



ISLE OF WIGHT COUNCIL ENVIRONMENT OFFICER PROVISION

FULL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 38/25

11 AUGUST 2025

Purpose of this paper is for Ventnor Town Council (VTC) to be updated on a request to explore the provision for Isle of Wight Council's (IWC) Environment Officer support, following a request Cllr Ed Blake, Isle of Wight Council (Ventnor And St Lawrence Division) dated 5 June 2025.

NO. DETAILS

a) BACKGROUND

(IWC) has suggested that (VTC) consider allocating hours for an (IWC) Environment Officer ahead of its budget setting meeting. This recommendation was shared with the outgoing Clerk, who passed it on for consideration at the August 2025 Full Council Meeting.

b) KEY CONSIDERATIONS

- a) Current Delivery Model: Relevant matters are currently supported by existing officers through the Environment & Transport Committee.
- b) Sustainability: This is considered the most sustainable approach, balancing strategic ambition with (VTC)'s financial recovery position and limited resources.
- c) Engagement: Continued engagement with (IWC)'s environmental strategy and implementation is encouraged, without committing new resources at this stage.

c) RECOMMENDATION

That the current delivery model continues, as it offers a sustainable and proportionate approach. (VTC) will aim to remain engaged with (IWC)'s environmental strategy and implementation as their initiative develops.