

Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 31 January 2019

JSC/091/18-19 New Flood Defence for Shoreham Town Centre at Sussex Yacht Club

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 10.

The report updated Members on progress with the development of flood defences at Sussex Yacht Club and associated funding. It was noted that the anticipated funding from the Environment Agency had fallen from £1.2m to £600k.

The report also sought agreement for a preferred way forward on the purchase of land and funding of the flood defence barrier. Members were informed that the preferred option was outlined in paragraph 5.3 - Option 3.

The Committee discussed the importance of the scheme and how it related to the wider Tidal Walls Scheme. Consideration was also given to the sustainable transport strategy and the provision of land for a proposed cycle path.

Members requested an update briefing from officers prior to the 22 March 2019.

Decision:-

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

1. resolved that Option 3 in paragraph 5.3 be agreed as the preferred way forward: authorising the Director for Economy, to purchase, on behalf of Adur District Council, the land (edged in red on the attached plan) from Sussex Yacht Club for £3.365 million, using funding from Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership granted for that purpose, subject to Adur District Council approving recommendation 2.3;
2. requested a report back with an update on the project and to consider funding, procurement and contract issues relating to the flood defence wall within the next 12 months;

3. recommended to Adur District Council that:

- i) the budget for the scheme be increased by £215,000 to accomodate a contingency sum for the coastal defence works;**
- ii) prudential borrowing of £778,070 be approved to part fund the coastal defence works, in the event that full funding for the flood defences was not secured from other sources, with the remainder of the funding being provided by the Environment Agency.**

Link to the report on the website

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,152371,en.pdf>