



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

### **A Decisions Taken by Individual Executive Members**

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

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#### **Leader**

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#### **Executive Member for Regeneration**

JAW/021/18-19 Pier and Lido Sub-structure Maintenance Contract

JAW/022/18-19 Updated Adur & Worthing Statement of Community Involvement - Draft for Consultation

REG/008/18-19 SPD: Demonstrating Genuine Redundancy of Employment Sites in Adur

REG/009/18-19 Draft Renewable Supplementary Planning Document

#### **Executive Member for Resources**

JAW/017/18-19 Irrecoverable Debts

JAW/023/18-19 Renewal of Google Contract

#### **Executive Member for Customer Services**

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#### **Executive Member for the Environment**

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#### **Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing**

JAW/020/18-19 Air Quality Management Area

## **B. Decisions Taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 5 March 2019**

### **JSC/096/18-19 3rd Quarter Revenue Budget Monitoring 2018/19**

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 5.

The report updated the Joint Strategic Committee with the latest expenditure and income projections for each Council in the current financial year 2018/19, compared with the Revenue Budget approved by both Councils in February.

Whilst the 'spend to date' would be the position as at the 31 December 2018, the forecast position would reflect the latest information available to ensure an up-to-date forecast was presented.

Members asked whether the projected surplus in Adur car park income could be used to fund street scene work or refurbish the car parks. Officers advised that it would be possible once the final position was known for the year end and that any proposal for carry forward would come before the Committee for approval.

A Member also clarified that the surface car park at Teville Gate would open in April 2019.

#### **Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee noted the report and projected outturn position for the Joint Committee, Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council against the approved revenue budgets and proposed use of reserves as set out in Appendices 1b and 2b.

### **JSC/097/18-19 3rd Quarter Capital Investment Programme & Projects Monitoring 2018/19**

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.

The report updated the Joint Strategic Committee on the progress made on the 2018/19 Capital Investment Programmes for Adur District Council, Worthing Borough Council. The programmes included schemes which supported the delivery of services by the Joint Strategic Committee.

The Committee considered the replacement railings for the East Beach Walkway and the replacement of the Councils Financial Management System.

A Member requested an update regarding the Phase II South development of the

Civic Centre Site and the associated levels of social housing provision proposed. Officers advised that a report would be presented to the June meeting of the Joint Strategic Committee dependent on the interest received for the site.

**Decision,**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

**(a) with respect to the Capital Investment Programme of Adur District Council**

- i) noted the reprofiling of the Adur District Council capital schemes as advised in paragraphs 8.1.1 and Appendix 3;
- ii) noted the additional award of £69,038 for the Better Care Grant for Disabled Facilities Grants and the amendment to the 2018/19 Capital Investment Programme to increase the budget in line with anticipated expenditure funded from Better Care Grant as detailed in paragraph 8.1.2 (i).

**(b) with respect to the Capital Investment Programme of Worthing Borough Council**

- i) noted the reprofiling of the Worthing Borough Council capital schemes as advised in paragraphs 8.2.1 and Appendix 4;
- ii) noted the additional award of £138,075 Better Care Grant for Disabled Facilities Grants and the amendment to the 2018/19 Capital Investment Programme to increase the budget in line with anticipated expenditure funded from Better Care Grant as detailed in paragraph 8.2.2 (i);
- iii) approved the carry forward of £50,000 from the overall 2018/19 Capital Investment Programme underspends to fund the anticipated shortfall in funding for the Highdown Gardens Infrastructure Scheme as detailed in paragraph 8.2.2 (ii);
- iv) approved the funding of £44,800 for the East Beach Walkway replacement of railings funded from the overall 2018/19 Capital Investment Programme underspends and the inclusion of the scheme in the 2018/19 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 8.2.2 (iii).

**JSC/099/18-19 easitADUR&WORTHING - transport discount scheme**

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 8.

The report updated members on progress with establishing 'easitADUR&WORTHING', the transport discount scheme for businesses and their staff working in Adur and Worthing.

easitADUR&WORTHING had been setup to help local businesses and council staff adopt sustainable transport behaviours, easing congestion, reducing pollution, and increasing staff satisfaction.

A Member sought clarification regarding the projected percentage of employers / number of employees who would be signed up by the end of the financial year. Officers advised that over 5,000 staff had already signed up, which had exceeded the targets set.

The Committee expressed support for the proposals and welcomed the news that a number of large employers were getting involved with the project.

**Resolved,**

That the Joint Strategic Committee approved the proposed continuation of the easitADUR&WORTHING transport discount scheme.

**JSC/100/18-19 Investing in Domestic Abuse support and increasing physical activity**

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 9.

The report informed the Committee about a successful external funding bid, to provide support for our communities in relation to Domestic Abuse and an opportunity to work with our partners to co-invest in a new innovative programme that built intergenerational activity in our communities.

The Committee was asked to approve the amendment of the budget to allow this funding to be accepted and approve authority to spend.

Members expressed their support for the work proposed and congratulated the team on their successful bidding for the additional resources.

**Resolved,**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- (i) approved the amendment of the budgets to include the supporting victims of Domestic Abuse projects funded by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) (£303,268 in 18/19 and

£99,838 in 19/20);

- (ii) approved an amendment of the budgets of £144,000 for Beat the Street which was part funded by the Councils (£35,000) and with additional funding of £109,000 from other partners including West Sussex County Council and Arun District Council; and
- (iii) delegated authority to the Director for Communities to let any contracts associated with these projects.

### **JSC/101/18-19 Waste & Street Cleansing Vehicle Replacements**

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 10.

The report sought consent to proceed with the purchase of waste and street cleansing vehicles, the budget for which, was included in the 2018/19 Capital Investment Programme.

It was noted that an options appraisal had been carried out and that capital borrowing was identified as the best option for financing the purchases. Members sought clarification regarding the value of commercial vehicles at end of life and what the Councils were doing to ensure that the environmental impact of the fleet was minimised. Officers advised that the Council sent old vehicles to trade auctions to obtain best value and were talking to manufacturers and exploring all alternative options in regards to alternative fuels for the fleet.

#### **Decision:-**

The Joint Strategic Committee approved the acquisition of the waste and street cleansing vehicles included in the 2018/19 Capital Investment Programmes as detailed in the report.

### **JSC/102/18-19 The Future of Public Spaces Protection Orders for Dogs**

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 11.

Members were informed that on 18 December 2019, two Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) for Dogs would expire.

The Committee noted that the orders could be extended or amended for a further 3 years if certain conditions were met.

The report outlined the conditions for extending or amending the orders, the process and the timeline that needed to be followed if members wished to extend or amend the orders and recommendations as to next steps.

Officers advised the committee of some amendments to the recommendations to reflect the consultation timeline outlined in paragraph 3.9 of the report.

The Committee discussed the issue of dog fouling and the number of complaints received in relation to it. The need to mobilise responsible dog owners was raised as was the need to educate.

A Member questioned whether increasing fines would make any difference as only 1 fine had been issued in the past 12 months and suggested that the lack of fines was due to a lack of enforcement.

Another Member stated that the in house team was doing a good job and, in his opinion, that was the right way to go. It was suggested that the level of fines was probably set too low in the first place as they didn't cover the cost of the process.

### **Decision:-**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

1. approved in principle, the proposed amendments to the orders outlined in paragraphs 4.5 and 4.8 of the report;
2. approved the undertaking of a public consultation survey as outlined in paragraphs 3.8 and 3.9 of the report; and

requested that a further report be brought to JSC in September 2019 with the results of the public consultation and options for consideration.

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## **C. Decisions Taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 2 April 2019**

### **JSC/111/18-19 Brighton Marina to River Adur Coast Protection Scheme**

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.

The report provided an update to Members on the progress made in respect to the Brighton Marina to River Adur Coastal Protection scheme and sought delegated authority and agreement to proceed with the further development of the project by entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with other partner authorities.

## **Decision,**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- i) delegated to the Director for Digital and Resources, in consultation with the Solicitor to the Council, the authority to review, approve and sign a Memorandum of Understanding with other partner authorities; and
- ii) note that a further report would be presented to the Joint Strategic Committee, outlining the full financial implications of the scheme and detailing the contribution required by Adur District Council.

## **JSC/113/18-19 Referral of Motion on Notice to the Joint Strategic Committee**

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 set out a motion referred from the meeting of Adur District Council on the 28 February 2019 that the Joint Strategic committee was asked to consider and determine.

The motion asked Members to consider reviewing short term car parking charges in shopping areas with a view to encouraging residents to use local shops (a full version of the motion was appended to the report.

It was noted that Members could accept the motion, requesting that further work be carried out in this regards, or, Members could reject the motion.

As proposer of the motion, Councillor Lee Cowen attended the meeting to present it to the Committee.

It was noted that data regarding the usage of car parks in Adur indicated that usage had increased significantly since the rise in parking charges had been introduced with the exception of Southwick where usage had decreased. It was also noted that the cost of car parks across Adur was £280k per year.

During consideration of the motion, the Committee stated that it did not support the subsidising of car parking by the taxpayer and suggested that Rustington was a vibrant shopping centre, not because of free car parking, but due to its smart layout and the wide variety of shops.

## **Resolved,**

That the Joint Strategic Committee rejected the motion.

## **JSC/114/18-19 Referral of Motion on Notice to the Joint Strategic Committee**

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 9.

The report set out a motion referred from the meeting of Adur District Council on the 28 February 2019 which the Joint Strategic Committee was asked to consider and determine.

The motion asked Members to consider further investigation of the decision to change the frequency of bin collections.

It was noted that Members could either accept the motion, requesting that further work be carried out in this regard, or, Members could reject the motion.

As proposer of the motion, Councillor Lee Cowen attended the meeting to present it to the Committee.

During the discussion of the motion, the Committee raised a number of points, including:-

- evidence from Horsham District Council suggested that the Councils could increase recycling rates to nearer 50%;
- that 84% of Councils were collecting residual waste on a fortnightly basis;
- that the evidence had been reviewed for many months prior to a report coming before Committee.

### **Resolved,**

That the Joint Strategic Committee rejected the motion.

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### **D. Urgent Executive Decisions Taken**

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2000 as amended. The following is reported to Council:

JAW/023/18-19 Renewal of Google Contract



## **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 may contain exempt information and not fully published on the websites.

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