

Record of decision

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

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 17 APRIL 2008

Members of the Cabinet who were present

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

Members also present (non-voting)

Cllrs Wendy Arnold, Geoff Lumley, David Williams, Jilly Wood

Apologies

Cllr Alan Wells and Joe Duckworth

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda item	Minutes of the Last Meeting
Decision reference	81/07
Decision Taken	The minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2008 were agreed.
Questions/ Amendments	None.

Agenda item	Public Question Time
Decision reference	82/07
Questions	<p>Mr Dave Miller submitted a written question regarding school admissions and access to information. The Leader provided a response (PQ 30/08).</p> <p>Mr Miller asked a supplementary question regarding the schools organisation consultation material to be published in June 2008. The Leader provided a response.</p> <p>Mrs Jill Wareham asked a question regarding the recent change in the Council's policy on bus fares in relation to children travelling to school by bus. The Leader provided a response.</p> <p>Mrs Wareham asked a supplementary question regarding</p>

	<p>whether the Council would provide support to the families of children living in rural areas who were unable to walk to school. The Leader provided a response.</p> <p>Mr Miller asked a question regarding progress with the current Cowes High School site and the Cowes pathfinder project. The Leader provided a response.</p>
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Agenda item	Annual Audit and Inspection Letter
Decision reference	83/07
Summary of Discussion	<p>Mr Stephen Taylor, Mr Kevin Suter, and Mr Nick Rogerson from the Audit Commission attended for this item and highlighted the main outcomes arising from the audit and inspection of the Council for 2006/07.</p> <p>The Audit Commission representatives referred to improvements that had been made, in particular as a result of the Undercliff investigation, and also highlighted concerns. Overall the Council had been assessed as 'improving well'.</p> <p>A revised report and Appendix B had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p>
Decision taken	THAT the Cabinet agree option i – to note the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter and approve the action plan in response to the recommendations of the letter.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To assist in the delivery of the Council's improvement agenda.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to be a high performing cost effective Council.</p>
Options considered and rejected	Option ii – to consider additional actions and responses not covered in Option i.
Declarations of Interests	None.

Agenda item	School Organisation: Preparation for Formal Consultation
Decision reference	84/07
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Leader introduced the report which set out the next steps to be taken in preparation for the formal consultation on the implementation of the option agreed by the Cabinet and Full Council on 19 March 2008.</p> <p>The first step was to hold a series of discussion meetings with head teachers, governors, and pre-school leaders during April and May. Union representatives would also be invited to attend as observers. A chair for the area meetings would be identified by the Cabinet shortly. A formal consultation on a school by school basis would follow.</p>

	Cllrs Geoff Lumley and Wendy Arnold asked questions regarding schools that put submissions forward during the recent consultation and risk workshops for Members. The Leader provided a response.
Decision taken	<p>THAT</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Cabinet identify a chair for the area meetings due to be held in late April/early May ii. further work be done on the provision of primary schools having regard to the Council decision that primary schools should be established with either one of two forms of entry iii. further work be done on the secondary school organisation to secure, wherever possible, 11-19 provision.
Reason for the decision and corporate objectives it aligns with	<p>To move forward with the school organisation agenda.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to improve outcomes for children and young people.</p>
Options considered and rejected	None.
Declarations of Interests	<p>Cllr Barry Abraham declared a personal interest as his son attended Medina High School.</p> <p>Cllr Diana Tuson declared a personal interest as she was a governor at Nettlestone Primary School and Bishop Lovett Middle School.</p> <p>Cllr Dawn Cousins declared a personal interest as she was a governor at Medina High School and had a niece in the Island education system.</p>

Agenda item	Isle of Wight Council Dog Control Orders
Decision reference	85/07
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Safer Communities introduced the report which set out the Dog Control Orders to be adopted. The new orders would replace the existing dog related legislation and provide enforcement powers.</p> <p>Cllr Geoff Lumley asked for clarification on which areas were covered by the orders. The Cabinet Member responded.</p>
Decision taken	<p>THAT the Cabinet approve Option 1 and Option 3</p> <p>Option 1 - to adopt and approve the following three dog control orders:</p>

	<p>i. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, Etc) Regulations 2006, The Fouling Of Land By Dogs (Isle of Wight) Order 2008</p> <p>ii. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, Etc) Regulations 2006, The Dogs Exclusion (Isle of Wight) Order 2008</p> <p>iii. The Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005, The Dog Control Orders (Prescribed Offences and Penalties, Etc) Regulations 2006, The Dogs on Leads (Isle of Wight) Order 2008.</p> <p>Option 3 – to include the enforcement of the three Dog Control Orders in the ‘Isle of Wight Council’s Enforcement Policy on the Use of Fixed Penalty Notices for Environmental Offences’ thus ensuring the first line of enforcement action is by the use of Fixed Penalty Notices. This would also allow the Director of Environment and Neighbourhoods to authorise appropriate enforcement officers.</p>
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To respond to the residents survey and feedback from other forums that have indicated that dog fouling is a problem.</p> <p>To balance the interests of those in charge of dogs with the interests of those affected by the activities of dogs.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to improve the health and well being of Island communities.</p>
Options considered and rejected	Option 2 – to not approve or adopt the dog control orders and to make recommendations for amendments.
Declarations of Interests	None.

Agenda item	Consideration of the Forward Plan
Decision reference	86/07
Amendments / Additions / Removals	Members noted that some items would be added to the next edition of the Forward Plan.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Delegated Decisions
Decision reference	87/07
Questions	No questions were received.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Members Question Time
Decision reference	88/07
Questions	Cllr Geoff Lumley asked a question concerning the timing of the advertisement of the Cabinet Member delegated decision regarding Authority Intervention into Kitbridge Middle School. The Leader and Director of Children's Services provided a response.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.