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**Independent Councillor for Totland and Colwell Ward**  
**Temporarily covering Freshwater South Ward**

**Report February 2025**

Ward surgeries, Walking for Health etc all continue as normal.

Resident planning discussions were held at my home twice with residents.

I attended and spoke at a planning meeting organised by residents at Colwell Baptist Church.

**Extraordinary Full Council 08Jan2024**

The Leader proposed a motion requesting entry of the IOW together with Hampshire, Southampton and Portsmouth into the priority programme for creation of a Combined Authority with the above and that our IOW 01May2025 elections not be held.

The motion was rejected/fell 16-12. I voted to reject.

**Full Council 15Jan2024:**

Together with Cllr Spink we proposed the following motion preventing the fire-sale of IWC Land and securing it for consideration, at the determination of Full Council, for primarily social rent development:

This Full Council takes responsibility for adopting and approving the Isle of Wight Council Land Asset disposal strategy, which when approved will become a Policy framework document.

All disposals of Isle of Wight Council land assets will comply with the adopted asset disposal policy, pending transfer of that function to the FPR Committee once established after the May2025 change of Constitutional structure, and the policy will require that any land assets proposed for disposal are assessed for commercial viability of relocatable housing and development by or on behalf of this Full Council for social rent housing either exclusively or in part, with said assessment(s) being presented to Full Council for review and determination.

The motion was passed. I voted for the motion.

**Licensing Committee - 20Jan2025**

**Extraordinary Full Council 29Jan2025**

The Leader proposed a motion regarding school closures. Following significant challenges to the process from the faith groups involved, head teachers, support groups and Councillors, an amendment was made to confirm the process followed was valid and that as a result, closures should proceed with 5 schools.

The amendment was passed. I voted for the amendment.

The amended motion was divided into the two elements with the vote on confirmation of the process first.

The process motion fell (the Full Council was not satisfied with the process followed). I voted against the motion.

Given the process was not found to have been satisfactory the motion to close schools based on that process was heard.

The school closure motion fell. I voted against the motion.

**Pension Fund Committee 05Feb2024**

I chair this committee.

The meeting made revisions to the investment structure and heard of the increasingly positive performance to 31Dec2024.