



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2009
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Arthur Taylor (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Henry Adams, George Brown, William Burt, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Mike Cunningham, Roger Dixcey, John Effemey, Deborah Gardiner, Charles Hancock, John Hobart, Peter Humber, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Gill Kennett, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, Muriel Miller, Erica Oulton, Lady Pigot, David Pugh, Colin Richards, Susan Scoccia, Ian Stephens, Diana Tuson, Ian Ward, Margaret Webster, Alan Wells, Colin West, David Whittaker, David Williams, Jilly Wood
Officers in attendance	Steve Beynon, Davina Fiore, Mark Howell, Stuart Love, Chris Mathews, Amanda Thomas
Apologies	Cllrs Wendy Arnold, John Bowker, Ivan Bulwer, Barbara Foster, Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, Patrick Joyce, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Garry Price, Andy Sutton

76. Minutes

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [18 March 2009](#) be confirmed.

77. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations received at this stage.

78. Public Question Time

Oral questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr John Wortham of Brighstone	The timescale of the Highways PFI scheme.	The Cabinet Member provided a response.

Mr Mike Starke of Newport	The funding of the Highways PFI scheme.	The Cabinet Member provided a response.
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79. **Chairman's Report**

A written report had been circulated.

Members were informed given that as the next meeting in May falls within the pre-election period officer advice was that the meeting should only continue if there was business to transact. As there was no scheduled business to conduct, and following consultation with Group Leaders the meeting of the Council scheduled for 20 May 2009 had been cancelled.

Those Members present who might not be standing for re-election on 4 June 2009 were thanked for their contribution to the Isle of Wight Council.

80. **The Ethical Standards Committee Annual Report**

The Leader introduced the Ethical Standards Committee Annual Report and the Chairman of the Ethical Standards Committee provided additional background information and responded to Members' questions.

Members indicated their support and confidence in the Committee, although some concerns were raised about the alignment of membership of the Committee with the Island's population and the current policy of not informing Members of potential complaints at the assessment stage.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Ethical Standards Committee Annual Report be noted.

81. **Constitutional Matter – Appointment of Electoral Registration Officer**

The Chief Executive withdrew from the meeting for the duration of this item.

Council were requested to confirm the appointment of the Chief Executive as the Council's Electoral Registration Officer and to clarify that he may appoint Deputies for this function.

RESOLVED:

THAT the appointment of the Chief Executive as the Electoral Registration Officer for the Isle of Wight be confirmed and that the Electoral Registration Officer be permitted to appoint Deputies to act on all matters relating to Electoral Registration as that post considered appropriate.

The Chief Executive rejoined the meeting after the vote was taken.

82. Cabinet

(a) Recommendations From The Cabinet

(i) Fire and Rescue Authority Integrated Risk Management Plan 2009-2014.

Council was advised that the Fire and Rescue Authority had a statutory duty to have an Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP), which reflected both local community requirements and addressed potential risks.

Members reviewed the proposed five-year IRMP together with the results of the consultation undertaken with staff, stakeholders and members of the public.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Fire and Rescue Authority's Integrated Risk Management Plan be approved.

(ii) The Children, Young People and Their Families Plan (CYPP) 2009-2012

Council was advised that under the Children's Act 2004 all local authorities had a duty to develop a Children, Young People and Their Families Plan (CYPP) covering all services provided to children and young people. The proposed CYPP covered a three-year period and replaced the Early Years Development Plan, the Education Development Plan and the Children's Services Plan.

Council was advised that the CYPP had been compiled by the Isle of Wight Children's Trust Partnership, whose agencies would implement and monitor the plan. The outcomes would contribute directly to the Local Area Agreement targets, the Annual Performance Assessment and the Council's Corporate Assessment.

RESOLVED:

THAT Council endorse and support the Children, Young People and Their Families Plan 2009-2012.

(iii) Adult Learning Plan

Council was advised that the Adult Learning Plan (ALP) covered community learning opportunities for the 2009 to 2010 academic year. The Plan supported the services funded by the Learning and Skills

Council for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, as well as complementary Community and Family Learning Activities provided by the Council and other partner agencies. It was envisaged that the activities and services provided would also support a number of key objectives for the Island.

During the debate Cllr Gardiner moved an amendment, which was seconded by Cllr Lumley as follows:

“That the report be withdrawn and rewritten in plain English”.

Following a discussion and the vote the amendment was lost.

The discussion returned to the substantive motion and following the vote it was

RESOLVED:

THAT the Isle of Wight Adult Learning Plan for 2009/10 be approved.

(b) Reports Of The Cabinet Members

(i) The Leader

An oral update was provided.

Oral questions were put to the Leader as follows:

Cllr Knowles	The proposed sale of the leasehold for Ryde Theatre.	The Leader provided a response.
Cllr Churchman	The alignment of the current car usage policy to the Core Strategy.	The Leader provided a response.
Cllr Mazillius	Asked if the Leader agreed that both Cllrs Cunningham and Effemey should be thanked for the long-standing service to the Council.	The Leader provided a response.
Cllr Miller	The availability of the annual reports from the Council’s Champions.	The Leader provided a response.
Cllr Lumley	The availability of a written report from the Leader regarding the month’s activities.	The Leader provided a response.

(ii) [The Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Economy, Leisure, Planning and Property](#)

A written report had been circulated for information.

(iii) **Cabinet Member for Residents, Resources and the Fire Service**

A written report had been circulated for information and the Cabinet Member also recorded his thanks and congratulations to the Revenue and Benefits Section for retaining a 4 out of 4 Star Rating for the service.

(iv) **Cabinet Member for Safer Communities**

A written report had been circulated for information.

(v) **Cabinet Member for Children and Young People**

A written report had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

Cllr Gardiner	The availability of information regarding a recent child protection review.	The Cabinet Member provided a response.
Cllr Hancock	The number of young people Not in Employment, Education or Training (NEET), and indications of developing trends.	The Cabinet Member provided a response.
Cllr Lumley	Regarding Members' attendance at Scrutiny Committee meetings during private session.	The Chairman of Scrutiny provided a response.

(vi) **Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport**

A written report had been circulated for information.

A written question was put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

Name	Subject	Reference Number
Cllr David Knowles	The Ryde Gateway scheme and potential associated costs.	MQ 07/09

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Knowles	The suspension of the Project Manager for the Ryde Gateway scheme.	The Chairman advised that the question could not be addressed due to its personal nature.

Cllr Richards	The distribution of funds for road repairs; traffic congestion in Newport and the recent closure of the Gasification Plant.	The Cabinet Member provided a response.
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(vii) **Chair of Scrutiny**

A written report had been circulated for information and Cllr Miller also recorded her thanks to Paul Thistlewood for his outstanding support work during her service with the Scrutiny Committee.

An oral question was put to the Chairman as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Gardiner	Whether the Scrutiny Committee agenda for 16 April should be limited to a discussion on the recent child protection review only.	The Chairman provided a response.

(viii) **Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Community Wellbeing**

A written report had been circulated for information. The Cabinet Member also advised Council of the effect of the economic downturn on the Voluntary Sector and the report being submitted to Cabinet on 20 April 2009.

An oral question was put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Hancock	The availability of the Rough Sleepers Survey and potential services available through the Third Sector.	The Cabinet Member would provide a written response and circulate to all Members.

CHAIRMAN