RECORD OF DECISION

The following decisions were taken on 4 SEPTEMBER 2007 by the CABINET

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2007

Members of the Cabinet who were present :

Cllrs Patrick Joyce (in the Chair), Barry Abraham, George Brown, Dawn Cousins, Tim Hunter-Henderson, David Pugh, Melanie Swan, Ian Ward, Jilly Wood

Members also present (non-voting):

Cllrs John Hobart, Erica Oulton, Alan Wells

Apologies:

Cllr Andy Sutton

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	Minutes of the Last Meeting
Decision reference	10/07
Decision Taken	The minutes of the meeting held on 10 July 2007 were agreed subject to an amendment to Decision Reference 05/07 to delete the word 'immediate'.
Questions/ Amendments	None.

Questions A written question had been received from Mr Dave Miller regarding the Council's compliance with the statutory guidance for school reorganisation. The Cabinet Member for Schools Leadership and Governance provided a response stating that the Local Authority would comply with the statutory guidance for school reorganisation. Mr Miller asked a supplementary question asking the Cabinet Member to further clarify the timetable for publication of the officers' report and subsequent consultation prior to any notice issuance. The Cabinet Member responded stating that he would ask the Director of Children's Services to provide Mr Miller with a written response.	Agenda item	Public Question Time
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A written question had been received from Mr Paul Hutchings regarding funds put aside for a feasibility study into a pavement through central Chillerton and whether this would be included in capital plans. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport provided a response stating that the need for a footway at Chillerton had now moved up the list to a point where advanced design was planned for the current financial year; and a capital bid had been submitted for phased construction work over the next three financial years. The capital bid would be considered by the Capital Service Board and Elected Members and the design of the scheme would be an open process and members of the public would be consulted through the Parish Protocol procedure. The Cabinet Member also referred to a Parish Council meeting in June where the issue had been discussed at length.

Mr Roy Westmore asked an oral question regarding the present state of the investment fund for pensions. The Cabinet Member for Resources responded explaining that the pension fund was in a good state at the present time and stated that he would be attending a meeting regarding the pension fund in Cardiff the following day.

A member of the public asked a question regarding the speed limit on a stretch of road near Whitecroft. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport agreed to investigate the problem.

Agenda item	Future of the ConneXions Service on the Isle of Wight
Decision reference	12/07
Decision taken	THAT the Cabinet approve Option 3 to take all service inhouse and continue the dialogue with the Department for Children, Schools, and Families (DCSF) regarding the financial liabilities.
Reason	To align with the new funding arrangements from the DCSF.
Options considered and rejected	Option 1 - Continue to contract with SCCP for all the current services. This may not be viable as the three other LAs have decided to take the service in-house and therefore the SCCP Company (which is a registered charity) may not be sustainable and could cease to trade. Option 2 - Take the supportive intervention service into the IOWCC in-house integrated support service and put out to tender the IAG work. Whilst there may be companies who will wish to enter or re-enter this, the size of the IOW contract is small and may not generate sufficient interest. Again the viability of SCCP to tender for this is also subject to the comments above. Option 4 - Take the service in-house and explore either in

Interests	partnership with Hampshire CC or as a sole interest whether the IOWCC should take the SCCP as a LA controlled company. This will reduce the pension cost risk but there will inevitably be costs associated with a due diligence approach with regard to company acquisition. DCSF have indicated that they would be willing to contribute to costs associated with the due diligence exercise. None declared.
Additional advice received	None.

Agenda item	Island Plan – Ports Issues and Options Report
Decision reference	13/07
Decision taken	Option 1 THAT:
	 i. All the recommendations of the Policy Commission for Business and Infrastructure Blue Paper – Island Ports Sustainability Study are used as the basis for developing a series of options for consideration via the Core Strategy Issues and Options paper
	ii. Opportunities for additional or alternative port facilities are developed through the Island Plan Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper (Consultation in October/November 2007)
	iii. The development of the broader recommendations and detailed evidence in the Blue Paper into Issues and Options for future opportunities is delegated to the Head of Planning Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.
Reasons	To produce a more locally distinctive policy document which clearly sets out the vision for the Island through to 2026 and addresses the key issues for the Island.
	To comply with the Planning and Compensation Act 2004 which requires the Council to replace its current statutory development plan with a new Local Development Framework – the Island Plan.
	To drive the sustainable regeneration and development of the Island.
Options considered and rejected	Option 2 - Not to use the Policy Commission Blue Paper and associated evidence to develop issues and options for sustainable cross Solent travel in the Island Plan.
Interests	None declared.
Additional advice received	None.

Agenda item	Strategic Risk – Quarterly Report: Quarter 1
Decision reference	14/07
Decision taken	THAT the report be noted and a training workshop on strategic risks be arranged for Members.
Reasons	To ensure that the Cabinet are aware of strategic risks.
Options considered and rejected	None.
Interests	None declared.
Additional advice received	None.

Agenda item	Quarterly Performance Management Report
Decision reference	15/07
Decision taken	 i. note the financial position of the Council as at the 30 June 2007 ii. approve the Quarterly Performance Management report iii. agree the recommendations as listed in A) – E) in the 'Background' section above iv. agree that in future the report be seen by the Cabinet at the earliest opportunity and prior to it going before the Audit and Performance Committee v. agree to liaise with Directors regarding gaps in the information for some indicators.
Reasons	To monitor the Council's financial position and service performance.
Options considered and rejected	None.
Interests	None declared.
Additional advice received	None.

Agenda item	Consideration of the Forward Plan
Decision reference	16/07
Amendments /	The Cabinet Member for Customers and Parish
Additions /	Empowerment stated that she hoped to take a delegated
Removals	decision on the Strategic Transformational Partnership:
	Gateway Review and Next Steps by the end of September.

Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Delegated Decisions
Decision reference	17/07
Questions	The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure and Communications stated that the decision he had taken recently on the Next Steps for Shanklin Theatre had been called in by the Scrutiny Committee and would be addressed at the Scrutiny Committee meeting on 13 September 2007.
Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Members Question Time
Decision reference	18/07
Questions	Cllr Erica Oulton asked a question regarding the White Air festival and why it had been brought forward this year. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Leisure and Communications explained that it was brought forward for one year only and he would be reviewing the schedule of events with the events team. The Chief Executive stated that a bid was in for the world windsurfing championships as part of the White Air festival to try to attract another world class event to the Island.
Interests	None declared.