INTRODUCTION

21 DECEMBER 2015

- As part of our commitment to transparency this introduces a daily series
  of updates over the Christmas/New Year break on the increasing
  responsibilities of the Town Council in this time of change:
- O Ventnor Town Council not only already holds leases from the Isle of Wight Council for 10 Assets of importance to the town but is also in the process of finalising 20 more lease arrangements.
- O The opportuity for local control of Assets, as well as some Services, has been the result of significant developments within both Councils.
- O The Isle of Wight Council's need to make major savings in its costs is well known and that has combined with the administration's commitment to partnership working with Town and Parish Councils.
- Ventnor Town Council's commitment to securing the best interests of its residents, activity groups and businesses includes a strategy of maximising local control of assets and services.
- That strategy has become even more significant in an uncertain future for governance within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight.
- O So this 11-day series of updates (we'll exclude Christmas Day and Boxing Day!) will provide information on the assets the Town Council currently controls and those it expects to control, starting today with Salisbury Garden.
- O Comments on, or questions about, any of the updates will be welcome either directly by email to <a href="mailto:townclerk@ventnortc.org">townclerk@ventnortc.org</a> or through the 'contact us' form on our web site by clicking <a href="mailto:this.link.">this link.</a>