



Gathered in plenary today, members of the Formentera Council green-lighted an approval measure for a deal to delegate building of Sant Ferran's school and nursery (*escoleta*) to IBISEC. Today's step precedes the actual signing of the deal by Govern and Council, which will in turn set in motion tender of the project and the build itself, executed by IBISEC. The Council is tapping municipal coffers to fund 16 per cent of the future *escoleta*'s VAT-including €6.9-million price tag.

Education secretary Susana Labrador welcomed the bipartisanship on display as council members voted to move forward with construction, describing the new schools as “infrastructure our children need to learn”.

Assembly members were united in support for initiating the first stage in the approval process for Formentera's gender equality plan, or *pla d'igualtat*, for 2019 to 2022.

Social welfare secretary Vanessa Parellada emphasised how important support for the equality plan was to “helping islanders juggle work and family and promoting equality in leisure and sport”, both of which she called “crucial to a more equitable culture and gender violence prevention”.

Other measures

Initial approval also came for the administrative underpinnings of the island's future funeral parlour and a tax ordinance for mortuary services as council members congregated at the conference hall of the island's dependent care facility. Senior cabinet members from the Gent per Formentera party won consensus on proposals relative to the Council's adhesion to a regional hiring service and the Consell d'Entitats's membership rolls.

The Popular Party won the backing of the full chamber for upgrades on a drainage pipe at the island's nature reserve and the six-am ferry from Formentera to Eivissa. Comments on the measures were also submitted by the advisory committee.

When a PSOE proposal about the bid to regulate boat moorage on the Estany des Peix shoreline scored “yes” votes from everyone but GxF party members, the latter countered by proposing a transactional solution which was ultimately adopted.

Compromís operatives won support for a proposal on Spain's public employment service (SEPE) and the advisory committee again suggested improvements. Another measure, which senior cabinet members successfully lobbied to make transactional, was about emergency ambulances.

Stock-taking

Following secretary Alejandra Ferrer's turn appraising assembly members of efforts underway in the land and tourism departments, the administration's official pronouncement concerning the International Day of Action for Trans Depathologisation closed the session.