

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 Council Meeting. Full details can be found on the Executive 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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Executive Member for Regeneration

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Executive Member for Resources

W/RES/007/14-15 Academy Renewal Contract 2015

W/RES/008/14-15 Irrecoverable Debts – Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates

W/RES/009/14-15 Irrecoverable Debts – Sundry Debtors Accounts

JAW/011/14-15 Application for Voluntary Redundancy

JAW/012/14-15 Efficiency of Service

JAW/013/14-15 Application for Voluntary Redundancy

JAW/014/14-15 VAT Consultation Service

Executive Member for Customer Services

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Executive Member for the Environment

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Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing

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B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 03 March 2015

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

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The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

JSC/104/14-15 3rd Revenue Budget Monitoring 2014/15

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee noted the report and projected outturn position for the Joint, Adur and Worthing Revenue Budgets and proposed use of reserves (Appendix 1b and 2b).

JSC/105/14-15 Rethinking Parks: A proposal to support Enterprising Communities and Wellbeing in Adur and Worthing

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee:

(i) endorsed the Councils' approach to the management of parks and open spaces as set out in the Rethinking Parks project and the document "Enterprising Communities, Park Lives, Homes Lives, Community Lives";

(ii) approved the Rethinking Parks Project Plan and Budget of £100,000 funded from the Transformation Challenge Award Grant, as detailed in Appendices 4 and 5 to this report.

JSC/106/14-15 Proposal to tender for an Asset Management System and a Housing Management System

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee approved a capital budget of £80,000 in 2015/16 to allow the commencement of the tender process for a new asset management system and a new housing management system.

C. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 31 March 2015

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The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

JSC/113/14-15 Shared Use of the Queen Street Car Park by Bohunt School

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- (i) agreed, in principle, to a short term lease for the period required for the temporary school to West Sussex County Council / Bohunt on the basis of a nominal rent subject to the grant of planning permission;
- (ii) delegated authority to negotiate the precise terms of the lease to be granted to the Head of Economic Growth in consultation with the Leader having due regard to the representations received during the planning process;
- (iii) agreed, in principle, to enter into a further lease with West Sussex County Council / Bohunt following the expiry of the temporary lease to enable the car park to be used by Bohunt for staff car parking and for use by the public when the Academy is closed subject to the grant of planning permission and the necessary consultation process regarding an amendment to the off-street parking order;
- (iv) delegated authority to negotiate the precise terms of the lease to the Head of Economic Growth in consultation with the Leader having due regard to the representations received during the planning process. Lease terms to ensure that a specified number of spaces, at least 20, were always available for public use.

JSC/114/14-15 Your Energy Sussex (YES) Solar PV Deployment

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- a) approved the rollout of Solar PV across all Adur and Worthing Council properties, including Adur homes properties, using Carillion as a delivery partner;
- b) agreed to use the YES as the preferred method of funding for the rollout to Adur Homes in Phase 1;
- c) requested that a further report be received by the Executive Member of Resources and the Executive Member of Customer Services to consider in detail the proposed programme of work for Adur Homes and any legal and financial issues arising from Phase 1;
- d) requested that a further report be received by the Committee in June 2015, detailing Phase 2.

JSC/115/14-15 Engaging Customers to Improve Recycling – DCLG Award Update

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee

- (i) supported the bid and the commitments laid out in paragraph 3.1 of the report;
- (ii) approved the 'Total Quality Recycling' budget of £136,000 funded from government grant.

JSC/116/14-15 Future Delivery of the Councils' Legal Service

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- i) noted the contents of the report;
- ii) noted the comments of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee;
- iii) resolved not to further progress the proposal to establish a Teckal Company with Aylesbury Vale District Council and iESE to provide legal services;
- iv) agreed to retain the Council's in house legal service provision for the time being.

JSC/118/14-15 Council Tax Discretion Relief Scheme for Worthing Borough Council

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- (i) agreed to establish the Council Tax Discretionary Review Board for Worthing within the remit as set out in the report;
- (ii) agreed the new arrangements for Council Tax Discretionary Relief Payments to Worthing claimants with a budget figure for 2015/16 of £80,000;
- (iii) agreed the Council Tax Discretionary Relief policy attached to the report as Appendix 1.

JSC/120/14-15 Worthing Theatres Review

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee noted the report and recommendations from the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

JSC/125/14-15 Future Use of the Caravan Club Site, Titnore Way, Worthing

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- i) noted the report and acknowledged the potential merits of the Club's proposal;
- ii) authorised Officers to continue negotiations with the Caravan Club in connection with a new lease;
- iii) noted that a further report would be submitted to the Committee following further detailed negotiations with the Caravan Club and investigations into the redevelopment potential of any land not required by the Club.

JSC/126/14-15 Employment Tribunal Claim

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- (i) agreed to release up to the maximum indicated in the report from the Adur District Council Special and Emergency Reserves to enable the Solicitor to the Council to attempt to negotiate a settlement of these proceedings;
- (ii) agreed to release up to the maximum indicated in the report from the Worthing Borough Council Special and Emergency Reserves to enable the Solicitor to the Council to attempt to negotiate a settlement of these proceedings.

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:

General Exception Notice – Joint Strategic Committee – 31 March 2015 Item 16 ‘ Building new homes providing loan capital to Worthing Homes’

Case of Special Urgency Notice – Joint Strategic Committee 31 March 2015 - additional exempt item ‘Employment Tribunal Claim’

Councillor Daniel Humphreys
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.