THAT the Council enters into a new ten year agreement on the terms set out in <a href="#">Appendix 1</a> of the report.
<b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	<p>To support the joint priority of the Island Strategic Partnership and the Council for a thriving Island.</p> <p>Specifically to contribute to the shared objective to, "support economic development and regeneration, enabling everyone to share in the Island's economic success, by increasing the skills of the whole community".</p> <p>To align with the corporate themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A thriving Island</li> <li>• A healthy and supportive Island</li> <li>• A safe and well-kept Island</li> <li>• An inspiring Island</li> </ul>
<b>Options considered</b>	Option (a) - To continue with the existing agreement and

<b>and rejected</b>	<p>seek to enforce the terms and conditions of it.</p> <p>Option (c) - To vary the existing agreement for the remainder of its term such that it encompasses the terms as set out in Appendix 1</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None received

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Consideration of the Forward Plan</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>18/09</b>
<b>Amendments / Additions / Removals</b>	<p>Members reviewed the Forward Plan and were advised that an additional meeting of the Cabinet on Tuesday, 11 August 2009 would take place in order to deal specifically with the Highways Private Finance Initiative (PFI) project.</p> <p>The Leader advised that the Carer's Strategy, listed as a Delegated Decision on the Forward Plan, would now be taken to the Cabinet meeting on Tuesday, 1 September 2009.</p> <p>The Leader also advised that a provisional date had been set for Tuesday, 29 September 2009 for the Decision on the Implementation of Statutory Notices for School Organisation and the Decision on the Contract Award from the Schools Competition. It was noted that an opportunity for Full Council to be involved in both items would be identified as soon as possible.</p>
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Delegated Decisions</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>19/09</b>
<b>Questions</b>	No questions received.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Members Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	<b>2009</b>
<b>Questions</b>	<p>A written question (MQ 10/09) and a supplementary question were put by Cllr Jonathan Bacon on current consultation meetings over the school's statutory notices.</p> <p>The Leader provided a response.</p>

<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared
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