

THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00PM ON TUESDAY, 7 JULY 2009. THE DECISION CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON TUESDAY, 30 JUNE 2009

Present: Councillor David Pugh – Leader of the Council
Jonathan Baker – Democratic Services Officer

Item	Appointment of Cabinet and Member Liaison
Decision reference	29/09
Decision taken	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) To establish a Cabinet of 7 Members including the Leader of the Council;2) To appoint the following Cabinet Positions:<ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Deputy Leader and cabinet member for Economy, Tourism, Leisure and Planning Cllr George Brownii. Cabinet Member for Resources Cllr Peter Binghamiii. Cabinet Member for Fire & Community Safety Cllr Barry Abrahamiv. Cabinet Member for the Environment & Transport Cllr Edward Gilesv. Cabinet Member for Children, Social Care, Health and Housing Cllr Dawn Cousinsvi. Cabinet Member for Major Projects, Customer Service & Communications Cllr Tim Hunter-Henderson3) To approve the Leader of the Council in retaining the overall responsibility for governance as well as school improvement thereby obtaining the additional title of “Cabinet Member for Governance and School Improvement”.4) To outline the responsibilities of the said Cabinet Members in Appendix A of the report.

	<p>5) To appoint the following Member Liaison positions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Member Liaison for Traffic & Transport Cllr Julie Jones-Evans ii. Member Liaison for Schools Reorganisation Cllr William Wyatt-Millington iii. Member Liaison for Affordable Housing Cllr John Hobart
Reasons for decision	To establish an effective form of executive governance within the Isle of Wight Council.
Additional reasons	To retain a Cabinet of 7 Members and introduce a Member Liaison system that will provide effective support to the relevant Cabinet Member in ensuring that the views of individual members are taken into account when decisions are made.
Options considered and rejected	There were no other options to be considered.
Representations Received	<p>Representations were received from the Ward Member for Newport East on the proposed decision. These are listed below along with the response provided by the Leader of the Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Question</u> - How would the Member Liaison individuals liaise with other Members and how would the position of Member Liaison fit with an active Member making representation regarding decisions directly to the Cabinet Member responsible? • <u>Answer</u> - Representations could still be made directly to the Cabinet Member responsible. The Member Liaison roles would provide an additional and complementary function to this. • <u>Question</u> - Would the Member Liaison positions be seen as a barrier between Members and the Cabinet? • <u>Answer</u> – Member Liaison would not be a barrier between members and the Cabinet. • <u>Question</u> - How would the Member Liaison individuals ensure that Member views were taken into account when decisions are made, particularly if there are fundamental disagreements on policy? • <u>Answer</u> - Views would be taken into account in the same way that other Members' views are, listened to by both the Cabinet Member and the relevant Member Liaison. They would be considered and then the decision would be made. Whilst the Cabinet have demonstrated in recent months a willingness to take on board some of the suggestions made, not least in Full Council, there would inevitably be disagreements on policy, and as such there would be circumstances in which a minority view would not carry.

Declarations of interest	None
Additional advice received	None received