



Record of decision

The following decisions were taken on **TUESDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER 2008** by the **CABINET**

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON THURSDAY, 18 SEPTEMBER 2008

Members of the Cabinet who were present:

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

Members also present (non-voting):

Cllrs John Adams, Anne Bishop, Michael Cunningham, Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Erica Oulton, Arthur Taylor

Confirmed as a true record of decisions taken

Leader of the Council

Agenda Item	Minutes of the Last Meeting
Decision Reference	40/08
Decision Taken	The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2008 were agreed.
Questions/Amendments	None

Agenda Item	Public Question Time
Decision Reference	41/08
Questions	No questions were received.

Agenda Item	Spa Site – Proposed Selection of a Preferred Developer, the Spa Site, Shanklin
Decision Reference	42/08
Summary of Discussion	Cllr Brown withdrew the report as further work was required before it could be considered at a future meeting.
Decision Taken	To allow the report to be withdrawn.

Declarations of Interest	None declared.
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Agenda Item	Pan Development – Financial Agreement
Decision Reference	43/08
Summary of Discussion	<p>Cllr Cousins introduced the report on behalf of Cllr Brown and herself and outlined the benefits of the proposed financial agreement as set out in the report.</p> <p>The Leader remarked that it was a credit to the Council and its partners that the scheme was moving forward in the current housing climate.</p> <p>Cllr Brown reminded the Cabinet of the importance of obtaining social and financial Best Value and explained that the various professional advice confirmed that the proposed agreement provided this.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked questions regarding the percentage of affordable housing the scheme would deliver, community provision, improvements to the local highways infrastructure, Best Value requirements, and Miller Homes' commitment to the project. Cllr Cousins and the Director of Community Services provided response.</p> <p>Cllr Knowles asked questions regarding consent from the Secretary of State, the commercial sensitivity of the deal, the difference between normal and abnormal costs, the community benefits, and the amount spent on land, interests and consultants. The Director of Community Services provided responses.</p>
Decision Taken	THAT the financial package with Miller Homes, as detailed in the report, be approved.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To deliver a substantial regeneration scheme and a sustainable community with high quality homes delivering a low carbon footprint and open space integrated within the existing development and adjacent countryside.</p> <p>To deliver a capital receipt towards the Council's annual capital receipts targets.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objectives to drive the sustainable regeneration and development of the Island and to be a high performing cost effective Council.</p>
Options considered and rejected	(ii) Attempt to negotiate a more beneficial offer with Miller Homes.

	<p>(iii) Withdraw negotiations from Miller Homes and revert to one of the under bidders (Barratt Homes or Persimmon Homes).</p> <p>(iv) Withdraw from Miller Homes and re-market the site.</p> <p>(v) Withdraw from Miller Homes and mothball the site awaiting improvements in the market.</p>
Declarations of Interest	None declared.

Agenda Item	Involvement with the Government's Programme of Free Swimming
Decision Reference	44/08
Summary of Discussion	<p>Cllr Brown introduced the report and explained the problematic nature of the proposed scheme.</p> <p>Cllr Fitzgerald-Bond asked a question about the contribution of central government to the proposed scheme. Cllr Brown provided a response.</p> <p>Cllr Knowles asked a question about the removal of free swimming provision at Ryde pool. The Leader provided a response.</p>
Decision Taken	THAT the Council does not participate in the Government's free swimming programme.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>The financial risks of adopting the scheme would be significant.</p> <p>The Council already makes provision for the under 16 age group by making swimming free to this cohort during all school holidays.</p> <p>The Council also already provides the One Card scheme in order to make swimming and a wide range of other leisure opportunities more accessible to the whole community and not specifically the over 60 or under 16 years cohorts.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to be a high performing cost effective Council.</p>
Options considered and rejected	<p>(a) To participate in the Government's free swimming programme for people aged 60 and over.</p> <p>(b) To participate in the Government's free swimming programme for people aged 60 and over and those</p>

	aged 16 years and under.
Declarations of Interest	None declared.

Agenda Item	Quarterly Performance, Risk and Strategic Project Management Reports
Decision Reference	45/08
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Leader introduced the report. The aim of the report was to provide a narrative of achievements and areas for improvement, which will then be analysed by the Scrutiny Committee. The Leader indicated each of the reports and their function. He explained that the Strategic programme was reviewed at the July Cabinet and has some area for adjustment as it goes forward to Scrutiny.</p> <p>Cllr Lumley asked a question about the changing format of performance management reports. The Leader provided a response.</p>
Decision Taken	THAT the Quarterly report for Performance and Risk be approved.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To allow further consideration and scrutiny of the Council's service performance risk and strategic management project position.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to be a high performing cost effective Council.</p>
Options considered and rejected	None
Declarations of Interest	None declared.

Agenda Item	Compulsory Purchase Order in accordance with Housing Renewal Strategy of 66 Station Avenue and 52-56 Fitzroy Street, Sandown
Decision Reference	46/08
Summary of Discussion	Cllr Cousins introduced the report. She explained that the proposed action was in accordance with the Council's commitment to bring empty properties back into use and thus help reduce the level of homelessness on the Island.
Decision Taken	THAT a Compulsory Purchase Order notice in respect of the properties, 66 and 68 Station Avenue and 52, 54 and 56 Fitzroy Street, Sandown under section 17 of the Housing Act 1985 as amended by paragraph 27 of

	schedule 18 of the Housing Act 1996, enabling the land as described herein to be acquired, be authorised.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To comply with the Council's Housing Strategy 2007-2012 which aims to reduce the number of long term empty properties. To align with the corporate objective to drive the sustainable regeneration and development of the Island.
Options considered and rejected	a) Do nothing. b) Undertake further negotiations with the owner to bring this property back into active residential use. c) Apply for an Empty Dwelling Management Order.
Declarations of Interest	None declared.

Agenda Item	Corporate Parenting Strategy
Decision Reference	47/08
Summary of Discussion	Cllr Wells introduced the report which set out how the strategy defines the Council's intentions for children in its care, the mandate, and lines of accountability. He explained that it is for the whole Council, Members, Officers and partners, to be responsible for children in care. Cllr Wells agreed to set up briefings on the strategy for Members.
Decision Taken	THAT the Strategy document be approved and implemented.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To validate current good practice and establish a revised baseline for Corporate Parenting expectations across the Council. To align with the corporate objective to improve outcomes for children and young people.
Options considered and rejected	b) That the document is referred back to the Corporate Parenting Steering Group for further development.
Declarations of Interest	None declared.

Agenda Item	Ryde Gateway – Decision to Proceed
Decision Reference	48/08
Summary of Discussion	Cllr Hunter-Henderson introduced the report which outlined the current position of the project. Works

	<p>needed to be re-tendered and the aim was for this to happen before the expiry of the planning permission on 1 December 2008. Cllr Hunter-Henderson explained that costs had increased by £1.5 million.</p> <p>Cllr Knowles asked a question about the increase in price. Cllr Hunter-Henderson agreed to provide a written response.</p> <p>Cllrs Taylor and Adams asked about the time-scale for completion of the project. Cllr Hunter-Henderson provided a response.</p> <p>Cllr Adams asked a supplementary question about the advertisement of the project in a European Journal. Cllr Hunter-Henderson provided a response.</p>
Decision Taken	THAT the allocation of an additional sum of £1,500,000 to the Ryde Gateway project and the undertaking of a tendering exercise in order to ensure compliance with European procedure, be approved.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	<p>To enable the Ryde Gateway Project to continue.</p> <p>To align with the corporate objective to drive the sustainable regeneration and development of the Island.</p>
Options considered and rejected	Option 1 – Do not continue with the Ryde Gateway Project.
Declarations of Interest	None declared.

Agenda item	Consideration of the Forward Plan
Decision reference	49/08
Questions	No questions were received.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Delegated Decisions
Decision reference	50/08
Questions	No questions were received.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.

Agenda item	Members Question Time
Decision reference	51/08
Questions	No Members questions were received.
Declarations of Interests	None declared.