



Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN ON TUESDAY, 31 MARCH 2009
BY THE CABINET**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON
WEDNESDAY, 8 APRIL 2009**

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 Henry Adams, Wendy Arnold, Lady Pigot

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	Minutes of the Last Meeting
Decision reference	20/09
Decision Taken	That the minutes of the meeting held on 10 February 2009 were agreed.
Questions / Amendments	None.

Agenda item	Declarations of Interest
Decision reference	21/09
	Cllr Wells declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 4(b) as members of his family worked in one of the schools affected. Cllr Tuson declared a personal interest in agenda item 4(b) as she was involved with the interviews for the Independent Panel for Nettlestone, Brading and St Helens Primary Schools.

Agenda item	Public Question Time
Decision reference	22/09
Questions	Mr Alan Lock of Chale asked a question and supplementary about the impact of the closure of Chale School on the local community. The Leader provided a response.

Agenda item	Quarterly Performance, Risk and Strategic Programme Management Report
Decision reference	23/09
Summary of Discussion	Members reviewed the Council's service performance for the third quarter of 2008/09 and noted the summary of Cabinet Member's achievements and issues of concern.
Decision taken	<p>a) THAT the Quarterly Report for Performance, Risk and Strategic Programme Management be approved.</p> <p>b) THAT Scrutiny be requested to receive a regular report on the progress of the Asset Management Action Plan at their future meetings.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To progress the management of performance, thereby ensuring improved services for residents.</p> <p>To align with the 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	None.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	School Organisation – Nettlestone, Brading, St. Helen's, Shalfleet and Yarmouth
Decision reference	24/09
Summary of Discussion	<p>Cllrs Tuson and Wells withdrew for the duration of this item.</p> <p>Cabinet reviewed the reports submitted by the Independent Panel and considered the Options put forward for decision. A minor amendment was made to the recommendation, shown on page C-8 of the report, in that Yarmouth was confirmed as a voluntary aided school and not a voluntary</p>

	<p>controlled school.</p> <p>It was envisaged that the proposed reorganisation to support a two tier system would ultimately raise standards of education for Island children.</p>
<p>Decision taken</p>	<p>a) THAT the recommendations for Nettlestone Community Primary School, Brading CE VC Primary School and St. Helen's Community Primary School in the East Wight and Shalfleet CE VC Primary School and Yarmouth CE VA Primary School in the West Wight as set out below, be approved.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>East Wight:</u> Nettlestone Community Primary School Enlarge to a 4 -11 age range one form entry primary school.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">St. Helen's Community Primary School and Brading CE VC Primary School to form a one form entry hard federation. The Federation to enlarge to a 4 -11 age range.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>West Wight:</u> Shalfleet CE VC Primary School and Yarmouth CE VA Primary School to form a one form entry hard federation. The Federation to enlarge to a 4 -11 age range.</p> <p>b) THAT the Director of Children and Young People be authorised to develop, with the Church of England Diocesan Authority of Portsmouth and Winchester and the governing bodies of St. Helen's Community Primary School and Brading CE VC Primary School, an instrument of federation and to consult on the school's federation with their communities.</p> <p>c) THAT the Director of Children and Young People be authorised to develop, with the Church of England Diocesan Authority of Portsmouth and Winchester and the governing bodies of Shalfleet CE VC Primary School and Yarmouth CE VA Primary School, an instrument of federation and to consult on the school's federation with their communities.</p>
<p>Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with</p>	<p>To complete the decision making process for the School Reorganisation programme and to enable the Council to establish a new system of school organisation from 1 September 2010.</p>

	<p>To align with the Corporate Themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An inspiring Island • A thriving Island
<p>Options considered and rejected</p>	<p>Option B: To reject the recommendations of the Independent Panel and proceed with a decision on the future of Nettlestone Community Primary School, Brading CE VC Primary School and St. Helen's Community Primary School in the East Wight and Shalfleet CE VC Primary School and Yarmouth CE VA Primary School in the West Wight in line with the original proposals to Cabinet of the 24 November 2008 as set out below.</p> <p><u>East Wight:</u> Nettlestone Community Primary School Enlarge to a 4-11 age range one form entry primary school. Brading CE VC Primary School Enlarge to a 4-11 age range one form entry primary school.</p> <p>St. Helen's Community Primary School to close.</p> <p><u>West Wight:</u> Shalfleet CE VC Primary School and Yarmouth CE VC Primary School to amalgamate on the Shalfleet site and enlarge to a 4-11 age range one form entry primary school.</p> <p>Option C: To require officers to carry out further work and consultation with the communities of Nettlestone Community Primary School, Brading CE VC Primary School and St. Helen's Community Primary School in the East Wight and Shalfleet CE VC Primary School and Yarmouth CE VA Primary School in the West Wight in order to present further options to the Cabinet for decision.</p>
<p>Declarations of Interests</p>	<p>Cllr Wells declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 4(b) as members of his family worked in one of the schools affected.</p> <p>Cllr Tuson declared a personal and prejudicial interest in agenda item 4(b) as she was involved with the interviews for the Independent Panel for Nettlestone, Brading and St Helens Primary Schools and she was a Governor of Nettlestone school.</p>

Agenda item	Local Area Agreement 2 Refresh
Decision reference	25/09
Summary of Discussion	Cabinet considered the changes to the Local Area Agreement following delays in agreeing targets, which would cover the next three years. It was noted that further amendments required during this period could be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader.
Decision taken	<p>a) THAT the Local Area Agreement 2 be agreed.</p> <p>b) THAT the responsibility for further amendments be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Leader.</p> <p>c) THAT subject to the approval of the secretary of state, the Chief Executive be authorised to publish a memorandum setting out the period for which the agreement is in place, the targets and which of these targets are designated and who is required to have regard to them.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To complete the Local Area Agreement process.</p> <p>To align with the 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	To not agree the changes to the Local Area Agreement 2.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Capital Programme Review
Decision reference	26/09
Summary of Discussion	Following the agreement of the overall budget and Council Tax Strategy in February 2009, Cabinet Members considered the Capital Programme for individual projects during 2009 -10. Members noted that the programme aligned with the four Eco-Island themes.
Decision taken	THAT a re-phased capital programme for 2009-10 as identified in Appendix 1 of the report be adopted.

Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To ensure that the capital programme delivered investment to the Council's priorities.</p> <p>To align with the 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	Option 2 – Revise capital programme content in light of the review.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Value for Money Strategy and Action Plan
Decision reference	27/09
Summary of Discussion	Cabinet considered the proposed Value for Money Strategy and Improvement Action Plan, which would enable a framework for review and monitoring processes to deliver value for money across all Council services.
Decision taken	<p>a) THAT the Value for Money Strategy set out in Appendix 1 of the report be agreed.</p> <p>b) THAT the action plan set out in Appendix 2 of the report be agreed.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To deliver a consistent approach across Council services and enable effective decisions.</p> <p>To align with the Corporate Theme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A thriving Island
Options considered and rejected	To continue with a piecemeal approach to Value for Money and reject the proposed strategy and action plan.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Financial Management Report for Quarter 3 (to 31 December 2008), Predicted Outturn at 31 March 2009 and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2009/10 to 2011/12
Decision reference	28/09
Summary of Discussion	<p>Cabinet considered the Council's financial position during the third quarter of 2008/09 and reviewed the predicted outturn for the 2008/09 financial year. Members were advised that the three year plan would support the Corporate Plan and other key plans associated with its partners.</p> <p>Members were advised of an error on page G-7, under the Directorate of Environment and Neighbourhoods item, where reference was made to a predicted underspend on Concessionary Fares of £350,000. The Cabinet Member was asked to amend this to read 'current prediction is for a reduced overspend of £350,000'.</p>
Decision taken	<p>a) THAT the Council's overall financial position on revenue at quarter 3 and predicted outturn at 31 March 2009 set out in Appendix 1 be noted</p> <p>b) THAT the overall position on the Capital Programme and likely outturn position set out in Appendix 2 be noted</p> <p>c) THAT the need to continue with strict budgetary control throughout the closedown process, including reviews of reserves and balances to optimise the Council's position at 31 March 2009 and for future years be endorsed</p> <p>d) THAT the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2009/10 to 2011/12 set out in Appendix 3 be approved</p> <p>e) THAT the position on Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix 4 be noted.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To ensure that the Council's budget is managed and monitored, compliance is assured, and to optimise benefit for the Council.</p> <p>To align with the 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	None.

Declarations of Interests	None declared.
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Agenda item	School Organisation – School Transport
Decision reference	29/09
Summary of Discussion	<p>Following the results of the recent transport analysis need for the proposed school reorganisation Cabinet considered the options put forward.</p> <p>Members noted that the cost of the proposed arrangements could be met from the current budget, with funding from the Direct Schools Grant covering the additional costs for the escort provision of primary age children.</p> <p>Cllr Arnold asked a question and a supplementary about the availability of the detailed analysis of transport need. The Cabinet Member would provide a response.</p>
Decision taken	<p>a) THAT the procurement of a school lift to meet the requirements of the proposed school organisation as set out in Option B be approved, and</p> <p>b) THAT the Director of Children and Young People, in conjunction with the Director for Environment and Neighbourhoods, be authorised to proceed with the specification and procurement of a new school lift contract to operate from 1 September 2010 on a transitional basis and fully from the 1 September 2011.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To meet the statutory requirements of the Council, to address concerns with transport arrangements for primary age children, and to incorporate issues raised during the consultation period.</p> <p>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 A: To proceed to the procurement of a new school lift contract, which will be based on the current mix of WightBus and commercial operator provision. This contract should be achieved within the current cost envelope of £1.5M.</p> <p>Option C: To require officers to carry out further work and consultation on the provision of the school lift in order to present further options to the Cabinet for decision.</p>

Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Safeguarding Adults Including Multi-Agency Policy and Procedures Monitoring
Decision reference	31/09
Summary of Discussion	<p>Cabinet was advised that the current policy had been in place since October 2007. Members noted the current activity and performance in relation to safeguarding adults work, together with work undertaken by the Service Manager to further develop business processes and recruitment.</p> <p>Members noted that the work undertaken had received national recognition and the Head of Service, who was attending her last Cabinet meeting, was thanked for her hard work with the Council.</p>
Decision taken	<p>a) THAT the activity and performance in relation to safeguarding adults on the IOW be noted.</p> <p>b) THAT the configuration of the multi-agency safeguarding service be agreed.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To enable continual development of the safeguarding service and ensure comprehensive implementation across the key agencies involved.
Options considered and rejected	Option B - to note the activity and performance in relation to safeguarding adults on the IOW and not agree the configuration of the multi-agency service.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Consideration of the Forward Plan
Decision reference	32/09
Amendments / Additions / Removals	<p>Cllr Brown advised Members that the proposals for Charterhouse in Newport would be brought to Cabinet for decision and not taken under delegated powers as shown in the Forward Plan.</p> <p>Cllr Cousins advised Members that she would not be available for the Cabinet meeting on 20 April and would</p>

	clarify the process for the two reports listed on the Forward Plan in due course.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Delegated Decisions
Decision reference	33/09
Questions	No questions received.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Members Question Time
Decision reference	34/09
Questions	No questions received.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.