

Report of the Leader on Decisions taken by Cabinet Members and the Joint Strategic Committee since the Last Meeting of Council

A Decisions Taken by Individual Cabinet Members

Listed below is a summary of decisions taken by the individual Cabinet Members since the despatch of the agenda for the last Council Meeting. Full details can be found on the Cabinet Members and Portfolios, Reports and Decisions webpage <http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/committees/worthing/cabinet-member-decisions/>

Leader

W/LDR/014/13-14 Worthing Bridge Club – Use of Worthing Borough Coat of Arms and Future Use of the Worthing Borough Coat of Arms

JAW/018/13-14 Crown Civil Engineering Ltd – Use of Adur & Worthing Council's Logo and Future use of the Councils Logo(s)

Cabinet Member for Regeneration

W/REG/016/13-14 Fees and Charges 2014-2015

Cabinet Member for Resources

JAW/017/13-14 Proposed Voluntary Redundancy

JAW/019/13-14 Proposed Voluntary Redundancy

JAW/020/13-14 Proposed Voluntary Redundancy

Cabinet Member for Customer Services

JAW/016/13-14 Provision of Empty Property Service to Arun District Council

Cabinet Member for the Environment

W/ENV/015/13-14 Fees and Charges 2014-2015

W/ENV/017/13-14 Budget for Marketing campaign for introduction of new car parking tariffs

Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing

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B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 05 March 2014

Items related to Adur District Council are not reproduced on this agenda

Full details can be found: www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/your-council/

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

JSC/112/13-14 Worthing Churches Homeless Project – Byron Road Development

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee did not support a contribution of £175k to the Worthing Churches Homeless Project.

JSC/114/13-14 Progress Report on New Ways of Working / Accommodation Project

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

a) noted the progress contained in the report; and

b) authorised the Strategic Director to appoint an external organisation, in accordance with the Councils' Contract Standing Orders, to conduct an independent review as to whether or not the project objectives had been met, to a maximum cost of £3,000.

JSC/116/13-14 Shoreham Airport

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee agreed the list of proposals in Appendix 1, as amended.

C. Decisions Taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 01 April 2014

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

JSC/123/13-14 Helping Vulnerable Housing Applicants Review

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

10.1 supported the work already being undertaken and endorsed the approach suggested by the Working Group as set out in Section 7 of the report;

- 10.2 agreed that because of the number of empty properties in Adur and Worthing, further publicity be undertaken on the Empty Homes initiative to highlight the scheme to try and get landlords to take part;
- 10.3 agreed that the 'Open Doors' and Northwood letting schemes be applauded but better publicity be undertaken of the schemes through the use of social media to help publicise the letting schemes and this work be taken forward by the new Head of Communications;
- 10.4 agreed that the Secretary of State for Education be recommended to make changes to the National curriculum to include budgeting skills and that local MP's be requested to support this;
- * 10.5 agreed that Housing Benefit should be paid direct to landlords as soon as possible within the confines of the Housing Benefit Regulations;
- * 10.6 supported the use of Discretionary Housing Payments funding to assist tenants to obtain private rented accommodation when seeking to leave supported housing and in other appropriate circumstances;
- 10.7 agreed that the staff vacancies in the Housing Advice Team should be filled as soon as possible with appropriately qualified and experienced staff to ensure that the best possible service is provided to vulnerable housing applicants.

* During the voting on the decisions asterisked above, the Councillors who had declared discloseable pecuniary interests had absented themselves from the room.

D. Urgent Decisions taken by the Executive

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2000 require that Council be informed when an executive decision is taken under special circumstances and the call-in procedure is waived.

The following is reported to Council:

JSC/116/13-14 Shoreham Airport

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee agreed the list of proposals in Appendix 1, as amended.

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012 require that Council be informed when a Key Decision is taken by the executive for which the publicity requirements under the Regulations have not been met.

The following are reported to Council:

Nil

Councillor Paul Yallop
Leader of the Council

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 or as indicated in each of the paragraphs above. Some of the reports contain exempt information and not fully published on the websites.