



# Record of decision

**THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS WERE TAKEN BY THE CABINET ON THURSDAY, 14 MARCH 2019**

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THESE DECISIONS EXPIRES AT 5.00 PM ON MONDAY, 25 MARCH 2019**

Members of the Cabinet who were present

Cllrs Dave Stewart (Chairman), Barry Abraham, Paul Brading, John Hobart, Clare Mosdell, Michael Murwill, Ian Ward, Wayne Whittle

Members also present (non-voting)

Cllrs Debbie Andre, George Cameron, Steve Hastings, John Howe, Karl Love, John Medland

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**Leader of the Council**

<b>Agenda item</b>	<a href="#"><u>Minutes</u></a>
Decision reference	<b>68 (18/19)</b>
Decision Taken	That the minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2019 be agreed.
Questions / Amendments	None.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<a href="#"><u>Declarations of Interest</u></a>
Decision reference	<b>69 (18/19)</b>
	None declared.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<a href="#"><u>Public Question Time</u></a>
Decision reference	<b>70 (18/19)</b>
Summary of Discussion	<p><b><u>Written Questions</u></b></p> <p>Patrick Noctor of Freshwater submitted a question regarding ground rent and lease for West Wight Sports Centre. The Leader provided a response (<a href="#"><u>PQ 11/19</u></a>).</p> <p>Clare Griffin of Freshwater submitted a question regarding progress on assistance for West Wight Sports Centre. The Leader provided a response (<a href="#"><u>PQ 12/19</u></a>).</p> <p>Jonathan Young of Freshwater submitted a question regarding pre-discussions being made public before the publication of a report. The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills provided a response (<a href="#"><u>PQ 13/19</u></a>). A supplementary question was asked regarding an investigation and it was clarified that appropriate action had been taken.</p> <p>Gill Kennett of Freshwater Parish Council submitted a question regarding West Wight's inclusion in the Regeneration Strategy. The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Business Development provided a response (<a href="#"><u>PQ 14/19</u></a>).</p> <p>Caroline Woodgate of Freshwater submitted a question regarding the Ofsted information detailed in the West Wight Place Planning proposal. The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills provided a response (<a href="#"><u>PQ 17/19</u></a>).</p> <p>The Leader advised that in addition to the above, responses would be provided for the following written questions which had been received;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rosalind Walford of Bembridge submitted a question on whether the Cabinet would investigate planning applications which resulted in the demolition of a cafe in Bembridge. (<a href="#"><u>PQ 16/19</u></a>).</li> <li>• Michael Mills of Freshwater Parish Council submitted a question regarding the delivery of the West Wight cycleway project. (<a href="#"><u>PQ 18/19</u></a>).</li> <li>• Michael Mills of Freshwater Parish Council submitted a question regarding a decision being taken by the Cabinet rather under delegated authority. (<a href="#"><u>PQ 19/19</u></a>).</li> <li>• Allie Martin of Freshwater submitted a question regarding how the proposed closure of All Saints CE Primary School fitted in with the Corporate Plan. (<a href="#"><u>PQ 20/19</u></a>).</li> <li>• Lucy Temple of Freshwater submitted a question regarding the consideration of statutory guidance on rural schools. (<a href="#"><u>PQ 21/19</u></a>).</li> </ul>

### **Oral Questions**

Carly Wyre-Nock of Freshwater asked a question regarding performance being singled out as the reason for proposed closure of All Saints CE Primary School.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills clarified that no decision had been taken. It was noted that when establishing a preferred option, he considered low levels of numbers, three consecutive Requires Improvement 'Ofsted' judgements, and the geographical location.

A supplementary question was asked, and it was clarified that only eight parents had chosen to send their children to the school which in turn impacted on the viability and quality of education in the coming years.

Becky Powell of Freshwater asked a question with regard to a rejected call-in and the Leader clarified the process for call-in.

A supplementary question was asked with regard to concerns over not having a fair consultation and the Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills clarified that the delegated decision was in fact to commence a consultation to undertake a consultation.

Stefan Powell of Freshwater asked a question into the reasoning behind the proposed closure of All Saints School being the preferred option in the delegated decision report.

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills clarified that all reports have a preferred option and that the best option would always be the option that is in the interest of children of the West Wight.

Victoria Bassill of Freshwater asked a question with regard to ensuring that children are not displaced from All Saints Primary School in September. The Cabinet Member for Children's Services, Education and Skills clarified that no final decision had been taken.

A supplementary question was asked regarding the Published Admission Number and it was confirmed that this would not be reduced.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b><u>Chairman's Announcements</u></b>
Decision reference	<b>71 (18/19)</b>
Summary of Discussion	No further announcements were made at this stage.

<b>Agenda item</b>	<b><u>Integration of Continuing Healthcare</u></b>
Decision reference	<b>72 (18/19)</b>
Summary of Discussion	The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Public Health presented the report on the proposed integration of NHS Continuing Healthcare (CHC) function with the council's Adult Social Care Commissioning to create a single team.
Decision taken	Option 2 - That Cabinet notes the progress to date in relation to the integration of the CHC functions with Adult Social Care and agrees the inclusion of the CHC budget within the Better Care Fund s.75 from 1 April 2019.
Reason for the decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To align with one of the key activities in the Corporate Plan 2017 – 2020, namely Wellbeing. This proposal contributes directly to outcomes for wellbeing by supporting people and ensuring that vulnerable people are supported and protected. The proposal furthers the integration of Adult Social Care and Health and will contribute directly to the delivery of the Care Close to Home strategy.
Options considered and rejected	Option 1 – To continue to operate separately and not to integrate the CHC function with Adult Social Care.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b><u><a href="#">Cross-Solent Travel Scheme – NHS Recharge</a></u></b>
Decision Reference	<b>73 (18/19)</b>
Summary of Discussion	<p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health presented the report seeking a decision for the Isle of Wight Council to continue to provide funding to support the NHS Trust's Cross Solent Travel Discretionary Scheme, which provides reimbursement of ferry fares for people travelling to the mainland for chemotherapy, radiotherapy or renal dialysis.</p> <p>Joanna Smith of Healthwatch was invited to present the outcome of the independent Healthwatch consultation and advised the overwhelming view was to continue the funding.</p> <p>The chairman noted that the Scrutiny Committee had recommended the report be endorsed at its meeting on 12 March 2019. The Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport took the opportunity to advise that all three ferry companies offer a discount scheme for patients, and carers, which could include car travel.</p>
Decision taken	Option B – To grant fund the NHS Trust an annual sum of £60,000 funded from within the existing Adult Social Care budget, with agreement that this be used to support patient transport. The scope of eligibility for this funding will be determined by the IW NHS Trust.
Reason for decision and corporate objective it aligns with	To align with one of the key activities in the Corporate Plan 2017 – 2020, namely Wellbeing in that the community needs are met by the best public services possible, and that vulnerable people are supported.
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option A - To continue to operate a recharge agreement with the NHS Trust to reimburse ferry travel under the same terms as the existing agreement. This would not provide any saving and would still only support a limited group of people with specific conditions. This option leaves the council open to challenge regarding the inequitable nature of the scheme. This challenge is increasingly likely with advances in medicine leading to the increasing use of alternative cancer treatments such as Immunotherapy and Radioactive Iodine Treatment which fall outside of the scope of the recharge agreement. Greater public awareness of the discretionary scheme is likely to result in an increase in funding needed to support this scheme.</p> <p>Option C - To withdraw Council funding from the current scheme in line with the agreed 2018/19 budget strategy. This will achieve the full saving of £60,000. Following this course of action could put the council at reputational risk as it could indicate a lack of regard for the consultation outcomes.</p> <p>Option D - To provide additional funding to support cross Solent travel for a wider range of patients thereby removing the current inequity. There is no additional funding available to support this option or legal duty to do so.</p>

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b><u>Quarterly Performance Management &amp; Finance Report Q3</u></b>
<b>Decision Reference</b>	<b>74 (18/19)</b>
<b>Summary of Discussion</b>	<p>The Leader presented the report and took the opportunity to allow the cabinet members to comment on their respective portfolios.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Business Development advised that good progress was being made across Regeneration and an increasing number of enquiries had been received from businesses looking to expand on the Island.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Planning and Housing advised that the length of the Island Plan consultation had been doubled in response to feedback from Town and Parish Councils.</p> <p>The Leader confirmed on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Public Protection that both Hampshire and the Isle of Wight had agreed to the Combined Fire Authority subject to approval from the Home Secretary.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Procurement, Waste Management, Special Projects and Forward Planning advised on the various initiatives being promoted with regards to recycling. The new waste recycling centre on Forest Road would open in Autumn 2019 and would hopefully enable the Island to become number one in the country for recycling.</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage noted that Dr Phillip Sterling who ran Dorset's Verges and Highway Areas would hopefully give a talk in April 2019 on how to get wildflowers in the verges to encourage pollination and bees.</p> <p>The Leader advised on behalf of the Cabinet Member for Resources that the budget for 2019-20 had been set. A shortfall planned against actual expenditure of £3 million had been made during 2018-19 through careful budget management, which would go into future planning for the island.</p>
<b>Decision taken</b>	To note the performance in relation to the council's priorities as set out in this report and the priority report detail as set out in Appendix A, together with the council's financial position as set out at Appendices B and C.
<b>Reason for decision and corporate objective it aligns with</b>	To align with the key activities in the Corporate Plan 2017 – 2020, namely the ongoing management and monitoring of performance data, the council's strategic risk profile and financial situation, required to support the successful delivery of the agreed council priorities.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<a href="#"><u>Consideration of the Forward Plan</u></a>
Decision Reference	<b>75 (18/19)</b>
Summary of Discussion	It was advised that there were two delegated decisions upcoming at the end of March 2019. There would be no meeting of the Cabinet in April 2019.

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<a href="#"><u>Members' Question Time</u></a>
Decision Reference	<b>76 (18/19)</b>
Members' Questions	<p>Cllr John Medland submitted a written question requesting detail regarding meetings that have occurred between Cabinet Members and Isle of Wight Council officers with UK Oil and Gas (UKOG).</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Environment and Heritage provided a response (<a href="#"><u>MQ 05/19</u></a>).</p> <p>The Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health advised that she had attended an informal meeting with UKOG as the ward councillor for Arreton and Newchurch and clarified her view that any future meeting should be between UKOG and the public.</p>