

25 April 2019

## Council Meeting 25 April 2019

Queen Elizabeth II Room, The Shoreham Centre, Pond Road, Shoreham-by-Sea

## 7:00pm Agenda

15 April 2018

## ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL are hereby summoned to attend for the following business:

Part A

## 1. Apologies for absence

## 2. Declarations of Interest

Members and officers must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in relation to any business on the agenda. Declarations should also be made at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting.

If in doubt contact the Legal or Democratic Services representative for this meeting.

## 3. Questions from the public

To receive any questions from Members of the public addressed to Members of the Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11. There is up to 5 minutes for each question, one supplementary question may be asked arising from the original question.

Questions must relate to any matter the Council has power or which affects the District except no question may be asked on

- a) A specific planning or licensing application
- b) A specific staffing appointment or appeal or Standards determination

Director for Communities: Mary D'Arcy 01273 221300 Adur & Worthing Councils, Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1HA Public question time will last up to 30 minutes; questions will be taken in order of receipt. The deadline for submission of questions is **Tuesday 23 April 2019** at 12 noon. Questions to be submitted to <u>democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk</u>

## 4. Confirmation of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Meeting of the Council on 28 February 2018, copies of each have been previously circulated. A copy is available to view at <a href="https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/committees/adur/council/committee.148110.en.html">https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/committees/adur/council/committee.148110.en.html</a>

## 5. Announcements by the Chairman, Leader of the Council, Executive Members and / or Head of Paid Service

#### 6. Items raised under urgency provisions

To consider any items the Chairman has agreed are urgent.

## 7. Recommendations from the Executive and Committees to Council

To consider recommendations to the Council, details of which are set out as items as 7A, 7B, 7C and 7D.

Executive/Committee		Date	Item
A	Joint Strategic Committee	5 March 2019	Strategic Property Investment Fund 2019 (SPIF) and the Commercial Property Investment Strategy (CPIS) 2019/20
			https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/ media/media,152857,en.pdf
В	Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee	21 March 2019	Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20
			https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/ media/media.153075.en.pdf
С	Joint Governance Committee	26 March 2019	Financial Regulations
			https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/ media/media.153140.en.pdf

D Joint Strategic Committee 2 April 2019

i) Enabling the Digital Future for Adur and Worthing: Extending Ultrafast

https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/ media/media,153311,en.pdf

ii) HRA Development - Next Steps

This report and minute extract are exempt and will be taken at the end of the agenda as item 11

## 8. Report of the Leader on decisions taken by the Executive

To receive a report from the Leader as item 8. The report contains decisions taken by the Executive, Executive Members and/or the Joint Strategic Committee since the last Council meeting.

There is up to 15 minutes for Executive Members to make any statements on the report.

There is up to 15 minutes for Executive Members to respond to questions on the report; these questions will not be the same as any to be asked under Item 9.

(*Note*: Papers relating to items under 7 and 8 can be viewed here on the Council's website: <u>https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/</u>

## 9. Members Questions under Council Procedure Rule 12

Members question time will last up to 30 minutes, questions will be taken in order of receipt, in rotation from each political group on the Council. The deadline for submission of questions is **Tuesday 23 April** at 12 noon. Questions should be submitted to <u>democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk</u>

Questions can be asked of the following:

- a) The Chairman
- b) A Member of the Executive
- c) The Chairman of any Committee
- d) The Council's representative on any outside body

Questions can not be asked on the following

- a) A specific planning or licensing application
- b) A specific staffing appointment, appeal or Standards determination

### 10. Exclusion of the Press and Public

In the opinion of the Proper Officer the press and public should be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the following item. Therefore the meeting is asked to consider passing the following resolution:

'that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 3 of Schedule 12A to the Act indicated against the item'

### Part B - Not for Publication – Exempt Information Reports

#### 11. Exempt recommendation from the Joint Strategic Committee to Council

To consider an exempt recommendation to the Council, details of which are set out as item 11

Executive/Committee	Date	Item
Joint Strategic Committee	2 April 2019	HRA Development - Next Steps

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**Director for Communities** 

## **Recording of this meeting**

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## Extract from Joint Strategic Committee - 5 March 2019

## JSC/098/18-19 Strategic Property Investment Fund 2019 (SPIF) and the Commercial Property Investment Strategy (CPIS) 2019/20

## Purpose

- 1. Purpose
- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to set out a robust commercial property investment strategy, building upon the existing portfolio, 2018/19 CPIS (link provided under background documents) and previous Strategic Property Investment Fund (SPIF) reports.
- 1.2 To meet the statutory guidance on investment strategy, as detailed under s12 below, which stipulates councils are to prepare an annual investment strategy which must be approved before the start of the forthcoming financial year by full Council.
- 1.3 This report will support the Councils' Medium Term Financial Strategy, providing a basis for expansion and management of each Council's portfolio, by setting : -
  - Robust parameters to guide and support the development of risk managed, financially resilient, income generating commercial property portfolios.
  - Governance criteria to facilitate purchase of investment property, ensuring diligent analysis and transparency, supporting an informed decision making process. This remains unchanged from last year's CPIS.
  - Governance criteria to facilitate a commercial approach to the asset management of the investment properties, supporting proactive management, analysis and forecasting, in order to support strategic decisions, whilst qualifying risk and opportunity. This remains

## unchanged from last years CPIS.

## Summary of discussion:

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for the Economy, 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 7.

The report set out a robust commercial property investment strategy, building upon the existing portfolio, 2018/19 CPIS (link provided under background documents) and previous Strategic Property Investment Fund (SPIF) reports.

The Committee note that in order to meet the statutory guidance on investment strategy, as detailed under s12 below, the councils were required to prepare an annual investment strategy which had to be approved before the start of the forthcoming financial year by both Adur and Worthing Councils.

The report would support the Councils' Medium Term Financial Strategy, providing a basis for expansion and management of each Council's portfolio, by setting : -

- Robust parameters to guide and support the development of risk managed, financially resilient, income generating commercial property portfolios;
- Governance criteria to facilitate purchase of investment property, ensuring diligent analysis and transparency, supporting an informed decision making process, which remained unchanged from last year's CPIS.
- Governance criteria to facilitate a commercial approach to the asset management of the investment properties, supporting proactive management, analysis and forecasting, in order to support strategic decisions, whilst qualifying risk and opportunity. This remains unchanged from last years CPIS.

It was noted that Worthing Borough Council had invested £25.14m which had delivered a net income, after borrowing, of £522,210k. Adur District Council had currently invested £24.98m delivering a net income, after borrowing, of £521,730k.

The Committee was informed that Citicentric had provided an independent review of the Councils investment activity. A number of recommendations were made in relation to fund size, asset management, resourcing of the fund and flexibility to spend. The advice relating to fund size was included in section 7 of the report, with Citicentric recommending that 'the optimal fund size for a local authority investment fund is in the order of £250m' (£125m per Council).

The Committee was advised that 'retail assets' covered a diverse range of investments, not just high street. Each property was considered on a case by case basis with the Councils adopting a careful, prudent approach to their investments.

A Member asked how Officers decided which investments were allocated to Adur District or Worthing Borough Councils investment portfolio. Officers advised that the decision was based on the type of properties already held in existing funds, the budget available and the need to create balanced portfolios.

It was proposed and seconded that recommendations 2.2.5 and 2.2.8 be amended to include approval from the Leaders of the Councils as well as the Executive Members for Resources.

## Decision,

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- 2.2.1 noted the requirement to create a further additional post as part of the 2020/21 revenue budget to ensure the delivery of the Commercial Property Investment Strategy to provide additional necessary resourcing (Ref 9);
- 2.2.2 agreed the suggested delivery and governance model as set out in the report;
- 2.2.3 recommended to Adur District Council the adoption of the 2019 Commercial Property Investment Strategy;
- 2.2.4 recommended that Adur District Council:
  - i) increase their Commercial Property investment fund from the current £75,000,000 to £125,000,000 with a maximum investment in any year of £50,000,000;
  - ii) increase the operational and authorised borrowing limits by £25,000,000 in 2019/20.
- 2.2.5 recommended that Adur District Council resolve that the Strategic Property Investment Fund budget for future years may be brought forward with the approval of the Leaders and the Executive Members for Resources, following their consideration of a business case.
- 2.2.6 recommended to Worthing Borough Council the adoption of the 2019 Commercial Property Investment Strategy;

- 2.2.7 recommended that Worthing Borough Council:
  - i) increase their Commercial Property Investment fund from the current £75,000,000 to £125,000,000 with a maximum amount invested in any year of £50,000,000;
  - ii) increase the operational and authorised borrowing limits by £25,000,000 in 2019/20.
- 2.2.8 recommended that Worthing Borough Council resolve that the Strategic Property Investment Fund budget for future years may be brought forward with the approval of the Leaders and the Executive Members for Resources, following their consideration of a business case.



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## Extract from Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 21 March 2019

## JOSC/75/18-19 Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20

#### Purpose:

The report outlined progress with the work contained in the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme for 2018/19 and requested that the Committee consider its Work Programme for 2019/20.

#### Summary of discussion:

The Committee considered a request as submitted by Councillor Les Alden. The item was voted upon and accepted to be included as part of the work programme with Councillor Waight and Smytherman asking that their votes to abstain from the item be noted. A working group consisting of members of the Committee was set up to carry out scrutinise the work outlined in the request.

The Committee agreed to recommend its Work Programme to the Councils for approval

#### **Decision:**

that the work programme 2019/20 as amended be recommended to Council for approval





## Extract from Joint Governance Committee - 26 March 2019

### JGC/068/18-19

#### Purpose

- 1.1 This report proposes a revision to the financial regulations used by both Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council. The revised financial regulations will form part of the Constitutions of both Councils.
- 1.2 The revision has been prompted by the recent LGA Peer Review which recommended that the Councils modernise the Financial Regulations. The aims of this review are to:
- Update the financial regulations for new job titles, Executive Member titles and new Committee names;
- To simplify the current regulations to make them more understandable to both Officers and Members of the Councils
- Consider revised approval processes with a view to reducing unnecessary bureaucracy in the light of the streamlined democratic processes;
- Consider the approved virement limits; and
- To address any recommendations raised by internal audit in the course of their work.
- 1.3 These provisions have been the subject of consultation with both Executive Members for Resources, and the points raised to date have been built into these financial regulations. Any further points raised will be verbally reported to the meeting.

### Summary of discussion:

The report proposed a revision to the financial regulations used by both Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council. The revised financial regulations would form part of the Constitutions of both Councils. The revision had been prompted by the recent LGA Peer Review which recommended that the Councils modernise the Financial Regulations.

The aims of the review were to:

- update the financial regulations for new job titles, Executive Member titles and new Committee names;
- simplify the current regulations to make them more understandable to both Officers and Members of the Councils
- consider revised approval processes with a view to reducing unnecessary bureaucracy in the light of the streamlined democratic processes;
- consider the approved virement limits; and
- address any recommendations raised by internal audit in the course of their work.

It was noted that the provisions had been the subject of consultation with both Executive Members for Resources, and the points raised to date had been built into the proposed financial regulations.

## Decision,

The Joint Governance Committee:-

- I. recommended to both Adur and Worthing Councils that the revised Financial Regulations be approved; and
- II. delegated authority to the Chief Financial Officer to make any minor amendments to the regulations for items such as changed job titles.



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## Extract from Joint Strategic Committee - 2 April 2019

# JSC/110/18-19 Enabling the Digital Future for Adur & Worthing: Extending Ultrafast

## Purpose

The report provided an overview of the significant opportunity available to Adur & Worthing Councils, in partnership with West Sussex County Council, to further extend our ultrafast public connectivity, by connecting additional community premises, community libraries, adult social care settings, sheltered housing, leisure facilities, CCTV, and the fibre points needed to deliver an extensive ultrafast public WiFi scheme.

A total of 31 local authority sites in Adur & Worthing (county council, district and borough sites) are already in the process of being upgraded to ultrafast speeds using 'optical fibre to the premise', with construction scheduled to complete in June 2019. This report proposes the connection of an additional 56 district and borough sites across Adur and Worthing.

Independently of our ambitions for greater digital connectivity across our public space and buildings, telecommunications supplier CityFibre has announced its commitment to invest commercially in building its bespoke 'fibre to the home' network in Adur & Worthing. This would see all premises able to access gigabit-capable broadband infrastructure by 2022, subject to the purchase of a broadband package in the usual way.

The report also outlines our development work to deliver ultrafast public WiFi, 4G/5G small cells and an Internet of Things network. With Adur & Worthing on course to having by far the most extensive and dense fibre network in the south east of the country, we have a huge opportunity to attract further government and commercial investment.

## Summary of discussion:

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The report also outlined the Councils development work to deliver ultrafast public WiFi, 4G/5G small cells and an Internet of Things network. With Adur & Worthing being on course to have by far the most extensive and dense fibre network in the south east of the country, the Councils had a huge opportunity to attract further government and commercial investment.

A Member sought clarification regarding the source of additional grant funding and how small businesses could benefit from ultrafast broadband. Officers advised that the business rate retention pool was a possible source of grant funding and the Councils were also looking at a number of alternative sources. A gigabit voucher scheme for small businesses was in operation, details of which could be found on the West Sussex County Council website.

Another Member sought clarification as to how the Call-Off sites identified in Appendix A would be linked to fibre and how future proof the proposals were. Officers advised that grey fibre spines would link the Call-Off sites and assured the Committee that optical fibre was next generation and future proof.

The Committee welcomed the proposals.

## Decision,

The Joint Strategic Committee

- approved a call-off of additional 56 fibre connections in Adur & Worthing on a 30 year lease basis, using the West Sussex Gigabit Framework Agreement.
- ii) recommended to the Councils to approve an increase to the capital budget of £2.55m to fund the proposed extension of the network, funded through external grants and contributions split as follows Adur: £1.02m and Worthing: £1.53m.
- iii) noted that in the event that external funding is not secured, that the Councils may have to borrow to fund the capital works and that this would result in committing the Councils to additional net revenue spend of up to £105,030 per year from 2020/21 onwards (Adur: £42,010, Worthing: £63,020).
- iv) noted the work being undertaken with consultants to create an ambitious digital infrastructure programme, exploring the benefits to local businesses, communities and residents of a widespread public WiFi scheme, next generation CCTV, an Internet of Things network, and a 5G strategic prospectus.
- v) noted that a progress report will be presented to the Committee in July 2019 to confirm how the proposed extension to the fibre network will be funded, and the extent of any additional revenue spend required by the Councils.



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# 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. www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/committee/agendas-minutes.htm

## 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** 

**Executive Member for the Environment** 

**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.

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

Items relating to Worthing Borough Council are not reproduced on this agenda

## 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:-

- 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 Rustingdon 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.

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

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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 <u>www.adur-worthing.gov.uk</u> 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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