

**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. [www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/committee/agendas-minutes.htm](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/committee/agendas-minutes.htm)

**Leader**

JAW/018/13-14 Crown Civil Engineering Ltd – Use of Adur & Worthing Council's Logo and Future use of the Councils Logo(s)

**Cabinet Member for Regeneration**

REG/023/13-14 Employment Land Review Update for the Adur District

JAW/016/13-14 Provision of Empty Property Service to Arun District Council

**Cabinet Member for Resources**

RES/008/13-14 Review of Insurance Reserve and Insurance Risk Management

RES/017/13-14 Write Offs

RES/018/13-14 Rate Relief Applications

RES/021/13-14 Write Offs

JAW/017/13-14 Proposed Voluntary Redundancy

JAW/019/13-14 Proposed Voluntary Redundancy

JAW/020/13-14 Proposed Voluntary Redundancy

**Cabinet Member for Customer Services**

CSE/013/13-14 Proposed Disabled Adaptation

## **Cabinet Member for the Environment**

ENV/020/13-14 Maintenance of Grinstead Lane Roundabout

ENV/025/13-14 Fees and Charges report 2014/2015

## **Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing**

HAW/019/13-14 Brighton Marina to River Adur Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management

HAW/022/13-14 Adur Competitive Community Grants Budget 2013/14 Round 3

HAW/024/13-14 Fees and Charges Report 2014/2015

## **B. Decisions Taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 05 March 2014**

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

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### **JSC/114/13-14 Progress Report on New Ways of Working / Accommodation Project**

#### **Decision:**

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

- a) noted the progress contained in the report; and
- b) authorised the Strategic Director to appoint an external organisation, in accordance with the Councils' Contract Standing Orders, to conduct an independent review as to whether

## **C. Decisions Taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 01 April 2014**

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### **JSC/123/13-14 Helping Vulnerable Housing Applicants Review**

#### **Decision:**

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

- 10.1 supported the work already being undertaken and endorsed the approach suggested by the Working Group as set out in Section 7 of the report;
- 10.2 agreed that because of the number of empty properties in Adur and Worthing, further publicity be undertaken on the Empty Homes initiative to highlight the scheme to try and get landlords to take part;
- 10.3 agreed that the 'Open Doors' and Northwood letting schemes be applauded but better publicity be undertaken of the schemes through the use of social media to help publicise the letting schemes and this work be taken forward by the new Head of Communications;
- 10.4 agreed that the Secretary of State for Education be recommended to make changes to the National curriculum to include budgeting skills and that local MP's be requested to support this;
- \* 10.5 agreed that Housing Benefit should be paid direct to landlords as soon as possible within the confines of the Housing Benefit Regulations;
- \* 10.6 supported the use of Discretionary Housing Payments funding to assist tenants to obtain private rented accommodation when seeking to leave supported housing and in other appropriate circumstances;
- 10.7 agreed that the staff vacancies in the Housing Advice Team should be filled as soon as possible with appropriately qualified and experienced staff to ensure that the best possible service is provided to vulnerable housing applicants.

\* During the voting on the decisions asterisked above, the Councillors who had declared discloseable pecuniary interests had absented themselves from the room.

#### **D. 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**

Reports and Record of decisions of various are available on the Council's web site [www.adur-worthing.gov.uk](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk) or as indicated in each of the paragraphs above. Some of the reports contain exempt information and not fully published on the websites.