

Report of the Leader on Decisions taken by Cabinet Members and the Joint Strategic Committee since the last meeting of Council

A Decisions Taken by Individual Cabinet Members

Listed below is a summary of decisions taken by the individual Cabinet Members since the despatch of the agenda for the last Council Meeting . Full details can be found on the Cabinet Members and Portfolios, Reports and Decisions webpage.

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Leader

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Cabinet Member for Regeneration

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Cabinet Member for Resources

JAW/008/13-14 Application for Voluntary Redundancy

JAW/009/13-14 Application for Voluntary Redundancy

JAW/010/13-14 Application for Voluntary Redundancy

JAW/011/13-14 Application for Voluntary Redundancy

JAW/013/13-14 Application for Voluntary Redundancy

JAW/014/13-14 Application for Voluntary Redundancy

Cabinet Member for Customer Services

CGE/015/13-14 Croft Avenue Rest Gardens Improvement Project

Cabinet Member for the Environment

JAW/012/13-14 Review the fees and charges for Joint Waste Management Services 2014-15

JAW/015/13-14 Wheeled Bin Procurement 2014-15

Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

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B. Decisions Taken by the Simultaneous Joint Governance & Audit Committee and Joint Strategic Committee on 6 February 2014

Full details can be found: www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/committee/cab-docs-joint-strategic.htm

Items relating to Worthing Borough Council are not reproduced on this agenda

JSC/090/13-14 Greater Brighton City Deal & Greater Brighton Economic Board

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- i) Notes the contents of the report and the proposed governance arrangements set out in Appendix 1;
- ii) Approves the exercise by each Leader, of all powers, authorities and delegations, currently vested in him/her when acting as their Authority's representative on the Greater Brighton Economic Joint Committee and the Greater Brighton Economic Board;
- iii) Approves the release of up to £15,000 for each Council in 2014/15 from the Capacity Issues Reserve to fund the contributions to the City Deal administrative costs.

C. Decisions Taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 6 February 2014

JSC/096/13-14 West Sussex Joint Scrutiny Task and Finish Group – Flooding Review

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee

- i) Notes the report;
- ii) Endorses the comments of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- iii) Forwards its comments and recommendations to the West Sussex Joint Scrutiny Steering Group

JSC/097/13-14 West Sussex Local Flood Risk Management Strategy

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee:

- i) Endorses the Local Flood Risk Management Strategy and supporting work programme as a living draft and delegates officers to continue to input and improve the LFRMS and annual work programme;

JSC/099/13-14 Options for the River Adur Internal Drainage District

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- i) Instructed officers to pursue option 2 as detailed within the report so that a further report to the next cycle can be prepared to highlight potential financial and resource implications.

JSC/100/13-14 Revised Housing Allocation Policies

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- i) Notes and agrees the changes proposed to the allocation policies of both Councils with the following amended qualification criteria:
 - a. Households with income over £50,000 per annum *or* households who own property (either in the UK or abroad), or have a level of savings that will enable them to resolve their housing position themselves, will not qualify;
 - b. Households will need to live or work in the area for a minimum period of *two years* before they qualify. *Those Households on the existing register who do not qualify under the minimum period will be placed into band D until such time as they have met the criteria.*
- ii) Approves the allocation policy document as amended for each authority as attached as Appendix 4 to the report, noting changes to paragraph 3.3.3 with regards to residential qualification.

JSC/097/13-14 Adur Homes Decent Homes Work Programme 2014/15

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee:

- i) approves the decent home strategy and programme as detailed within the report;
- ii) approves the proposed installation of a gas infrastructure to the test road area as set out in paragraph 4.10.2 and appendix B to the report;

- iii) approves the re-profiled capital budgets for 2014/15 as detailed in appendix c of the report.

JSC/098/13-14 Use of Compulsory Purchase Order relating to the Completion of Shoreham Beach Boardwalk

Decision:

- i) That the District Council of Adur (Shoreham Beach Boardwalk) Compulsory Purchase Order 2013 be made under Section 226(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, for the acquisition of the interests in land within the area shown edged red on the plan attached at Appendix I, the Council being of the view that the proposed acquisition will:
 - a) facilitate the completion of the section of boardwalk on land to the south of Old Fort Road, and,
 - b) contribute to the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the District, and
 - c) ensure its preservation or improve its management.
- ii) That unless negotiations are completed have the land within a reasonable timeframe, the Solicitor to the Council be authorised on behalf of the District Council to:-
 - a) take all necessary steps as soon as is reasonably practicable to secure the making, confirmation and implementation of the Order including the publication and service of all notices and the presentation of the Council's case at any Public Inquiry;
 - b) acquire interests in land and new rights within the Order either by agreement or compulsorily, including prior to the making of an Order;
 - c) approve agreements with the landowner setting out the terms of any withdrawal of objections to the Order including if appropriate, seeking exclusion of land or new rights from the Order.
- iii) that the release up to £25,000 from Adur District Council's capacity issues reserve in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Resources be agreed.

D. Decisions Taken by the Cabinet on 04 February 2014

Full details can be found at <http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/committees/adur/cabinet/committee,113785,en.html>

CAB/008/13-14 Housing Revenue Account – Budget 2014/15

Decision the Cabinet

- (i) considered and approved the Housing Revenue Account estimates;
- (ii) determined the level of associated rents and charges with effect from week one of 2014/15 as follows:-
 - (a) **Rents of Council Dwellings** – agreed an average increase of 6.4% raising the average council dwelling rent by £6.76 to £91.33 per week (average rent currently £84.57 per week) detailed in Para.6.11 of the report
 - (b) **Rents of Council garages** – agreed an increase of 2% to £8.84. (currently £8.67 per week), plus VAT for non-Council tenants) detailed in Para.6.15 of the report;
 - (c) **Service Charges** - delegated to the Acting Head of Adur Homes and Executive Head of Financial Services in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Customer Services, the setting of the service charges as detailed in Para. 12.2 of the report;
- (iii) approved a contribution of **£386,060** to the earmarked reserve specifically for new development and refurbishment of council housing as detailed in Para. 14.4 of the report;
- (iv) approved the HRA Treasury Management Strategy contained in Appendix 6 to the report.

CAB/009/13-14 Adur Homes Management Review

Decision the Cabinet

Considered and noted the findings of the iESE Report “Adur Homes Management Review”;

- i. Approved the recommendations of the of the IESE Report “Adur Homes Management Review” as detailed in Section 3.0 of the report;
- ii. Requested that the Head of Adur Homes in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Customer Services produce an Adur Homes Action Plan based on the recommendations of the IESE

Report “Adur Homes Management Review” as detailed in Section 3.0 of the report;

CAB/010/13-14 Shoreham Harbour Regeneration – Draft Joint Area Action Plan for Public Consultation

Decision the Cabinet

- i. Acknowledged the comments provided by the Adur Planning Committee
- ii. Approved the document for a ten week period of public consultation.

E. Urgent Decisions Taken by the Executive

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2000 require that Council be informed when an executive decision is taken under special circumstances and the call-in procedure is waived.

The following is reported to Council:

Nil

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012 require that Council be informed when a Key Decision is taken by the executive for which the publicity requirements under the Regulations have not been met.

The following is reported to Council:

Nil

Councillor Neil Parkin
Leader of the Council

**Local Government Act 1972
Background papers**

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