

## TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**REPORT 96/18** 

The purpose of this Report is to ask Members to consider how they can most effectively respond to the attached invitation to five local Town and Parish Councils' Members to attend the next in the series of locally held meetings of the Isle of Wight Council's Cabinet

## No. DETAILS

- I) BACKGROUND
  - a) The Isle of Wight Council's Cabinet has recently adopted the practice of relocating some of its usual monthly meetings to local venues with the September meeting taking place Brading
  - b) Its next meeting, on Thursday 11 October, is being planned for an as yet unspecified venue in Ventnor.
  - c) The attached email has been sent to the Clerks of five local Town and Parish Councils, Ventnor, Godshill, Wroxall, Chale and Niton & Whitwell including an invitation for the Members of those Councils to attend a following private session.
  - d) The invitation involves a total of 42 Town and Parish Councillors: Chale 6, Godshill 8, Niton & Whitwell 10, Wroxall 7 and Ventnor 11.

## 2) RESPONSE

- a) The holding of Cabinet meetings in selected venues other than Newport is a welcome development and, judging by the experience at Brading, is likely to attract residents from those local areas to see the Cabinet at work.
- b) However, given that Town and Parish Councils' policies and proposals are based on their own corporate decision making, inviting individual Members to make suggestions in this context is unusual.
- c) Members may wish to discuss and agree a joint response to this invitation.

Dear Clerks,

The Cabinet would like to invite Ventnor, Godshill, Wroxall, Chale and Niton and Whitwell Town and Parish Councillors to an informal meeting to be held in private on Thursday 11 October following the Cabinet meeting which will as usual be held in public. The informal meeting will take place in Ventnor at 7pm. The venue will be confirmed shortly.

The purpose of the meeting will be to share information about matters relating to the Town and Parish Councils in attendance a) to inform cabinet members of your future plans and local issues and b) to enable cabinet members to share with you information about wider IWC matters which we are currently addressing.

I should be grateful if you would let me know if you are able to attend and of any specific matters you would like to discuss so we can add them to the agenda.

There will be time for written and oral questions at the meeting. If you would like to submit a written question, please could you email it to me by 4pm on Monday 8 October.

Kind regards,

Katherine

Katherine Baldwin Direct Support for the Leader of the Isle of Wight Council (Dave Stewart)

County Hall Floor 5 Newport PO30 1UD

Tel: (01983) 821000 Ext: 6271 Email: <u>Katherine.baldwin@iow.gov.uk</u> Web: <u>www.iwight.com</u>