

Minute Extract from Joint Strategic Committee – 1 April 2014

JSC/122/13-14 Sussex Energy Saving Partnership (SESP)

Before the Committee was a report by the Strategic Director (JM), copies of which had been circulated to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes as Item 5.

It was noted that the Committee took a decision back in November 2012 to be an affiliate to West Sussex County Council's *Sussex Energy Saving Partnership* (SESP), a Sussex-wide energy saving platform facilitating the delivery of Green Deal and ECO (energy company obligation) measures.

At the time of the previous report, the costs of being a partner / investor were a pivotal issue. However, the requirement for the Councils to commit capital investment envisaged in the November 2012 Joint Strategic Committee Report, had been removed.

The governance structure of the SESP programme had also changed, initially in favour of a formal company structure, with representatives from Strategic Partner Local Authorities sitting on the Board.

However, officers advised Committee that West Sussex County Council's latest proposals favoured a simplified governance arrangement in the form of a partnership, details of which were not yet available. Members were informed that this would be a light touch arrangement with no financial commitment, other than officer time and the inclusion of some of our corporate and housing stock in energy efficiency measures, where beneficial to the Councils interests.

Members questioned why Schedule 4 - Articles of Association and Schedule 5 – Partnership Member Obligations, contained no information. Officers confirmed that these details were still to be added to the agreement.

Members expressed their support, in principle, to the proposals outlined.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- (a) recommended to Adur District Council that it agrees in principle to becoming a strategic partner in the Sussex Energy Saving Partnership (SESP), subject to the contents of the proposed agreement;**
- (b) recommended to Worthing Borough Council that it agrees in principle to becoming a strategic partner in the Sussex Energy Saving Partnership (SESP), subject to the contents of the proposed agreement;
- (c) requested that a further report be taken to the Leaders of both Councils regarding the terms of agreement.

Local Government Act 1972

Background documents:

Agenda and minutes of Joint Strategic Committee – 1 April 2014