

# Record of decision

**The following decisions were taken on TUESDAY, 3 JUNE 2008 by the CABINET**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 12 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 Wendy Arnold, George Cameron, Mike Cunningham, Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, Charlie Hancock, Geoff Lumley, Muriel Miller, Erica Oulton, David Whittaker, David Williams and Jilly Wood

Apologies

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>	09/08
<b>Decision Taken</b>	The minutes of the meeting held on <a href="#">13 May 2008</a> were agreed.
<b>Questions/ Amendments</b>	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>Public Question Time</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	10/08
<b>Questions</b>	<p>Mr and Mrs Field submitted a written question regarding school reorganisation in the East Cowes area. The Leader provided a response (PQ 34/08).</p> <p>Ms Russell submitted a written question regarding school reorganisation and the Whippingham Primary building. The Leader provided a response (PQ 35/08)</p> <p>Mrs A Bache submitted a written question regarding school reorganisation in the East Cowes area. The Leader provided a response (PQ 36/08)</p> <p>Mrs Bache asked a supplemental question about class sizes.</p>

	<p>The Leader provided a response.</p> <p>Mrs Eade submitted a written question regarding school reorganisation and secondary school size. The Leader provided a response (PQ 37/08).</p> <p>Mr Eade submitted a written question regarding school reorganisation in the East Cowes area. The Leader provided a response (PQ 38/08).</p> <p>Mr Miller submitted a written question regarding school reorganisation and the phasing of changes. The Leader provided a response (PQ 39/08).</p> <p>Mr Miller asked a supplementary question about school reorganisation and the consultation arrangements. The Leader provided a response.</p> <p>Mr Bacon submitted a written question on behalf of St Helens Parents, Children's and Community Association (PCCA) regarding school reorganisation in St Helens. The Leader provided a response (PQ 40/08).</p> <p>Ms Diamond submitted a written question regarding school reorganisation in St Helens. The Leader provided a response (PQ 41/08).</p> <p>Mrs Farnsworth submitted a written question regarding school reorganisation in St Helens. The Leader provided a response (PQ 42/08).</p> <p>Ms Lisa Dyer submitted a written question regarding school reorganisation in St Helens. The Leader provided a response (PQ 43/08).</p> <p>Ms Annabelle Dyer submitted a written question regarding school reorganisation and the proposed closure of St Helens Primary. The Leader provided a response (PQ 44/08).</p>
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<b>Agenda item</b>	<b>School Organisation : Formal Consultation</b>
<b>Decision reference</b>	11/08
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The report was introduced by the Leader who went through the salient points of the report and explained the 13 recommendations. One amendment was proposed to the final recommendation in the report at paragraph 56 to add the words 'and Appendix 3' after 'Appendix 2'.</p> <p>The Leader reinforced that the proposals contained within the report were still subject to formal consultation on a school by school basis.</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Lumley asked questions regarding the commitment to community use of primary school sites where the schools</p>

	<p>were to move site, potential job losses for teachers in the middle school sector, continuity of education provision on the Downside school site, Sandown High school and its Ofsted result, national standards at GCSE and the decision regarding application for waivers at Sandown and Medina High schools, the consequences of proposers not meeting the specification and assurances about ring fencing capital receipts. The Leader provided responses.</p>
<p><b>Decision taken</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i) THAT 'significant enlargement' is used as appropriate within the primary sector to secure continuity where possible (paragraph 11 above). This means of the proposed 38 primary schools 24 will be on their current sites with 7 being on middle schools sites, making 31 eligible for 'significant enlargement'.</li> <li>ii) THAT the proposals in paragraphs 14-17 are adopted for consultation.</li> <li>iii) THAT in the central rural area the amalgamation is supported by application for a waiver (see paragraph 20 above) using the strength of Godshill as a good school with outstanding features (paragraph 18).</li> <li>iv) THAT in the West Wight area a new community primary school is established by competition with Weston Primary being closed (paragraph 19).</li> <li>v) THAT in the Cowes area Northwood is retained as 1FE, with Cowes and Love Lane (at the Somerton site) as 2 FE and Gurnard as 1FE on the Solent site (paragraph 20 above).</li> <li>vi) THAT in the East Cowes area an amalgamation is proposed rather than the expansion of East Cowes Primary. A waiver (see paragraph 22 above) is to be sought by the Authority (paragraph 21 above).</li> <li>vii) THAT where community primary schools are subject to amalgamation a waiver should be sought and that where the Governing Body agrees these new schools should be Foundation Schools (paragraph 22 above). This affects 5 current community schools which will become 2 new schools.</li> <li>viii) THAT where voluntary schools are proposed to be amalgamated the Diocese(s), with the support of the Authority, seeks to work with the relevant governing bodies to prepare a case for waiver (paragraph 22 above). This affects 7 voluntary schools which will become 3 schools.</li> <li>ix) THAT waivers should not be sought for the new secondary schools (paragraph 23 above).</li> </ul>

	<p>x) THAT the Authority should not seek to be a ‘proposer’ for the new secondary schools (paragraph 24 above).</p> <p>xi) THAT where a school is to be discontinued in a community with numbers of children that would make pre-school provision viable (e.g. St Helen’s, Yarmouth and Lower Ventnor) that officers bring forward plans for extended service provision linked to these pre-schools (paragraph 25).</p> <p>xii) THAT officers are authorised to explore the costs associated with the use of ‘Yellow’ buses for school transport (paragraph 26).</p> <p>xiii) THAT Appendix 2 and 3 are adopted as the outline submission for the Primary Capital programme and that the Director for Children and Young People be authorised (in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member) to approve the detailed final submission.</p>
<p><b>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b></p>	<p>To assist in the delivery of the Council’s recommendation that the future school organisation on the Island should be a primary / secondary model with the following predominant age ranges:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) 4-11 primary schools;</li> <li>b) 11-19 secondary schools.</li> </ul> <p>To align with the corporate objective to improve outcomes for children and young people</p>
<p><b>Options considered and rejected</b></p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><b>Declarations of Interests</b></p>	<p>Cllr Alan Wells declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 4 because he had a number of relatives in the Education section of the Isle of Wight Council and school specific proposals were being discussed. Cllr Wells left the meeting prior to the agenda item for Public Questions and did not return.</p> <p>Cllr Diana Tuson declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 because she was a school governor at both Nettlestone Primary school and Bishop Lovett Middle school.</p> <p>Cllr Dawn Cousins declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 because she was a school governor at Medina House School and had a relative at Sandown High school.</p> <p>Cllr Barry Abraham declared a personal interest in agenda item 4 because he was a governor at Wootton Primary school and his son attended Medina High School.</p>

<p><b>Agenda item</b></p>	<p><b>Consideration of the Forward Plan</b></p>
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<b>Decision reference</b>	12/08
<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>	13/08
<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>	14/08
<b>Questions</b>	There were no member questions.
<b>Declarations of Interests</b>	None declared.