



## **COUNCIL MEETING**

**15 July 2014**



**Council Meeting  
15 July 2014**

The Council Chamber, Town Hall,  
Chapel Road, Worthing

**6pm**

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

**Part A**

- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Local Government Act 1972 – Section 85 - Notice of Casual Vacancy**

The Council is requested to note that a vacancy occurred on the Council in the Castle Ward due to the failure to attend meetings by David Potter.

The election for this vacancy is due to be held on 7 August 2014.

- 3. Declarations of Interest**

Members and Officers are invited to make any declarations of discloseable pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to any items on this Agenda. The declaration should refer both to the nature of the interest as well as its existence.

Members and Officers may seek advice upon any relevant interest from a Legal Officer prior to the meeting.

- 4. Petitions**

To receive any petitions submitted under Standing Order 2.10.

**5. Public Question Time**

To receive any questions from Members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 2.11.

*(Note: Question Time will last for a maximum of 30 minutes).*

**6. Minutes**

To confirm the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Friday 13 June 2014, previously circulated, copies can be found on [www.adur-worthing.gov.uk](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk).

**7. Mayor's Announcements**

**8. Items raised under urgency provisions**

To consider any items the Mayor considers to be urgent.

**9. Recommendations from the Executive and other Committees to Council**

To consider recommendations to Council from the Executive and other Committees, details of which are set out in the attached items 9A, B, C and \*D. Full reports are available on the website.

Recommendations not included here (under \*D) will be circulated prior to the meeting and placed on the website.

	<b>Committee or Executive Body</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
A	Joint Strategic Committee	24.06.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. 2013/14 Outturn Report (4<sup>th</sup> Quarter) <a href="http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124885,en.pdf">http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124885,en.pdf</a></li> <li>ii. Notice of Motion – Community Assets (to be considered under item 13 (A))  <a href="http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124889,en.pdf">http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124889,en.pdf</a></li> <li>iii. Worthing Homes Scheme – Littlehampton Road  <a href="http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124890,en.pdf">http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124890,en.pdf</a></li> </ul>

### **Other Committees**

B	Joint Governance and Audit	26.06.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Site Visit Protocol  <a href="http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124979,en.pdf">http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124979,en.pdf</a></li> <li>ii. Start times of Meetings  <a href="http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124982,en.pdf">http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124982,en.pdf</a></li> <li>iii. Honorary Alderman/Honorary Alderwoman under Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act 1972  <a href="http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124983,en.pdf">http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124983,en.pdf</a></li> <li>iv. Appointment of Outside Bodies  <a href="http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124984,en.pdf">http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,124984,en.pdf</a></li> </ul>
C	Joint Overview and Scrutiny	03.07.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Annual Report  <a href="http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,125181,en.pdf">http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,125181,en.pdf</a></li> </ul>
D	Joint Governance and Audit	10.07.14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Review of the Constitution</li> </ul>

## 10. Committee Resolutions

To receive any questions from Members on the resolutions of the following Committees:-

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>
Planning	7 May, 25 June
Joint Strategic	24 June
Joint Governance and Audit	26 June

Minutes of these meetings can be found at: [www.adur-worthing.gov.uk](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk)

## 11. Leader's Report on Decisions taken by the Executive

To receive a report from the Leader on decisions taken by the Cabinet, Cabinet Members and the Joint Strategic Committee since the last Council meeting and to receive questions/comments from Members thereon.

Following specific questions/comments on the report, Members will have an opportunity to put general questions to Leader and Cabinet Members on matters for which they are responsible (maximum of 20 minutes duration).

(**Note:** Papers relating to items under 9, 10 and 11 have been previously circulated. If any Member requires further copies please contact Democratic Services or visit the Council's website [www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/.](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/))

## 12. Questions under Standing Order 2.6

(If any).

## 13. Notices of Motion

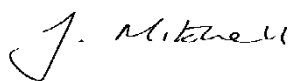
### (A) Community Pubs

The recommendation from the Joint Strategic Committee to the Notice of Motion is reported to Council as item 9Aii on this agenda.

To assist Council the submitted Notice of Motion is attached as item 13 A.

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

None.



Director for Communities

**Notice to Councillors, Press and members of the Public – this meeting will be voice recorded and available on the Council's website in due course.**

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**Extracts from the Joint Strategic Committee – 24 June 2014**

**JSC/007/14-15      2013/14 Outturn Report (4th quarter)**

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Digital and 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 outlined the financial monitoring position for the end of the 2013/14 financial year for the Joint Strategic Committee, Adur and Worthing Councils. The report identified that the Statement of Accounts would be reported to Members later in the year.

The report also provided information in respect of earmarked reserves and capital receipts for the two authorities. The Committee was asked to agree and recommend to the two Councils proposals for dealing with net underspend by making transfers to reserves and for the carrying forward of certain revenue and capital budgets to allow projects to be completed in 2014/15.

Members of both cabinets identified items in the report relating to their portfolios for which they asked the officers for further information or explanation. The Directors responded to the questions for their areas.

Concern was expressed that Worthing Theatres was overspending although there was considerable Member and public support for the improved programme. Grounds maintenance was also identified as a service of concern.

**Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee noted the report and outturn position for the Joint, Adur and Worthing Budgets proposed use of reserves; and

**Recommended** that Adur District Council, at its Council meeting on 17 July, 2014 and Worthing Borough Council at its Council meeting on 15 July 2014:-

- (a) note the overall final outturn for 2013/14;
- (b) agree the net carry over of revenue budget to 2014/15 where the original approval for 2013/14 was not utilised which will be funded from the Capacity Issues Reserve as set out in paragraph 5.6 (HRA), 6.1 and 6.2 (General Fund) totalling:-
  - Adur District Council - HRA £50,000

- Adur District Council £139,750
  - Worthing Borough Council £165,900
- (c) agree the net carry over of General Fund Capital underspends, as detailed in paragraph 7.8, 7.10, 8.8, 8.9, 8.10 and 8.11.
- (d) approve the appropriation of the net under-spend in General Fund revenue expenditure in the year to reserves as detailed in paragraph 6.3 for Adur District Council of £539,430
- (e) approve a contribution for Adur District Council from the 2013/14 HRA surplus to:
- i) Adur Housing New Development and Acquisition Reserve of £346,060 being the original budgeted amount; Paragraph 5.6.
  - ii) Major Repairs Reserve of £440,000 to supplement the resources available for new capital investment and repayment of debt (paragraph 5.6);
  - iii) HRA Reserve of £14,100 being the unspent balance for Scanning Carry Forward from 2012-13
- (f) approve the creation for Adur District Council of a new HRA Discretionary Assistance Fund to provide financial support to tenants, and establish the reserve by transferring £50,000 from the 2013/14 surplus (paragraph 5.6);
- (g) approve the creation for Adur District Council of a new HRA revaluation reserve which is to be used to manage the impact of changes to the value of the HRA assets.
- (h) approve the financing of the Capital Investment Programme, including the use of capital receipts as set out in paragraph 7.4, 7.5, 8.4 and 8.5
- (i) note the use of S106 receipts to fund the 2013/2014 Capital Investment Programme, as previously approved, set out in paragraph 7.4 and 8.4.
- (j) approve the use of Adur District Council S106 receipts as set out in paragraph 7.9.

**Extracts from the Joint Strategic Committee – 24 June 2014**

**JSC/010/14-15 Notice of motion – community assets**

Before the Committee was a report by the Head of Planning and Economic Development, 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 considered the planning policy issues surrounding the loss of public houses in the context of the Motion proposed by former Councillor Alan Rice at the Worthing's Full Council meeting on the 24 April 2014. The report considered the various proposals put forward in the Motion and agrees that public houses can, in certain circumstances, provide an important role in the local community. It was recommended that Committee accepts certain aspects of the Motion in particular that planning policies should acknowledge the community role of some pubs and that Councils should lobby Government to introduce changes to the permitted development rights to prevent the conversion of public houses to retail uses.

In the discussion on the report Members were supportive of the lobbying of Government to tighten permitted development rights relating to the conversion of public houses.

In considering the recommendations it was felt that the individual Local Development Framework Working Groups had a role in recommending the guidance and criteria for changes to the Local Plans and that these forums were the best place to consider the details and text for the protection of community facilities. Proposed changes were to be reported back to the committee in due course.

The Committee amended (ii) of the recommendations to include 'financial services'

**Decision** that the Joint Strategic Committee responds to the Motion as set out in the report and in particular to agrees to

**Recommended to Worthing Borough Council:**

- i) That The Local Development Framework Working Groups consider and report back on the supporting text for the emerging Local Plans to be amended to reflect 'public houses' in the context of Community Assets and for policies relating to the protection of community facilities and further guidance will be

prepared to establish how the potential loss of a public house will be assessed in the future.

- ii) A letter should be sent to the Secretary of State requesting amendments to the current permitted development rights to prevent the change of use of pubs to retail and financial services and other uses.

**Extracts from the Joint Strategic Committee – 24 June 2014**

**JSC/011/14-15      Worthing Homes Scheme – Littlehampton Road**

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 sought the approval for the expenditure of £250,000 right-to-buy clawback funds towards the development of 22 affordable rented flats by Worthing Homes. The new homes will be developed to the north west of the Littlehampton Road junction on a site which was most recently occupied by 'Brookers Commercial'. The building would be demolished and replaced by the number of homes listed in the report.

**Decision** the Joint Strategic Committee agreed to contribute £250,000 to the scheme in order to enable the development of 22 much needed rented homes which to assist Worthing Borough Council in meeting housing need

**Recommendation** that Worthing Borough Council amend the 2014/15 Capital Investment Programme to include the £250,000 contribution to Worthing Homes for this scheme.



**Extracts from the Joint Governance and Audit Committee – 26 June 2014**

JGAC/008/14-15 Site Visits Protocol

Before the Committee was a report by the Head of Planning and Economic Development, 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 considered a Site Visit Protocol for Members of the Planning Committee and its inclusion in the Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council's respective Constitutions.

A Member expressed surprise that site visits were not mandatory prior to the Planning Committee considering an application. The Head of Planning and Economic Development informed the Committee that the Chairman has discretion regarding the necessity of a site visit.

Members asked which types of application required a site visit and which did not. The Head of Planning and Economic Development informed the Committee that generally the larger more complex applications required site visits such as the West Durrington application in Worthing and the Brighton & Hove Albion training facility in Adur.

A Member suggested that where there was a point of contention, Members should go and have a look at the site. Another Member suggested that the protocol shouldn't bind Councillors too tightly. The Head of Planning and Economic Development replied that all Members sitting on the Planning Committee should be encouraged to attend site visits. It was noted that it difficulties could arise if Councillors were invited individually to visit a site by an objector as this could raise a perception issue i.e. had all Members of the Planning Committee heard the same argument and been privy to the same information. Members were advised that there always needed to be a balanced hearing of issues and therefore plenty of visual information was provided to Committee by the Councils Officers.

It was noted that the protocol made provision for Ward Councillors to request that the Committee make a site visit but it would be inappropriate for Ward Councillors to actually attend the site visit in case they sought to influence other Councillors.

Resolved that the Joint Governance and Audit Committee:-

- i. considered the amended Site Visit Protocol;
- ii. **recommended to Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council the addition of the Site Visit Protocol to the respective Council's Constitutions.**





**Extracts from the Joint Governance and Audit Committee – 26 June 2014**

JGAC/011/14-15      Change of Start Time of Council and Committee Meetings including Licensing and Control 'B' sub-committee Hearings

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.

The Committee was asked to consider the start time of Worthing Borough Council, Full Council and Committee meetings and the arrangements for Licensing and Control 'B' Sub-Committee Hearings.

The Committee were informed that an internal consultation had been undertaken regarding the start time of Licensing Sub-Committee Hearings, the outcomes of which were set out in the report in paragraphs 3.6 to 3.13.

It was noted that a number of Councillors found it difficult to attend meetings earlier than 6.30pm and the proposals would therefore considerably help with attendance at committee meetings in the future.

Resolved,

That the Joint Governance and Audit Committee:-

- (a) considered the proposal to move the start time of the Worthing Borough Council full Council and Committee meetings from 6.00pm to 6.30pm forthwith;
- (b) recommended that Worthing Borough Council approve a revised start time for its Full Council and Committees meetings to commence at 6.30pm in order to provide a consistent approach to start times for meetings involving Worthing Borough Councillors;
- (c) recommended to Worthing Borough Council that the start time of Licensing Sub-committee meetings be moved to 6.30pm.



**Extracts from the Joint Governance and Audit Committee – 26 June 2014**

JGAC/012/14-15      Honorary Alderman Appointments

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 12.

The Committee was requested to consider conferring the title of Honorary Alderman or Alderwoman of the Borough on three former Mayors who had retired from or were no longer members of the Council.

Resolved,

That the Joint Governance and Audit Committee:-

- (i) considered the granting of Honorary Aldermanship of the Borough of Worthing to the former Mayors of the Borough; Christine Brown, Major Tom Wye and Charles Etherington James.
- (ii) recommended that Worthing Borough Council convene a Special Meeting of Council under Section 249(1) of the Local Government Act (as amended) for the specific purpose of conferring the titles.**



**Extracts from the Joint Governance and Audit Committee – 26 June 2014**

JGAC/013/14-15      Appointments to Outside Bodies

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 13.

The report asked the Committee to consider nominations for the appointment of Worthing Borough Council Councillors to various Outside Bodies and make recommendations to the Worthing Council meeting to be held on 15 July 2014.

The Committee was advised that appointments to the Sussex Police and Crime Panel and to the Waves Ahead – Worthing Local Strategic were executive appointments only.

The Executive Head of Corporate and Cultural Services advised the Committee to consider all the appointments set out in the report with the exception of those to the Heene Community Centre (Management Committee). Once these had been agreed, Cllr Noel Atkins would be asked to leave the room in order for the Committee to consider appointments to the Heene Community Centre (Management Committee).

Resolved,

That the Joint Governance and Audit Committee:-

(i) noted that there would be a review of representation on Outside Bodies during 2014/15 as detailed in paragraph 3.10 and 3.11,

**(ii) recommended that Worthing Borough Council approve the nominated appointments to Outside Bodies as set out in Annex B.**



	<b>OUTSIDE BODY</b>	<b>Nominations received</b>
1	Action in Rural Sussex	Cllr Bryan Turner
2	Adur and Worthing Health and Wellbeing Partnership - all ages	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing – Cllr Val Turner
3	Adur and Worthing Safer Community Partnership	Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing – Cllr Val Turner
4	Age UK - West Sussex (non voting Member)	Cllr Joan Bradley
5	British Destinations Association	Cllr Noel Atkins
6	Bognor Regis and Worthing Shopmobility	Cllr Michael Cloake
		Cllr Norah Fisher
7	Broadwater Community Association	Cllr Vicky Vaughan
		Cllr Victoria Taylor
8	Coastal West Sussex Partnership Board	Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Cllr Bryan Turner
9	Court of the University of Sussex	Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Cllr Bryan Turner
10	Durrington Community Centre Association	Cllr Sean McDonald
		Cllr Michael Donin
11	East Worthing Community Centre Association	Cllr Callum Buxton
		Cllr Keith Bickers
12	Federation of British Cremation Authorities - Executive Committee	Cabinet Member for the Environment – Cllr Clive Roberts
13	Heene Community Centre (Management Committee)	Cllr Paul Howard
		Cllr Diane Guest
14	High Salvington Mill Trust Committee & Management	No action no current vacancies
15	Local Government Association General Assembly	Leader – Cllr Paul Yallop
16	Local Government Association - Coastal Issues - Special Interest Group	Councillor Bryan Turner
17	Local Democracy Network	Chair JGAC - Cllr Noel Atkins
		Chair JOSOC – Cllr Roy Barraclough
18	Northbrook College - Corporate Governing Body (nomination only when required )	No nominations required, remove from List
19	Quality Bus Partnership	Cllr Mary Lermite
		Cllr Roger Oakley
		Cllr Keith Sunderland
20	SCOPAC (Standing Conference on Problems Associated with the Coastline)	Councillor Bryan Turner

21	Sussex Police and Crime Panel	Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing – Cllr Val Turner + Sub Cllr Paul Yallop
22	Shoreham Airport Consultative Committee	Cllr Dan Humphreys
		Sub: Cllr Hazel Thorpe
23	Sidney Walter Centre (Management Committee)	Cllr Vino Vinoyay
24	South East Employers	Cllr Daniel Humphreys
		Sub: (vacant)
25	South Downs National Park Authority (to 2014)	No action by JGAC (JSC appointed Cllr Paul Yallop)
26	Sussex County Playing Field Association - Executive Committee	Cllr Paul High
27	Tourism South East	Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Cllr Bryan Turner
28	Waves Ahead - Worthing Local Strategic	Cabinet Member for Health & Wellbeing – Cllr Val Turner
		Sub: Cllr Kevin Jenkins
29	West Sussex Forum for Accessible Transport	Cllr Roger Oakley
30	West Sussex County Council Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee	Cllr Heather Mercer
31	Worthing Access and Mobility Group	Cllr Sean McDonald
		Cllr Paul Howard
		(vacancy)
32	Worthing Arts Council	Cllr Heather Mercer
		(vacancy)
33	Worthing Unified Bowls Tournament	Cllr Paul High
34	Worthing Community Partnership	Cllr Joan Bradley
35	Worthing Council for Voluntary Service (WCVS) Board of Directors (Observer)	Cllr Val Turner
36	Worthing Homes Ltd - Board of Directors	Cllr Paul Howard
		Cllr Heather Mercer
37	Worthing Town Centre Initiative	Cllr Clive Roberts
		Cllr Paul Howard
38	Worthing Twinning Association	Cllr Louise Murphy
		Current Mayor – Councillor Vic Walker
39	Dr Chester's (Poor Ten Acres) Charity	Hon Alderman Harold Piggott willing to continue for a further 4 years



40	Adur & Worthing Business Partnership	Cabinet Member for Regeneration – Cllr Bryan Turner
41	Discretionary Housing Payments Board	Cllr Daniel Humphreys
		Cllr Mary Lermite
		Cllr Vicky Vaughn
		Cllr Hazel Thorpe
42	Armed Forces Champion	Cllr Noel Atkins
43	Adur and Worthing Homelessness Forum	Cabinet Member for Customer Services – Cllr Mary Lermite



**Extracts from the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee – 3 July 2014**

**JOSC/14-15/08      Annual Report 2013/14**

Before the Committee was a report by the Policy Officer a copy 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. As part of good practice and a requirement in the Council's Governance Action Plan, the Councils are required to produce a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual report for 2013/14.

The Committee discussed the Annual Report for 2013/14 and agreed that a summary of the work programme for 2014/15 be added to the final document.

**Resolved:** That the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report for 2013/14 be approved as amended

**Recommended:** That the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report for 2013/14 be commended to the Adur and Worthing meetings Full Council



**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**

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**Cabinet Member for Regeneration**

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**Cabinet Member for Resources**

W/RES/018/13-14 Irrecoverable Debts – Housing Benefits

JAW/021/13-14 Banking Tender Arrangements

**Cabinet Member for Customer Services**

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**Cabinet Member for the Environment**

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**Cabinet Member for Health and Wellbeing**

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**B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 06 May 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/](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/your-council/)

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

## **JSC/129/13-14 Public Service Network (PSN) and the Baseline Personnel Security Standard (BPSS)**

### **Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

1. noted the BPSS checks must be complied with by April 2014 for GCSX users and April 2015 for all computer network users;
2. noted HR would act as the lead on ensuring that adequate and consistent BPSS checks were undertaken;
3. noted the Councils' Information Security Manager would review and update procedures for new network computer users and GCSx email users.
4. approved the release of funding from the Capacity Issues Reserve of each Council as follows:
  - (i) £18,580 from Adur District Council; and
  - (ii) £27,880 from Worthing Borough Council

## **JSC/131/13-14 Workplace Health Coordinator Post**

### **Decision:**

That the Joint Strategic Committee endorsed the proposal for the new post of Workplace Health Coordinator as set out in the report.

## **JSC/135/13-14 The Money Tree: Participatory Budgeting Event**

### **Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee:

(i) approved funding for the under £500 bids for:

- Tide of Lights = £500

(ii) approved funding for the £501 to £2,500 bids as detailed below;

Sport and Fitness

1<sup>st</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> Goring Guides £2,500

2<sup>nd</sup> Flipitas £2,346

Community and Wellbeing

1<sup>st</sup> Babybuddy £1,500

2<sup>nd</sup> Phoenix £2,500

Best of the Rest

1<sup>st</sup> Edge £685

Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Worthing Youth Media £1,000

Joint 2<sup>nd</sup> Worthing Gymnastics £1,986

Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Community House £1,936

Joint 3<sup>rd</sup> Ladies Stoolball £1,000

(iii) noted the use of £15,953 from the Capacity Issues Reserve to fund the bids outlined in (i) and (ii) above.

## **C. Decisions Taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 26 June 2014**

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

*Items relating to Adur District Council are not reproduced on this agenda*

### **JSC/006/14-15 Property Searches Litigation (Paragraphs 3 and 5)**

**Decision:** the Joint Strategic Committee agreed the following that

- i. Funds of up to the amount identified in the exempt report be released from the Special and Other Emergency Expenditure Reserve to settle the APPS claim against Worthing Borough Council in the sum identified in the report plus compound interest at 4% and costs to be determined.
- ii. Funds of up to the amount identified in the exempt report be released from the Special and Other Emergency Expenditure Reserve to settle the APPS claim against Adur District Council in the sum identified in the report plus compound interest at 4% and costs to be determined.

### **JSC/008/14-15 Provision of an Anaerobic Digester for Adur and Worthing Councils**

**Decision:** the Joint Strategic Committee agreed to fund an in-depth feasibility study costing around £20,000 with the funding released from the respective capacity issues reserve of both Councils as follows:

- ADUR: up to £8,000
- WORTHING: up to £12,000

### **JSC/009/14-15 Outside Body Appointment – South Downs National Park**

**Decision:** that the Joint Strategic Committee nominates Councillor Paul Yallop as the representative for Adur and Worthing Councils on the South Downs National Park Authority for a term of up to 4 years.

### **JSC/012/14-15 Future Provision of Leisure Services**

**Decision:** the Joint Strategic Committee agreed the following

- i. that the preferred option for the future of Worthing Borough Council's Leisure Services was to transfer to a Trust or other suitable operator to take effect from 1 April 2015.
- ii. To release up to £100,000 from the Worthing Borough Councils' Capacity Issues Reserve to enable the current Worthing Leisure

service to bid to run the Council's Leisure Services as a Trust from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015.

- iii. To delegate to the Director for Communities in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for the Environment authority to implement the Trust timetable and Work Plan set out in 9.0 of the report
- iv. To receive a six month progress report on the transfer of Worthing Borough Council's Leisure Services transfer.

#### **D. Urgent Decisions taken by the Executive**

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2000 (as amended)

The following is reported to Council:

JSC/006/14-15      Property Searches Litigation (Paragraphs 3 and 5)

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](http://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.



## **Notice of Motion - The Community Value of Pubs**

This Council notes:

- That for many people community public houses are important local community amenities that support positive interactions between people from different backgrounds and enhance community cohesion
- That the new National Planning Policy Framework makes specific reference to the need to safeguard public houses

This Council further notes:

- That high residential property values in Worthing are endangering the future of valued public house and that effective local planning policy is a key tool in safeguarding valued and profitable public houses
- That weak national planning rules allow public houses to be demolished or converted into betting shops, pay day loan stores, supermarket metro stores and other uses without planning permission
- That the Assets of Community Value scheme introduced in the Localism Act 2011 allows local communities to secure a degree of additional protection for local community assets
- That, in some cases, excessively high rents and tied product prices contribute to the failure of otherwise profitable pubs

This Council resolves:

- To develop planning policies to better protect local public houses based on the principles of the pub protection policies developed by Lewisham Council and Cambridge City Council
- That the Council, under the Sustainable Communities Act, seeks to submit a proposal to Government to “protect community pubs in England by ensuring that planning permission and community consultation are required before community pubs are allowed to be converted to betting shops, supermarkets and pay-day loan stores or other uses, or are allowed to be demolished.”
- To help facilitate community groups to nominate pubs as Assets of Community Value
- That the Chief Executive writes to the Secretary of State at the Department of Business Innovation of Skills supporting plans to introduce a Statutory Code to ensure tied publicans are treated fairly.

**Proposed by: Cllr Alan Rice**  
**Seconded by: Cllr Paul High**

Local Government Act 1972  
Background papers:

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