



IWALC PLANNING ENFORCEMENT PROPOSAL

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 41/16

13 JUNE 2016

The purpose of this paper is to ask Members for a decision on the latest stage of the Isle of Wight Association of Local Council's (IWALC) proposal for arrangements to contribute £40,000 to the Isle of Wight Council's planning enforcement function.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) A proposal for strengthening the Isle of Wight Council's Planning Enforcement function in the context of budget cuts by an IWALC grant funded through contributions from Town and Parish Councils has been considered twice by both the Town Council's Planning Committee and the Town Council.
- b) The Planning Committee considered an initial set of four *Options* for such a scheme at its meeting of 30 September 2015 and referred a decision to the next meeting of the Town Council on 12 October 2015 when Minute 130/15 recorded the decision to note the Town Clerk's Report setting out the Options.
- c) The proposal was on the Agenda of the Planning Committee again for its meeting of 7 December and Minute 7 of that meeting records its decision as:
The proposal from the Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) for the employment of an additional Planning Enforcement Officer jointly funded by Town and Parish Councils was considered and the Committee agree to recommend to the full Town Council Meeting on Monday 14 December 2015 that it should not support the proposal.
- d) Following discussion of the proposal and the Planning Committee's recommendation the Town Council meeting of 14 December resolved unanimously *not to support the proposal* in Minute 163/15

2) PROPOSAL

- a) An updated version of that proposal has now been circulated by IWALC as the *Discretionary Service Support Proposal* for planning enforcement with a request for responses by the end of June.
- b) The Proposal is attached to this Report and, as in previous versions, the contribution proposed from Ventnor is £1,729 a year assuming all 33 Town and Parish Councils agree to participate.

3) RECOMMENDATION

The Town Council is recommended to reconfirm its decision of 14 December and inform IWALC accordingly.
