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| Name of meeting | FULL COUNCIL |
| Date and time | WEDNESDAY, 18 JUNE 2008 AT 6.00 PM |
| Venue | COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT |
| Present | Cllrs Arthur Taylor (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Wendy Arnold, Anne Bishop, George Brown, William Burt, George Cameron, Charles Chapman, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Mike Cunningham, John Effemey, Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, Deborah Gardiner, Charles Hancock, Peter Humber, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Patrick Joyce, Gill Kennett, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, Muriel Miller, Brian Mosdell, Erica Oulton, Lady Pigot, Garry Price, David Pugh, Susan Scoccia, Andy Sutton, Melanie Swan, Margaret Webster, Alan Wells, Colin West, David Williams, Jilly Wood |
| Officers in attendance | Steve Beynon, Debbie Dixon, Davina Fiore, Stuart Love, Chris Mathews, Sarah Mitchell, Amanda Thomas |
| Apologies | Cllrs Henry Adams, John Bowker, Ivan Bulwer, Barbara Foster, John Hobart, Win McRobert, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Ian Stephens, Diana Tuson, Ian Ward, David Whittaker |
| 19. | Minutes <u>RESOLVED</u> : THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on 21 May 2008 be confirmed. |
| 20. | Declarations of Interest Cllr Brian Mosdell declared a personal interest in agenda item 5, the Ethical Standards Committee Annual Report, as he had been involved in a recent Standards Board investigation. |
| 21. | Public Question Time No written questions were submitted. |

Oral questions were put to the Chairman as follows:

| Name: | Subject: | Comment: |
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| Mr J Wortham of Brighstone | Newport transport system – Trafalgar Road | The Cabinet Member responded. |
| Mr David Miller of Cowes | Education consultation method for primary schools relocating or enlarging. | The Leader responded. |
| Mr Bob Blezzard of Sandown | Protocol for Members under investigation by the Standards Board for England. | The Leader responded. |
| Mrs Jill Wareham of Brighstone | Decision making procedures. | The Leader responded. |

22. **Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and correspondence for the Council.**

The Chairman had provided a written report, which had been circulated. Members were advised of the recent death of Dick Hipkiss, a former Member of the Council and a minute's silence was observed.

23. **Ethical Standards Committee Annual Report**

Council considered the Ethical Standards Committee's Annual Report for 2007 to 2008. The report was introduced by the Leader, who proposed that Council note the report. The Chairman of the Ethical Standards Committee provided comment on activities and development of the committee's responsibilities following Government legislation for filtering complaints.

An amendment was moved by Cllr Mosdell, to defer the report, but following a debate the motion was lost.

Members discussed issues surrounding quality control and the criteria used during the assessment process and were advised that Member Information Sessions had been organised, which would cover all concerns raised.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Ethical Standards Committee Annual Report be noted.

24. **Cabinet**

(a) **Adoption of the Economic Strategy**

Council considered the recommendation from Cabinet following the meeting on 17 June 2008, regarding the Island's Economic Strategy. A copy of the report, the Strategy and the Action Plan had been circulated to Members for information.

The Cabinet Member for the Economy, Leisure, Planning and Property introduced the report and provided Members with a brief history of the development of the Strategy.

Members raised concerns about clear accountability for the Strategy and the rising costs of cross Solent transport

Council was advised that the Economic Strategy currently attracted Government funding and would provide clear direction for Members and Officers for the years ahead.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Economic Strategy be adopted and further work be undertaken to develop an Action Plan to deliver the Strategy

(b) Reports of the Cabinet Members and the Chairman of Scrutiny

(i) The Leader

A written report had been provided and, on behalf of the Council, the Leader congratulated the Chairman on his 80th birthday. Council was also informed of the appointment of Canon Stephen Palmer as one of Her Majesty's Chaplains.

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

A written report had been provided.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

| Name: | Subject: | Comment: |
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| Cllr Joyce | The Council's responsibility for Bembridge Harbour | A written response would be provided |
| Cllr Hancock | Potential development of Newport Harbour and County Hall site. | The Cabinet Member responded |
| Cllr Knowles | Problems with the Pan site and the East Cowes project. | The Cabinet Member responded. |
| Cllr Gardiner | Joint property review. | The Cabinet Member responded |

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

A written report had been provided. In addition, the Cabinet Member circulated a schedule of parent consultation meetings.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

| Name: | Subject: | Comment: |
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| Cllr Gardiner | Prescribed activities | The Cabinet Member responded |
| Cllr Joyce | Clarification of the timescale for consultation meetings | The Chairman invited the Director to provide a response |

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

Written question received:

| Name: | Subject: | Reference Number: |
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| Cllr Knowles | Road re-surfacing budget (SCRIM) | MQ 14/08 |

A written report had been provided.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

| Name: | Subject: | Comment: |
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| Cllr Lumley | The Capital Programme for 2007-08 | The Cabinet Member responded |
| Cllr Humby | Frequency of refuse collections on the Island | The Cabinet Member responded |

(v) **Chairman of Scrutiny**

A written report had been provided.

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

A written report had been provided.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

| Name: | Subject: | Comment: |
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| Cllr Hancock | The provision of Occupational Therapy for the Island | A written response would be provided |
| Cllr Gardiner | Support for Debt and Court work | A written response would be provided |
| Cllr Gardiner | The style of Primary Care Trust meetings | The Cabinet Member responded. |
| Cllr Joyce | Car parking charges for health workers attending clients | A written response would be provided. |
| Cllr Mosdell | Independent carers' allowances and the effect on pensions | A written response would be provided. |

(vii) [**Cabinet Member for Residents, Resources and the Fire Service**](#)

A written report had been provided.

Oral questions were put to the Cabinet Member as follows:

| Name: | Subject: | Comment: |
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| Cllr Hancock | The recruitment of Highways staff | The Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport responded. |
| Cllr Mosdell | A Fire and Rescue risk assessment for his ward | The Cabinet Member responded. |

(viii) [**Cabinet Member for Safer Communities**](#)

A written report had been provided and circulated and the Leader offered to take questions in the Cabinet Member's absence.

Oral questions were put as follows:

| Name: | Subject: | Comment: |
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| Cllr Hancock | The number of complaints received | A written response |

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| | about the Isle of Wight Festival | would be provided. |
| Cllr Hancock | The quality of a recent CREW event in East Cowes | The Leader would refer this to the Cabinet Member for investigation |

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm .

CHAIRMAN