

Extract from the draft minutes of the Joint Governance Committee

JGC/15-16/033 Recording of Committee and Council meetings; Part B Exempt Information

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Digital & Resources, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and copies are attached to the signed copy of these Minutes as Item 11.

The Committee were advised that Worthing Borough Council, on the 20 October 2015, approved the recommendation of the Joint Governance Committee, to digitally record its Council and Committee meetings, including the recording of Part B exempt information discussions - those held in private, when the press and public were excluded, as defined under the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

Adur District Council, on the 22 October 2015, approved the recommendation of the Joint Governance Committee, to record its Council and Committee meetings but specifically voted not to record any Part B exempt information discussions.

The Joint Governance Committee was requested to consider the implications of recording the exempt parts of meetings of Joint Committee meetings, (Joint Strategic Committee, Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Joint Staff Committee, Joint Senior Staff Committee, Joint Senior Staff Appeals Committee) where Worthing Borough Council had agreed to the digital recording of such discussions but Adur District Council had not.

The Committee considered the merits and risks associated with the recording of Part B exempt information discussions and sought clarification as to when the recording of all meetings would commence. Officers confirmed that all meetings would be recorded from January 2016.

Resolved,

That the Joint Governance Committee resolved to bring a motion to the next meeting of Worthing Borough Council, **to amend the previous decision to resolve to digitally record its Council and Committee meetings, including Joint meetings with Adur District Council, to exclude all parts of all meetings where the press and public are excluded under the Local Government Act due to exempt information being discussed.**