

Minute Extract from Joint Strategic Committee – 5 March 2014

JSC/113/13-14 3rd Capital, Revenue Budget and Performance Monitoring 2013/14

Before the Committee was a report by the Executive Head of Financial Services copies of which had been circulated to all Members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes as Item 5.

The report updated the Committee with the latest expenditure and income projections for each Council in the current financial year 2013/14 and compared these with the Revenue Budget approved by both Councils on the 21st February 2013 (Adur District Council) and 19th February 2013 (Worthing Borough Council).

Information was also provided in respect of earmarked reserves and capital expenditure for the 2 constituent authorities.

The Committee noted the summary position outlined in paragraph 3.4 of the report and the respective outturns for Adur and Worthing Councils.

The Committee was advised that:-

- FIT4 Leisure continued to perform well and was likely to bring in an additional income of £689k;
- Worthing Investment Properties had an income shortfall of £200k which largely related to commercial property being empty but tenancies were being negotiated which would lessen the future impact;
- an overspend of £414,230 was expected in Worthing Parks for 2013/14 based on the latest estimate of the recharge from the Joint Grounds Maintenance service;
- the Refuse & Recycling Service was underspent.

Members were pleased to note the positive news in relation to Business Rates outlined in paragraph 3.5.1 of the report.

Members expressed disappointment with the position in regards to Grounds Maintenance, as outlined in paragraph 3.5.5 of the report, which suggested that the level of income had been overestimated and was unachievable. Officers informed the Committee that Grounds Maintenance was more of an issue in Worthing than it was in Adur. There had been some delays in implementation with the joint service taking longer to bed in than had been expected and the level of anticipated savings may have been too ambitious.

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

- (a)
- noted the report and projected outturn position for the Joint, Adur and Worthing revenue Budgets and proposed use of reserves;
 - with respect to the revenue budget, approved the virement as detailed in paragraph 3.7 of the report.
- (b) **With respect to the Capital Investment Programme for Adur District Council:-**
- **noted the reprofiling of the Adur District Council capital schemes and the possible reprofiling of capital schemes;**
 - **recommended to Council the amendment to the 2014/2015 Capital Investment Programme to include the contribution of £20,000 to Lancing United Football Club for the provision of a new changing rooms building at Croshaw Recreation Ground (Boundstone Lane);**
 - **recommended to Council the amendment to the 2013/2014 Capital Investment Programme to include the replacement of the boilers at Commerce Way funded from the underspends in the Capital Investment Programme as advised;**
 - **recommended to Council an amendment to the 2014/2015 Adur Homes Capital Investment Programme to include the Community Action Solution ICT software funded from underspends in the 2013/2014 Adur Homes Capital Investment Programme as advised.**
- (c) With respect to the Capital Investment Programme for Worthing Borough Council:-
- noted the reprofiling of the Worthing Borough Council capital budgets and the possible reprofiling of capital schemes as advised;
 - approved an amendment to the 2014/2015 Capital Investment Programme to increase the affordable housing contribution to Worthing Homes, partly funded by an off-site housing contribution as advised;
 - recommended to Council the amendment to the 2013/2014 Capital Investment Programme to include the replacement of the boilers at Commerce Way funded from the underspends in the Capital Investment Programme as advised.
- (d) noted the updated risk register and the performance monitoring items.

Local Government Act 1972
Background documents:

Agenda and minutes of Joint Strategic Committee 5 March 2014