



Today saw the celebration of the Formentera Council's July plenary session. The meeting brought approval for a proposed measure to partner with the Balearic Islands' department of social services and cooperation in building a care centre for dependent persons on the island.

The deal, explained social welfare secretary Vanessa Parellada, defines the centre's total cost (€1.2 million) and the share to be paid by each side (in the Govern's case, 70%; in the CiF's, 30%). Given Formentera's eligibility under the Palma administration's financing scheme for dependent individuals, day-to-day operation costs at the new centre—between €63 and €68 a day—will also be split.

The Formentera Council owns the land where construction is planned, a plot adjacent to the current care centre for the elderly. The new building will support 18 occupants and, by virtue of a hallway physically linking it to the senior residence, will also share resources like kitchens, laundry rooms and services like physiotherapy.

### **Dismissal of CFd**

Members of the plenary also voted unanimously to dissolve Formentera's development consortium, Consorci Formentera Desenvolupament (CFd). As president's office secretary Bartomeu Escandell pointed out, the CFd's executive board met for the last time on Friday, leaving the Council to take on the consortium's rights and obligations. The body's outstanding debts will now be divided between the two administrations. One €5.1m bill will be picked up by the Govern alone; another, for €1.9m, will be split 70-30 between Palma and Formentera. The money must fund renewal of heritage sites, new environment and sports infrastructure and urban improvements.

Councillor Escandell, citing among the CFd's past achievements their purchase of land for the Formentera hospital and Guardia Civil barracks and payment of road upgrades, called the CFd's dissolution “part of an effort to streamline local government”.

Representatives of all parties were united in support for a proposal from the Popular Party (PP)

to clearly separate Eivissa and Formentera when collecting statistics at the administration level.

### **Wildfire prevention**

The day's session also saw a green light for wildfire prevention measures proposed by the socialist party. Councillor Escandell highlighted yearly educational pushes by the Govern balear and Ibanat, the regional institute of nature, that enjoy the Council's cooperation, as well as some campaigns the Council heads up itself. The Council has been behind campaigns to encourage residents in forested areas to create safe zones. In the past, the administration teamed up with Ibanat to establish such a buffer in la Mola's es Ram neighbourhood.