



Minutes

Name of meeting	FULL COUNCIL
Date and time	WEDNESDAY, 21 JANUARY 2009
Venue	COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT
Present	Cllrs Arthur Taylor (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Henry Adams, Wendy Arnold, Anne Bishop, George Brown, Ivan Bulwer, William Burt, George Cameron, Dawn Cousins, Mike Cunningham, Roger Dixcey, John Effemey, Jonathan Fitzgerald-Bond, Barbara Foster, Deborah Gardiner, Charles Hancock, John Hobart, Peter Humber, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Patrick Joyce, Gill Kennett, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, Muriel Miller, Erica Oulton, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Lady Pigot, Garry Price, David Pugh, Colin Richards, Susan Scoccia, Ian Stephens, Andy Sutton, Ian Ward, Margaret Webster, Colin West, David Whittaker, David Williams, Jilly Wood
Officers in attendance	Steve Beynon, Dave Burbage, Davina Fiore, Stuart Love, Chris Mathews, Sarah Mitchell, April Ross
Apologies	Cllrs John Bowker, Charles Chapman, Diana Tuson, Alan Wells

55. Minutes

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [19 November 2008](#) be confirmed.

56. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations received at this stage.

57. Public Question Time

An oral question was put to the Chairman as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Mr Bob Blezzard of Sandown	The Leader's non-attendance at a meeting of the Hants and Isle of Wight Local Government Association.	The Leader responded.

58. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman had provided a written report, which was noted.

59. **Change of date for Annual Council 2009**

The programme of Council meetings as agreed at Annual Council on 16 April 2008 had included an Annual Council date of 20 May 2009. However, due to the date of the local and European elections, which had been confirmed as 4 June 2009, Members were asked to consider moving Annual Council to 17 June 2009.

RESOLVED:

THAT Annual Council be moved to Wednesday, 17 June 2009.

60. **Report from the Council's Returning Officer**

Council was advised that Cllr Colin Richards had been elected Ward Councillor at the recently conducted Newchurch By-election.

61. **Change of Executive Governance**

Members were advised that the Council's Executive Governance arrangements would require amendment following the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Council was asked to consider adopting a "strong leader model", in which a Leader would be elected for a four-year period, with provision for Council to remove the leader mid-term..

RESOLVED:

1. THAT Option 1 be approved in that the Leader and Cabinet Executive model of governance be adopted as from June 2009.
2. THAT the following paragraphs of Article 7 of the Constitution be amended:
 - (a) Paragraph 3 – to state that the Leader will be a Councillor elected at the first annual meeting immediately following an election and that he will hold office until the day of the annual Council meeting following the next election.
 - (b) Paragraph 3(d) – by adding: "Such a resolution to be a motion of "No Confidence in the Leader" submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 of the Procedure Rules for the Regulation of Procedures – Full Council.

- (c) An additional paragraph 3(e) be added stating: “That where, in accordance with paragraph 3(d) above, a Leader has been removed by resolution, a new Leader shall be elected either at the meeting at which the Leader is removed from office, or at a subsequent meeting”.

62. **Cabinet**

Reports of the Cabinet Members

(i) **The Leader**

A written question had been received as follows:

Name	Subject	Reference Number
Cllr Ian Stephens	Eco Island and the reduction of the Island’s carbon footprint.	MQ 01/09

A written report had been circulated for information.

Oral questions were put as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr David Knowles	The level of Government Grant	The Leader responded.
Cllr Geoff Lumley	An update on capital receipts for the Pan development.	The Cabinet Member provided a response.
Cllr Deborah Gardiner	A possible review of Children’s Services.	The Leader and Cllr Miller provided a response.

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

A written report had been circulated.

Oral questions were put as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Geoff Lumley	Affordable housing levels for the Pan development.	The Cabinet Member responded.

Cllr Charlie Hancock	A breakdown of the Council's Tourism advertising campaign.	The Cabinet Member responded.
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(iii) **Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport**

A written question had been received as follows:

Name	Subject	Reference Number
Cllr David Knowles	An update on the future of Undercliff Drive, Ventnor	MQ 02/09

A written report had been circulated.

A petition regarding the difficulties experienced in crossing the Brading Road, outside the Tesco store, and the bus service provided, was presented to the Cabinet Member by Cllr David Knowles. The Cabinet Member received the petition and would provide a response.

An oral question was put as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Charlie Hancock	Possible reductions in the bus service currently provided by Southern Vectis.	The Cabinet Member responded.

(iv) **Chair of Scrutiny**

A written report had been circulated for information.

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

A written question had been received as follows:

Name	Subject	Reference Number
Cllr Ian Stephens	An update on the Warm Homes grant funding.	MQ 03/09

A written report had been circulated for information.

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

A written report had been circulated for information.

An oral question was put as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Heather Humby	The response times of the Council's Customer Service Centre.	The Cabinet Member responded, and would refer to the Chief Executive.

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

A written report had been circulated for information.

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

A written report had been circulated for information.

An oral question was put as follows:

Name	Subject	Comment
Cllr Colin Richards	The Council's school governor vacancy list.	The Leader responded and would provide the name of the Governor Liaison Officer.

CHAIRMAN