



The purpose of this paper is to agree a response in respect of both process and content to the Isle of Wight Council's recently opened consultation on the draft *Governance Scheme* for a Solent Mayoral Combined Authority of Portsmouth and Southampton City Councils and the Isle of Wight County Council.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) Following the statutory requirement for all three Councils to consult with their identified Stakeholders on the preceding *Governance Review*, all three have formally committed by decision of their Cabinet/Executive to proceed with the major public consultation on the draft for a *Governance Scheme* for the Combined Authority developed during their joint discussions between themselves and with government.
 - b) The responses from the 23 Stakeholders in the earlier consultation have yet to be published.
 - c) The current consultation was launched on 22 July and is open until 18 September and is accessible through the Isle of Wight Council's web site by clicking [this link](#).
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2) RESPONSE

- a) The only reference on the Agenda of IWALC's 21 July Annual General Meeting to this matter was a report back from the discussion at the Isle of Wight Council's Scrutiny Committee and the Executive is not due to meet again until September; at this stage its proposals for responding are not available.
 - b) The Town Council will follow its established practice of responding in its own right to consultations and that can be finalised at its September meeting on 12 September.
 - c) The question for this meeting is how the Town Council wishes to develop its response among the options of having an informal meeting to explore the details, appointing a working group to look specifically at the *Governance Scheme*, making formal or informal use of the recently launched Residents Forum, inviting advice from people experienced in governance issues etc.
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