

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE IWC CONSTITUTION, PAGE 167,
PARAGRAPH 1- a 4) THIS DECISION IS NOT SUBJECT TO THE
CALL IN PROCEDURE AND THEREFORE TAKES EFFECT
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RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY
HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON FRIDAY, 13 AUGUST 2010

Present: Cllr David Pugh – Leader of the Isle of Wight Council and Cabinet Member for Finance, Governance and School Improvement

Julie Martin – Senior Democratic Services Officer

Item	<u>Revisions to Cabinet Member Responsibilities – August 2010</u>
Decision reference	32/10
Decision taken	<p>THAT the appointments as set out in paragraphs 7 a), b) and c) of the report, be confirmed, namely:</p> <p>a) The establishment of a Cabinet of 7 members including the Leader of the Council;</p> <p>b) That the following Councillors be appointed to the Cabinet with the following titles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for the Economy, Tourism, Leisure, Planning & Property Councillor George Brown ii. Cabinet Member for Children’s Services Councillor Dawn Cousins iii. Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care & Housing Councillor Roger Mazillius iv. Cabinet Member for Fire & Community Safety Councillor Barry Abraham v. Cabinet Member for Environment, Transport & Corporate Services Councillor Edward Giles vi. Cabinet Member for Major Projects, Performance & Customer Services Councillor Tim Hunter-Henderson <p>c) In addition the Leader of the Council, Cllr David Pugh, will retain overall responsibility for governance and school improvement as well as acquire the responsibility for finance, so shall have the additional title of “Cabinet Member for Finance, Governance and School Improvement”.</p>

Reason for decision	To align more closely with the management structure – and in particular to ensure that each individual service area falls primarily within the remit of just one Cabinet Member, to provide more streamlined accountability and responsibility.
Additional reasons for decision	To lead to a reduction in spend, with one less Cabinet-level Special Responsibility Allowance being paid out.
Options considered and rejected	There were no other options to consider.
Representations received	<p>Representations were received from Cllr Lumley who added his concerns to those expressed by the Chair of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee under para 3 of the report. Cllr Lumley did not accept the justification given in paragraph 4 as he considered financial management to be just as important. Whilst Cllr Lumley was pleased that there would be one less Cabinet member, he held the view that responsibility for financial management should be held by someone in the Cabinet other than the Leader.</p> <p>The Leader noted Cllr Lumley’s concerns, but considered that they were misplaced. The Leader felt that Cllr Lumley was right to highlighting the importance of financial management in the current financial climate, and that was one of the reasons why it is proposed that the overall responsibility for this is assumed by the Leader. It would however be a corporate priority for all seven Cabinet Members. As the report highlights, this is an area overseen by leaders in many local authorities, given its significance. Having considered the representations made, the Leader intends to confirm the appointments proposed in the report, as he considers them to represent an appropriate balance of Cabinet responsibilities across all seven members.</p>
Declarations of interest	None
Additional advice received	None declared