

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00PM ON,
THURSDAY, 5 FEBRUARY 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 WEDNESDAY, 28 JANUARY 2009

Present: Cllr George Brown - Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for the
Economy, Leisure, Planning & Property

Cllr Dawn Cousins - Cabinet Member for Health, Housing &
Community Wellbeing

Mr Jonathan Baker – Democratic Services Officer

Item	<u>Proposed Transaction of Properties with Islecare 97 Limited</u>
Decision reference	02/09
Decision taken	Option (i). To surrender the existing Lease with 17 and 41 Newport Road, Cowes, 31 Carter Avenue, Shanklin and Elmdon, Highfield Road, Shanklin reverting to the Isle of Wight Council, and the freehold of Polars, Staplers Road, Newport being transferred to Islecare together with the adjacent land and former Blind Society premises, subject to 17 and 41 Newport Road, Cowes and 31 Carter Avenue, Shanklin being simultaneously transferred to a Registered Social Landlord, and Elmdon, Highfield Road, Shanklin being re-let on a short term Lease to Islecare.
Reasons for decision	To rationalise the Councils property assets that form part of the 'Modern Council' agenda within One Island.
Additional reasons	To support the "Thriving Island", "Safe and Well Kept Island" and "Healthy and Supportive Island" themes within Eco Island.
Options considered and rejected	<p>Option (ii). As per Option (i) but with 17 and 41 Newport Road, Cowes, 31 Carter Avenue, Shanklin and Elmdon, Highfield Road, Shanklin reverting to the Isle of Wight Council with vacant possession, therefore not requiring a simultaneous transfer to a Registered Social Landlord or Elmdon, Highfield Road, Shanklin being re-let to Islecare</p> <p>Option (iii). As per Option (i) but without Elmdon, Highfield Road, Shanklin being re-let to Islecare</p> <p>Option (iv). As per Option (i) but without the adjacent land and Blind Society building being transferred to Islecare.</p> <p>Option (v). As per Option (i) but without 17 and 41 Newport Road, Cowes and 31 Carter Avenue, Shanklin being simultaneously transferred to a Registered Social Landlord.</p>

		Option (vi). Do Nothing
Declarations of interest		None
Representations Received.		<p>The Chair of the Scrutiny Committee requested that the relevant Ward Members also be consulted. Following this consultation, the Member for Cowes Central raised questions about social issues of two properties within the area. The Cabinet Member for Health, Housing & Community Wellbeing and the Director of Community Services provided a response.</p> <p>The Chair of Scrutiny also requested that the recommendation (Option (i)) be amended to show the towns of the relevant street names mentioned, which was agreed.</p>
Additional advice received		None Received.