

Record of decision

The following decisions were taken on **TUESDAY, 8 JANUARY 2008** by the **CABINET**

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 17 JANUARY 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 Mike Cunningham, Charlie Hancock, Geoff Lumley, Muriel Miller, Lady Pigot, Arthur Taylor, Margaret Webster, Jilly Wood

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	Minutes of the Last Meeting
Decision reference	49/07
Decision Taken	The minutes of the meeting held on 11 December 2007 were agreed.
Questions/ Amendments	None.

Agenda item	Public Question Time
Decision reference	50/07
Questions	<p>Mr Dave Miller submitted a written question regarding school reorganisation and whether the area by area and school by school implications would be included in the consultation material and what would not be included in the consultation. The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People provided a response stating that these implications would be included in the consultation material which would be published on 14 January 2008. The information not included in the consultation material would be the exact arrangements and timing for the changes which may or may not affect each school.</p> <p>Mr Miller asked a supplementary question regarding budget allocation for the schools reorganisation and the use of the Council's reserves. The Leader provided a response explaining that it was important that the Council maintained</p>

	<p>balanced reserves in order to keep Council tax down for Islanders. The Council would identify efficiency savings and look at funding streams to support the schools reorganisation and would also consider the outcome of the budget consultation.</p> <p>Mr Morris Barton asked whether the Mott MacDonald traffic survey report would be released to the public and asked the Cabinet to consider a park and ride system to the north and east of Newport. The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport provided a response highlighting that consultation on the Island Plan would take place at the end of the month and the public would have an opportunity to comment then.</p> <p>Mrs Val Hards asked a question regarding whether the relevant Cabinet Member would request that the Audit Commission carry out further investigation into unlawful payments made in relation to the dismissal of senior officers from the Council. The Cabinet Member for Residents and Resources provided a response stating that he would ask the Audit Commission to meet with himself and Mrs Hards so that a more detailed explanation of the findings of the report could be given. The Leader explained that the Audit Commission report had now been signed off and closed by the District Auditor and a more rigorous policy had been put in place. Any member of the public with further concerns could write to the District Auditor.</p> <p>Cllr Margaret Webster asked a question on behalf of East Cowes resident Mrs Lynne Hodges regarding the Church Path development and the conditions of the planning application. The Cabinet Member for Economy, Planning and Property provided a response stating that the Planning Committee had granted planning permission in July 2006 and had requested that a compliance report be brought back to the Committee. This report would be considered by the Planning Committee on 29 January 2008.</p> <p>An East Cowes resident asked a question regarding the carriageway width required for emergency service vehicles in the Church Path area. The Leader requested that the gentleman write to the planning department with his concerns.</p>
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Agenda item	Consultation on School Organisation
Decision reference	51/07
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet Member for Children and Young People introduced the report on the schools reorganisation consultation and thanked the Schools Reorganisation Team for their hard work on this. The Cabinet Member explained that every member of school based staff, union representatives, statutory agencies and all parents would receive a leaflet engaging them in the consultation. The

	consultation would go live on the Council's website on Monday 14 January 2008 and would also be available through help centres and libraries. The consultation period would last for 6 weeks and would close on Friday 22 February 2008. A report would then be published on the Council's website on Monday 10 March 2008 following analysis of the responses. A decision would then be made by the Full Council on 19 March 2008 followed immediately by a decision from the Cabinet. The Cabinet Member explained that there were unlikely to be any substantive changes to the organisation of schools on the Island before September 2008.
Decision taken	THAT the Cabinet adopt the consultation process as outlined in paragraphs 9-14 of the report.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To enable the Council to make an informed decision on the future of school organisation on the Island. To align with the corporate objective to 'improve outcomes for children and young people'.
Options considered and rejected	None.
Declarations of Interests	None.

Agenda item	Island Plan Core Strategy – Issues and Options Report
Decision reference	52/07
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet Member for Economy, Planning and Property introduced the report which set out the core strategy issues and options consultation. The core strategy would include working with town and parish councils to better understand the individual character of local areas in order to develop locally distinctive policies. The Cabinet Member encouraged people to attend the consultation meetings.
Decision taken	THAT the Cabinet: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agree the Island Plan Core Strategy Issues and Options paper for consultation, subject to the final wording being delegated to the Head of Planning Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member ii. Produce clear guidance on what will be expected for Parish Plans to be quality plans iii. Agree the process for consideration of sites that may be released as a result of education review through the Council's wider corporate community asset transfer initiative.
Reasons for the decision and	To comply with the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Councils Statement of Community Involvement.

corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To ensure the Authority maximises receipt of Planning and Housing Delivery Grant monies for plan making and ensure an early replacement of the UDP's strategic policy guidance.</p> <p>To enable the Council to progress the Island Plan in line with the agreed timetable.</p> <p>To ensure that the Council has a well informed visionary Core Strategy based upon the emerging Sustainable Community Strategy and which reflects the Islands special qualities against which to assess development proposals.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to 'drive the sustainable regeneration and development of the Island'.</p>
Options considered and rejected	Option 4 - to delay the Island Plan Core Strategy Issues and Options Paper for further consideration.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Development of a New Section 106 Policy and Procedure
Decision reference	53/07
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Economy, Planning and Property introduced the report which set out the options for the establishment of a new Section 106 policy in the Island Plan and procedure for the securing of developer contributions towards infrastructure, community facilities and services. There was an amendment to the recommendation in Options 1 and 2 to read paragraphs 8 and 9 instead of 7 and 8.</p>
Decision taken	<p>THAT the Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Agree Option 1, which is an interim approach to revise current practice as set out in paragraph 8 (a) – (f) of the report ii. Agree Option 2 to develop, through the Island Plan, a new policy approach as set out in paragraph 9 (a) – (d), which will be tested through the Island Plan Issues and Options Consultation iii. Agree Option 3 to request additional support from PAS for a review of the S106 procedure to ensure a robust corporate procedure can be developed.
Reasons for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To result in a more effective means of securing community and infrastructure contributions from a wider range of development schemes.</p> <p>To aid delivery of projects highlighted through the Sustainable Community Strategy and the Island Plan.</p>

	To provide a corporate approach to the Section 106 process. To meet the corporate objective to 'drive the sustainable regeneration and development of the Island'.
Options considered and rejected	Option 4 – to continue to seek contributions as currently set, and develop a new policy through the Island Plan Core Strategy.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Pan Development Choice of Developer
Decision reference	54/07
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet Member for Housing, Leisure and Governance introduced the report and, following the decision by the Cabinet, announced that the chosen developer was Miller Homes. Work was planned to start in April 2009.
Decision taken	Option 1 to accept the compliant bid submitted in Appendix C.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To fulfil a number of the One Island goals and work towards the Eco Island vision by providing homes designed to exceed level 4 of the code for sustainable homes aiming at a low carbon footprint and at renewable energy sources. To align with the corporate objective to 'drive the sustainable regeneration and development of the Island'.
Options considered and rejected	The options relating to the disposal were commercially confidential and set out in Appendix D of the report.
Declarations of Interests	None Declared.

Agenda item	Undercliff Investigation Action Plan
Decision reference	55/07
Summary of Discussion	The Leader introduced the report which set out an action plan to address the concerns raised in the final report on Undercliff Drive.
Decision taken	THAT the Cabinet adopt the implementation plan and invite the Scrutiny Committee to monitor progress on a quarterly basis.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To manage risks associated with major procurement and mitigate the strategic risk identified in the Councils Strategic Risk Register. To strengthen the Councils governance arrangements. To align with the corporate objective to 'be a high performing cost effective Council'.
Options	To refuse or amend the implementation plan.

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Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Consideration of the Forward Plan
Decision reference	56/07
Amendments / Additions / Removals	<p>The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport announced that the Interim Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2008-2010 would now be considered at the February Cabinet meeting.</p> <p>The Leader announced that two additional Cabinet meetings would be added. The first would be held on 5 February 2008 and would consider the 2008/09 – 2010/11 Budget Strategy and make recommendations for Council to consider on 20 February 2008. The second would be held on 19 March 2008 following the Full Council meeting and would consider the decisions of Full Council in relation to the School Organisation.</p>
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Delegated Decisions
Decision reference	57/07
Questions	No questions were received.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Members Question Time
Decision reference	58/07
Questions	<p>Cllr Geoff Lumley asked a question regarding the safety of pedestrians in Newport and the importance of the Council ensuring contract compliance to ensure that pedestrian crossings are maintained. Cllr Lumley asked for clarification on the role of the town centre managers with regard to pedestrian safety. The Cabinet Member for Safer Communities agreed to look at the role of town centre managers with regard to this issue.</p> <p>Cllr Mike Cunningham asked the Cabinet to look at pedestrian safety in Newport as Cllr Lumley had outlined.</p> <p>Cllr Margaret Webster asked if the speed of the Southern Vectis buses could be reduced when departing the bus station. The Leader agreed to raise this with Southern Vectis.</p> <p>Cllr Hancock asked a question regarding whether the 13 premises on the Island found to be selling alcohol to people underage could be named and shamed. Cllr Tuson agreed to respond to Cllr Hancock.</p>
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

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