

**Extract from Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 29 November 2018**

**JOSC/18-19/49      Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme  
2018/19**

**Purpose**

The Work Programme of the Committee is outlined for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal year and recommends that the changes made to the Work Programme since it was agreed in July 2018 be reported to the next Council meetings in December 2018 for noting

**Summary of Discussion**

Before the Committee was a report by the Director of Digital and Resources, a copy of which had been circulated to all members, a copy of which is attached to a signed copy of these minutes as item 9. The report outlined the work programme of the committee for the 2018/19 Municipal year.

In accordance with the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules there was a requirement for both Councils to review the changes to the Work Programme mid term so there was a requirement for the Work Programme as amended to be submitted to the Council meetings in December

The Scrutiny and Risk Officer introduced the report to the Committee, which was subsequently approved by members and recommended to Council for noting.

**Resolution from Committee**

i) That the progress in implementing the Work Programme for 2018/19 be noted; and

**ii) That the meetings of Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council in December 2018 note the changes made to the Work Programme since it was agreed by both Councils in July 2018.**

Link to the report on the website

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media.151602.en.pdf>

**Extract from Joint Strategic Committee - 4 December 2018**

**JSC/067/18-19 Investing for the future: Capital Programme 2019/20 to 2021/22**

**Purpose**

Last year the members approved a two year capital programme for the first time with the aim of improving how the capital programme was delivered and managed. The report recommends the schemes for inclusion in the overall Capital Investment Programmes for 2020/21 and 2021/22 and changes to the approved 2019/20 Capital Investment Programme for Adur District Council, Worthing Borough Council and the Joint Strategic Committee.

The report informs the Joint Strategic Committee of the resources available for future capital investment, and updates Members about the financing of the proposed 2020/21 and 2021/22 programmes.

The following appendices have been attached to the report:

- (i) **Appendix 1** The approved joint prioritisation system;
- (ii) **Appendix 2** The Adur District Council proposed changes to the 2019/20 Capital Investment Programme and proposed 2020/21 and 2021/22 Capital Investment Programmes of new General Fund schemes which is recommended for approval;
- (iii) **Appendix 3** The Worthing Borough Council proposed changes to the 2019/20 Capital Investment Programme and proposed 2020/21 and 2021/22 Capital Investment Programmes of new General Fund schemes, which is recommended for approval;
- (iv) **Appendix 4** The Joint Strategic Committee proposed programme of new Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council partnership schemes, which is recommended for approval;
- (v) **Appendix 5** The approved Adur District Council Adur Homes

Housing Renovation Programme 2019/20 - 2021/22;

- (vi) **Appendix 6** Amendments and additions to the Adur District Council Reserve List.
- (vii) **Appendix 7** Amendments and additions to the Worthing Borough Council Reserve List.

### **Summary of Discussion**

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Digital & Resources, 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 6.

It was noted that in 2017, the Committee had approved a two year capital programme for the first time, with the aim of improving how the capital programme was delivered and managed.

The report recommended the schemes for inclusion in the overall Capital Investment Programmes for 2020/21 and 2021/22 and changes to the approved 2019/20 Capital Investment Programme for Adur District Council, Worthing Borough Council and the Joint Strategic Committee.

The report informed the Joint Strategic Committee of the resources available for future capital investment, and updated Members about the financing of the proposed 2020/21 and 2021/22 programmes.

A Member sought clarification regarding the level of budget available for the Strategic Property Investment Fund. Officers advised that the fund would remain at £25m for each Council, per year, to support the delivery of the Budget Strategy capped at an overall investment amount of £75m per Council.

It was proposed and seconded that Worthing Borough Council's 3 Year Capital Programme be amended to include the Museum - New display cases for retail space in the museum scheme.

The Leader of Adur Council requested that an additional report be provided on the Fishersgate Recreation Ground - car park resurfacing scheme before funding was released.

### **Resolution from Committee**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- (a) considered the General Fund Capital Investment Programmes for 2020/21 and 2021/22 and confirmed the schemes to be included as

detailed in Appendix 2, 3 and 4;

- (b) agreed the addition of the cost of the refurbishment of the High Street Multi-Storey Car Park to the Worthing Borough Council General Fund Capital Investment Programme for 2020/21 as reported to JSC 6.11.18 and detailed in section 4.1(d) of the report;
- (c) agreed the changes to the General Fund Capital Investment Programme for 2019/20 as detailed in appendices 2 and 3;
- (d) agreed the amendments and additions to the reserve lists as detailed in appendices 6 and 7;
- (e) **recommended the 2020/21 and 2021/22 Capital Investment Programmes, as amended, for approval by the respective Councils on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Adur) and 11<sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Worthing);**
- (f) **recommended to Adur and Worthing Councils that the Strategic Property Investment Fund budget for 2019/20 be bought forward with the approval of the Executive Members for Resources.**

Link to the report on the website

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media.151641.en.pdf>

**Extract from Joint Strategic Committee - 4 December 2018**

**JSC/069/18-19      Housing Development Programme - update and progress report**

**Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to update members on the progress of improving the supply of temporary and emergency accommodation, and creating new homes for rent from within the Housing Revenue Account (Adur District Council).

Authority is also sought to increase the budgets available to take forward a number of key projects as well as provide capacity to seek new opportunities to increase the supply of affordable units across Adur & Worthing.

**Summary of Discussion**

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Communities, 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 8.

The report updated Members on the progress of improving the supply of temporary and emergency accommodation, and creating new homes for rent from within the Housing Revenue Account (Adur District Council).

The report also sought authority to increase the budgets available to take forward a number of key projects as well as provide capacity to seek new opportunities to increase the supply of affordable units across Adur & Worthing.

A Member highlighted the number of families in emergency accommodation (figures were outlined on page 149 of the report) and requested that this figure be broken down in future to show the respective numbers for Adur and Worthing Councils.

A Member questioned whether the additional £10m of funding for the purchase of Council Housing for the HRA would have a positive impact considering levels of

rental income. Officers advised that any opportunity to purchase properties for the Housing Revenue Account would be subject to an affordability assessment which would take into account the rental income that could be achieved over a period of time. The Council would only be able to purchase property where the cost benefit analysis stacked up. It was also noted that the Councils hoped to be successful in attracting funding from central government which would improve viability.

### **Resolution from Committee**

#### **Resolved,**

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

- i) noted the progress to date on delivery of new affordable homes;
- ii) **recommended that Adur District Council approve the creation of a £10m budget to facilitate the potential purchase or development of additional units for the HRA within the Adur area. Funded by a combination of prudential borrowing, RTB receipts, and external and S106 monies. Budget to be released on submission and approval of a suitable business case for each scheme, to the Adur Executive Member for Customer Services;**
- iii) recommended that Worthing Borough Council approve an increase to the General Fund capital programmes of £11m to invest to save budget specifically for the purpose of increasing the supply of temporary and emergency accommodation. Budget to be released on submission and approval of a suitable business case for each scheme to the Worthing Executive Member for Customer Services and will be funded by prudential borrowing and external funding;
- iv) delegated authority to the Director of Communities to award the construction contracts for Downview, Albion Street and Cecil Norris House in consultation with the relevant Executive Members for Customer Services.

Link to the report on the website

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media.151644.en.pdf>