

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 ordinary 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

W/LDR/006/15-16 Representing the Council in the Community on other organisations:
Worthing Homes Ltd - Board of Directors

Executive Member for Regeneration

JAW/002/15-16 Draft List for the Validation of Planning Applications

Executive Member for Resources

W/RES/005/15-16 Irrecoverable Debts - Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates (Exempt report)

JAW/005/15-16 Application for Voluntary Redundancy

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 November 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/049/1516 Update on the response to the Shoreham Airshow Tragedy on 22 August 2015

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee noted the contents of the report and agreed to the learning points and achievements identified.

JSC/050/1516 Digital Strategy & Programme Update

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee noted the progress that had been made with the digital programme and the savings realised for 2016/17.

JSC/051/1516 Developing a shared ambition for West Sussex children, young people and families: West Sussex Partnership Families Strategic Plan 2020

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee:

- 1) considered and signed up to the draft Plan as detailed in the report;
- 2) provided delegated authority to the Head of Wellbeing to sign off the final plan, in consultation with the Executive Members for Health and Wellbeing.

JSC/052/1516 Human Resources Quality, Efficiency & Resilience through shared services

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee agreed to defer consideration of this item until the meeting on 1 December 2015.

JSC/053/15-16 Outcome of the feasibility study for the provision of an Anaerobic digester for Adur and Worthing Councils

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee noted the outcome of the feasibility study and agreed not to pursue the project further.

JSC/054/15-16 Secure Approved Premises status for Worthing Town Hall to conduct civil ceremonies (marriage & partnership)

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee:

1) approved an application for Approved Premises status to conduct ceremonies (partnership and marriage) in Worthing Town Hall and agreed that the nominated rooms be amended to include the Council Chamber;

2) agreed that the Director for Customer Service and Director for Economy implement the decision with the aim to secure bookings from spring 2016.

C. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 03 December 2015

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The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

** Details of the decisions taken at this meeting will be circulated after the minutes of the meeting have been published*

JSC/059/1516 Joint half year In-house Treasury Management Operations Report 1 April 30 September 2015 for Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council

Decision, the Joint Strategic Committee

- i Noted the contents of the report;
- ii Agreed to add the words “for more than a week at any time” to the limits imposed on investments in money market funds as detailed in the Annual Investment Strategy.

JSC/060/1516 Outline 5 year Forecast and Savings Proposals

Decision, the Joint Strategic Committee

- i Noted the current 5 year forecast;
- ii Approval was given to the proposed savings as set out in appendix 3 of the report, with the exception, in the Adur part of the report (page 58), ‘ increase in car parking fees’ was removed.

JSC/063/1516 2nd Revenue budget Monitoring 201516

Decision, the Joint Strategic Committee

- i noted the report and projected outturn position for the Joint, Adur and Worthing Revenue Budgets and proposed use of reserves (Appendix 1b and 2b);
- ii noted the changes to allocation of Trade Waste costs highlighted in paragraph 7.1. of the report

JSC/064/1516 Developing our work around Safeguarding children and Adults

Decision: the Joint Strategic Committee

- i Approved the Adur and Worthing Councils' Safeguarding Policy.
- ii Delegated the safeguarding adults responsibility to the Director for Communities.
- iii Agreed to the Council's Safeguarding Group overseeing any amendments to safeguarding policy and practice as stated in the report (paragraph 5.1).

JSC/065/1516 A strategy for Housing Development and Estate Regeneration by Adur and Worthing councils

Decision the Joint Strategic Committee

- i Supported the broad principle of investigating the feasibility of housing development on suitable sites owned by Adur and Worthing Councils.
- ii Delegated authority to the Director for Communities and Director for the Economy in consultation with the Executive Members for Resources and Customer Services to identify and procure arrangements for asset review and a delivery vehicle for housing development on Council owned sites.
- iii Supported the proposals for an innovative modular build scheme at Leconfield Road (subject to Planning consent being granted and a full business case being developed); delegating authority to the Head of Housing in consultation with the Executive Members for Customer Services and Resources (Adur) to deliver the scheme.

JSC/069/1516 Employment Tribunal Proceedings (Paragraph 5)

Decision , the Joint Strategic Committee approved the release of a maximum amount per Council as stated in the exempt report for the settling of legal proceedings as detailed in the report.

JSC/070/1516 Grafton Site Potential Purchase of properties (Paragraph 3)

Decision, the Joint Strategic Committee

- i) Agreed in principle the purchase the properties detailed in the exempt report

subject to a detailed business case. The final decision to purchase to be delegated to the Head of Economic Growth in consultation with the Head of Finance, the Leader and the Executive Member of Resources for Worthing Borough Council.

- ii) in approving the purchase the Committee added this scheme to the draft Capital Investment Programme for 2016/17 earlier considered at the meeting
- iii) Noted the current work being undertaken to carry out essential repairs and the survey work underway to identify costs associated with keeping the car park open for the next 3 5 years.

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:

Joint Strategic Committee - 3 December

General Exemption Notice - Grafton Site - Potential purchase of additional Land

Urgency and General Exemption Notice - Employment Tribunal Proceedings

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.