



ADUR & WORTHING
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**Record of Officer
Executive Decision**

Ref. No: HMP&I/019/18-19

Date of Decision: Friday 12 April 2019

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<p>Record of Decision: Investing in our Town Centre - Disposal of land and grant of lease for Giant Observation Wheel, Worthing Seafront</p>
<p>Decision taken by: Head of Major Projects & Investment</p>
<p>Declaration: I do not have a disclosable pecuniary interest, or conflict of interest.</p>
<p>Delegated authority: 3.13.3 of Worthing Council Constitution's "Officer Scheme of Delegation" specifies the Head of Major Projects & Investment has delegated authority "<i>To dispose of land in connection with the Council's functions and to grant leases, easements, licences and wayleaves of, in, or over buildings or land in connection with the Council's functions.</i>"</p>
<p>Decision: To dispose of land on Worthing seafront by way of granting a 3 year lease to De Koning Leisure Ltd to construct and operate a Giant Observation Wheel for the lease period.</p>
<p>Key Decision: Yes</p>
<p>Reason for the Decision: The Seafront Investment Plan (adopted in 2017) highlighted the need to renew, upgrade and activate the seafront to support the overall economic well-being of the town. The Observation Wheel provides a significant opportunity to deliver on this strategy.</p> <p>This private sector investment represents an opportunity to initiate a significant change in Worthing's offer, most notably the expected positive effects on the visitor economy. Furthermore, due to its close proximity to the town centre, this project also has the ability to support the high street through drawing greater economic and social value.</p> <p>The proposed development was considered by the Executive Member for Regeneration whom resolved by Executive Member Decision dated 11/12/2018 to proceed with the project given its strong regenerative and place making impact.</p>

The proposal has subsequently been considered by Worthing Borough Council's Planning Committee on 27/03/2019 which resolved to grant planning permission following consideration of the relevant planning merits of the case including impact on the amenity of local residents, visual impact, and noise and light issues.

The overall project meets a number of the Council's core objectives of greater utilisation of our assets, attracting private sector investment and creating greater economic value in our urban centre.

Alternative Options Considered:

To not proceed with the delivery of an Observation Wheel. This is not the preferred approach for the reasons set out in the paragraphs above, and those contained in the background papers.

Other Matters Considered:

Legal Advice and Issues	X	Financial Advice and Issues	X
Sustainability Issues	X	Equality Issues	X
Community Safety Issues	X	Human Rights Issues	X
Reputation	X	Risk Assessment	X
Health and Safety Issues	X		

Consultation:

In line with the requirements set out in Worthing Borough Council's Constitution no formal consultation is required in making this decision.

However, the Chief Financial Officer, Head of Legal Services, Director for the Economy and Head of Place and Economy have been involved in the project throughout the process, and as the seafront is a designated open space, the disposal by granting the lease was advertised to meet the requirements of s123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 for a period of two weeks, running from 21st March to 11th April. No objections were received.

Background Papers:

- Joint Executive Member Decision Report (Ref: JAW/014/18-19) 11/12/18
<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/committees/joint/cabinet-member-decisions/committee.151854.en.html>
- Planning Application (Ref: AWDM/0089/19) 27/3/19
<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media.153408.en.pdf>

Call-in: The call-in deadline for this decision will be 5:00pm on Tuesday 23 April 2019.



Signed:

Dated: 12 April 2019

Name: Head of Major Projects & Investment, Cian Cronin

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