



# Minutes

Name of meeting	<b>FULL COUNCIL</b>
Date and time	<b>WEDNESDAY, 15 JUNE 2011 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM</b>
Venue	<b>COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT</b>
Present	Cllrs David Williams (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Jonathan Bacon, Reg Barry, Peter Bingham, George Brown, George Cameron, Vanessa Churchman, Dawn Cousins, Rodney Downer, Stuart Dyer, Paul Fuller, Edward Giles, John Hobart, Richard Hollis, Heather Humby, Tim Hunter-Henderson, Julie Jones-Evans, Geoff Lumley, Roger Mazillius, David Pugh, Colin Richards, Susan Scoccia, Ian Stephens, David Stewart, Arthur Taylor, Gary Taylor, Ian Ward, Margaret Webster, Chris Welsford, Jerry White, Wayne Whittle, David Whittaker
Apologies	Cllrs Roger Dixcey, John Howe, Patrick Joyce, David Knowles, Lora Peacey-Wilcox, Andy Sutton

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10. [Minutes](#)

RESOLVED :

THAT the Minutes of the meeting held on [18 May 2011](#) be confirmed.

11. [Declarations of Interest](#)

There were no declarations received at this stage.

12. [Public Question Time](#)

Questions were put to the Chairman as follows :

<b>Name</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Tanja Rebel, Cowes	Would the Council be making good use of the new permissions with regard to inconsiderate parking in order to make walking a safer and more pleasant experience?	The Cabinet Member provided a written response which was available on the following link <a href="#"><u>(PQ 13/11)</u></a>

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Stephen Goodman	<p>Missing link in Newport of route 23 of national cycle network. S.106 planning gain money had been available to do some of this work, why had the work not been done so far, why had the money not been used, what interest were the Council earning on that money and had any of that money been used for any other purpose?</p> <p>Supplementary – why hasn't the money allocated to that been spent yet, what interest earning in the meantime and had any of that money been used for other purposes?</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member indicated it had been an aspiration for many years. Funding was not contained in current highways capital programme but was subject of matched funding from SUSTRANS. If the bid was approved it would be conditional on works taking place from December 2011.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member indicated he would provide a written response.</p>
Richard Matthews, FBU	<p>Can you please explain why the contract to outsource the Island's emergency control room did not go through a competitive tendering process nor was it advertised in the official journal of the European community?</p> <p>Supplementary – in relation to S.16 of the Fire and Services Act 2004.</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member indicated he would provide a written response.</p>
Mark Newland, Shanklin	<p>Was consultation in relation to the transfer of the fire service control centre in line with the Isle of Wight Council and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service Communications and Engagement Policy?</p> <p>Supplementary – Could you confirm it did comply with section 4.1 of the policies?</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member indicated there was no obligation to consult further. Consultation had taken place with stakeholders, including the FBU, it also went to Council as part of the budget process in September 2010</p> <p>The Cabinet Member indicated he would provide a written response.</p>
Simon Haytack	<p>Unemployment on the Isle of Wight.</p>	<p>The Cabinet Member advised that the most recent figures showed an improvement on last month's position. The Council was doing everything to encourage investment on the island, which would create new jobs.</p>

13. [Chairman's report, official announcements, communications and correspondence for the Council](#)

A [written report](#) had been circulated for information. The Chairman advised members that he had attended a meeting of the Hants and Isle of Wight Trust and with the Vice Chairman, a citizenship ceremony.

He also welcomed Steve Apter who had been appointed as the new Chief Fire Officer as from 1 November 2011.

The Chairman also indicated that he was going to change the order of the agenda by bringing forward the item on the Corporate Parenting Strategy.

14. **To consider the following matters and recommendations proposed by the appropriate Cabinet Members following decisions taken under delegated powers**

[Corporate Parenting Strategy](#)

Members were asked to endorse the delegated decision, relating to the Corporate Parenting Strategy, taken by the Cabinet Member for Children's Services and Education on 15 June 2011.

**RESOLVED :**

THAT the revised Corporate Parenting Strategy (as attached to the agenda) be endorsed.

15. [Motion under Procedure Rule 16 \(1\) of the Council's Constitution](#)

Before considering the submitted motion Cllr Lumley moved a motion to formally suspend Procedure Rule 11 for agenda items 5 which would allow members to discuss the motion rather than it being adjourned without discussion to the next ordinary meeting of the Council.

Following a debate the motion to suspend Procedure Rule 11 was put to the vote and was lost.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 16(1) of the Council's Constitution the following motion, signed by Cllrs Jonathan Bacon, Reg Barry, Vanessa Churchman, Rodney Downer, John Howe, Patrick Joyce, David Knowles, Geoff Lumley, Colin Richards, Ian Stephens, Chris Welsford, Wayne Whittle, was moved by Councillor Geoff Lumley:

Council resolves, in the light of increasing public concern, to recommend to the Cabinet that they reverse the 2011 Budget decision and subsequent delegated decision (15/11) to transfer the Isle of Wight Fire Control service to Surrey Fire and Rescue Service, with the loss of savings for this year of £125k to be drawn from General Reserves. Further it recommends to Cabinet that any future alternative provision of this service must be Island based and preferably based on a shared emergency services approach.

As the motion had the effect of materially increasing the expenditure upon the service it was now, by virtue of Procedure Rule 11 adjourned to the next meeting of the Council without further discussion.

16. **Motions submitted under Procedure Rule 10 of the Council's Constitution**

(a) [Motion moved by Councillor Dawn Cousins](#) :

This Council:

- (i) Strongly opposes the National Health Service - South Central proposal to close the children's congenital heart services unit at Southampton General Hospital. It considers that this would be a retrograde step which could put the lives of Island children at risk. It notes that Island families already have to cross the Solent to access such provision, and that having to travel even further once on the mainland would make such services considerably less accessible.
- (ii) Welcomes and applauds the high quality of the children's heart services currently provided at Southampton General Hospital and believes this offers another very good reason to see continued provision in this location, thus ensuring continued access to high quality services.
- (iii) Notes that the consultation documentation has failed to take account of the effect of the Solent on retrieval times and has accordingly presented options arrived at on an erroneous basis. Further this Council notes that a correct assessment of retrieval times would mean Southampton would not be facing potential closure.
- (iv) Accordingly requires the Leader, along with other Group Leaders, to write on behalf of the Council in response to the consultation, to express the local authority strong support for Option B, which would see a Specialist Surgical Centre retained at Southampton General Hospital. Furthermore that this formal view of Council is communicated widely to reinforce the strength of our support.

The motion was seconded and then following debate was put to the vote and it was

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(b) [Motion moved by Councillor Ian Stephens](#) :

This Council amends the Isle of Wight Council Constitution to require all off Island engagements and attendance of all meetings and conferences to be recorded and reports from those attendees and representatives of this Authority to be made available as public notice and each report to be accompanied by overall financial cost to the Isle of Wight Council.

Notice to be displayed on the Isle of Wight Council website.

Rationale:

That Members are shown to be fiscally responsible and it can be shown that the most cost effective mode of transport and accommodation (if required) be sought and utilised.

That value for money is shown to the Membership and residents of the Isle of Wight in these austere times.

The motion was seconded and then following debate was put to the vote and was lost.

17. [Community Governance and Polling Places and Districts Review 2011](#)

Council considered a report from the Chief Executive on the Community Governance and Polling Places and Districts Review. It was noted that a number of requests for minor alterations to various aspects of electoral arrangements for town and parish councils, including re-warding, external boundary alterations and a change of name were recommended.

An amendment was proposed and seconded with regard to the boundary relating to the proposed Ryde West Polling District.

Following debate the amendment was put to the vote and was lost.

The original motion was then put to the vote and it was

**RESOLVED :**

- (I) THAT the Isle of Wight Council gives effect to the Order which modifies the boundary between the parish wards and polling districts of Brighstone Parish Council, known as Brook Ward and Mottistone Ward, and which renames the existing parish of Gatcombe to “Chillerton and Gatcombe”, and is designated as The Isle of Wight Council (Reorganisation of Community Governance) Order 2011.
- (II) THAT the Isle of Wight Council adopts the scheme of polling districts and polling places as set out in Appendix C of the report. This resolution is to be effective for the purposes of proceedings preliminary or relating to any election to be held after 1 December 2011.

18. [Corporate Plan and Medium Term Financial Strategy](#)

The Leader explained that Council’s Corporate Plan was the main strategic planning document which set out the local authority focus for future years. The Corporate Plan was particularly important for the Council to respond to the grant settlement reductions and still provide or commission those services which mattered to the local communities and, in particular, vulnerable individuals. It was noted that the traditional service provider role was no longer financially viable and the Council needed to work increasingly with partners to deliver and commission services.

The Medium Term Financial Strategy outlined the way in which the Council would deliver the Corporate Plan priorities within the restricted resources available or likely to be available in the medium term. Final settlement figures announced in December 2010 reflected a 26% cut in grant funding or approximately £17.8m less for the Isle of Wight over four years. In addition the Council was also facing an increase in demand for services.

Members noted the key changes to the corporate priorities from the 2009 Plan.

A revision to the recommendation was circulated to all members which added a delegated to the Strategic Director of Resources, in consultation with the

Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources, to make minor changes to enable the plan to be published by the end of June.

RESOLVED :

THAT council agree to adopt the refreshed corporate plan and medium term financial strategy, subject to an updated version of the latter document (reflecting the current position on various aspects) being finalised and published by the end of June by the Strategic Director of Resources, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources.

19. [Isle of Wight Community Safety Partnership Plan 2011 – 2014](#)

Members were advised that in December 2010, five Secretaries of State had issued a joint letter to Community Safety Partnership (CSP) chairs confirming that community safety continued to be a key priority for the Government and that CSP's would continue to be statutory.

The Partnership Plan for 2011 – 2014 was developed based on the findings of the Strategic Assessment and took into account availability of resources over the next three years. It would be reviewed on an annual basis to ensure that priority issues and areas were still correct.

RESOLVED :

THAT the Council endorse and adopt the Partnership Plan 2011-2014, thereby meeting its statutory duty and also enabling the implementation of the Corporate Plan.

20. **Cabinet**

**To consider the following matter as recommended by the Cabinet at its meeting on the 10 May 2011**

[Approval of Island Transport Plan](#)

Members were asked to ratify the decision made by Cabinet on 10 May 2011 and approve the Island Transport Plan as the statutory Local Transport Plan for the Island.

During the course of the debate a motion to suspend Procedure Rule 26 for one hour was proposed and seconded.

Following a vote the motion was lost.

A further motion was put to suspend Procedure Rule 26 for the remainder of this item of business was put. Following a vote is was

RESOLVED:

THAT in accordance with Procedure Rule 26 the meeting be extended to allow the completion of this item of business.

Following further debate on the Local Transport Plan the motion was put to the vote and it was

RESOLVED :

THAT the Island Transport Plan be adopted as the statutory local transport plan for the Island.

CHAIRMAN