

Record of decision

The following decisions were taken on **TUESDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 2008** by the **CABINET**

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 14 FEBRUARY 2008

Members of the Cabinet who were present:

Cllrs George Brown (Chair), Barry Abraham, Dawn Cousins, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Diana Tuson

Members also present (non-voting):

Cllrs John Effemey, Geoff Lumley, Muriel Miller

Apologies

Cllrs David Pugh and Alan Wells

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

| Agenda item | Minutes of the Last Meeting |
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| Decision reference | 59/07 |
| Decision Taken | The minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2008 were agreed. |
| Questions/Amendments | None. |

| Agenda item | Public Question Time |
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| Decision reference | 60/07 |
| Questions | <p>Mr Dave Miller submitted a written question regarding the school reorganisation process and surplus places. The Deputy Leader responded on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Children and Young People (PQ 04/08).</p> <p>Mr Miller asked a supplementary question regarding surplus capacity within the proposed options. The Deputy Leader provided a response.</p> <p>Mrs Val Hards submitted a written question regarding a meeting with the Audit Commission to discuss the Undercliff and dismissal of officers. The Cabinet Member for Residents and Resources provided a response (PQ 05/08).</p> |

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| Agenda item | Medium-Term Revenue and Capital Budget Strategy 2008/09 – 2010/11 and Council Tax 2008/09 |
| Decision reference | 61/07 |
| Summary of Discussion | <p>The Cabinet Member for Residents and Resources introduced the report on the Medium Term Revenue and Capital Budget Strategy 2008/09 – 2010/11 and Council Tax 2008/9. The results of the budget consultation were set out in the appendices to the report. The Cabinet Member stated that the Revenue Support Grant Settlement was not a good settlement for the Council and highlighted the pressures that the Council faced in particular in relation to concessionary fares. The Cabinet Member explained that the Council would prudentially borrow £30 million over three years to enable the Councils One Island projects to progress and that the increase in Council Tax would be in line with inflation at 3.9%. The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee raised concerns around doubtful debts. The Interim Director of Finance explained that the Council would review the level of doubtful debts and would report back to the Cabinet and Scrutiny Committee when this review had been undertaken.</p> |
| Decision taken | <p>THAT the Cabinet recommend to Council the overall Budget and Council Tax Strategy and in particular:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Medium-Term Financial Plan as set out in Appendix 3 ii. The use of £10.2m of balances over the next three financial years iii. A savings target of £12.37m over the next three financial years iv. Prudential borrowing of £10m in each of the next three financial years to fund Capital Investment v. An increase in the IOW Council element of Council Tax of 3.9% for 2008/9 vi. The Prudential Code Indicators, Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy as set out in Appendix 6. <p>THAT the Cabinet recommend to Council to consider:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Fees and charges increases in respect of parking and concessionary fares ii. The allocation of new growth of £1m in 2008/9 iii. The allocation of Capital resources to specific projects |
| Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with | <p>To direct resources to meet the Council's vision and strategic objectives and the priorities within them whilst balancing the budget gap.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to 'be a high performing cost effective Council'.</p> |

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| Options considered and rejected | To amend the budget strategy before recommendation to Full Council. |
| Declarations of Interests | None. |

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| Agenda item | Consideration of the Forward Plan |
| Decision reference | 62/07 |
| Amendments / Additions / Removals | The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee expressed concern that not all decisions had been included in the Forward Plan and that the call-in process had been disappplied on some recent decisions. The Deputy Leader stated that this would only occur in exceptional circumstances. |
| Declarations of Interests | None declared. |

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| Agenda item | Delegated Decisions |
| Decision reference | 63/07 |
| Questions | No questions were received. |
| Declarations of Interests | None declared. |

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| Agenda item | Members Question Time |
| Decision reference | 64/07 |
| Questions | No questions were received. |
| Declarations of Interests | None declared. |