

**Extract from the draft minutes - Joint Strategic Committee - 19 July 2016**

**JSC/014/16-17      Joint Revenue Outturn 2015/16**

Before the Committee was a joint report by the Chief Financial Officer, 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 6.

The report outlined the revenue financial monitoring position for the end of the 2015/16 financial year for Joint Strategic Committee, Adur and Worthing Councils. At the time of publication, the Statement of Accounts were still to be audited. Any changes that emerged from the audit would be reported to members later in the year.

Information was also provided in respect of earmarked reserves for the 2 constituent authorities. The 2015/16 capital outturn was reported separately on the agenda.

During consideration of the report, Members expressed disappointment with the Census overspend resulting from the incorrect assessment of benefit and the repayment of subsidy; requested an update regarding the telephony dispute and sought clarification regarding the Theatres overspend.

Officers confirmed that the telephony dispute had been resolved and advised that there had been a shortfall in the catering operation and there was a need to drive down support costs (recharges).

A Member advised that the Joint Revenue Outturn 2015/16 was due to be considered by the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 14 July and therefore any resulting questions would need to be asked at Full Council rather than at Joint Strategic Committee.

**Decision**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- (a) noted the report and outturn position for the Joint, Adur and Worthing Budgets proposed use of reserves; and

The Joint Strategic Committee recommended that Adur District Council, at its Council meeting on 21 July 2016 and Worthing Borough Council at its Council meeting on 19 July 2016:-

- (b) note the overall final outturn for 2015/16;
- (c) agree the net carry over of revenue budget to 2015/16 where the original approval for 2015/16 was not utilised which will be funded from the Capacity Issues Reserve as set out in paragraph 6.1 (General Fund) totalling:-

Worthing Borough Council £11,123

- (d) approve the net appropriation to General Fund reserves in the year as detailed in paragraph 6.3 totalling:

Adur District Council £167,029

Worthing Borough Council £768,123

- (e) approve a contribution for Adur District Council from the HRA to the Adur Housing New Development and Acquisition Reserve of £592,000 being the original budgeted amount of £566,000 plus a further £25,000;

Link to the full report on the website:

<http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,140521,en.pdf>

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**JSC/015/16-17      Capital and Projects Outturn for Joint, Adur and Worthing  
2015/16**

Before the Committee was a report by the Chief Financial Officer, 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 7.

The report outlined the financial monitoring position for the end of the 2015/16 financial year for capital schemes included in the Joint Strategic Committee, Adur and Worthing Councils Capital Investment Programmes. At the time of publication, the Statement of Accounts were still being finalised. Officers advised that any changes that emerged as work proceeded on the Statement of Accounts, would be reported to members later in the year.

Information was also provided in respect of capital receipts for the 2 constituent authorities.

Members sought clarification about the Crematorium Driveway Works, in particular, whether there were sufficient funds for this work and where the Council's responsibility for the gas main ended. Officers advised that the available budget would now not be adequate to undertake this work and further investigations would need to be undertaken to ascertain where the Council's responsibility for the gas main ended.

Members requested that the viability of installing Solar PV at the Shoreham Centre be investigated. Officers advised that the figures were likely to be marginal but that the status of this work would be reviewed to establish the suitability for installation.

The Committee sought clarification regarding the need for structural repairs at the Grafton multi-storey car park (MSCP). Officers advised that three surveys had been completed and some remedial work had been undertaken and the information provided from the latest survey would help to clarify which further investment decisions were required.

**Decision,**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

(a) noted the report and outturn position for the Adur and Worthing Capital Budgets;

The Joint Strategic Committee recommended that Adur District Council, at its Council meeting on 21 July 2016 and Worthing Borough Council at its Council meeting on 19 July 2016:-

- (b) NOTE the overall capital final outturn for 2015/16;
- (c) AGREE the net carry over of General Fund Capital underspends;
- (d) APPROVE the financing of the Capital Investment Programmes, including the use of capital receipts;
- (e) Note the use of S106 receipts to fund the 2015/16 Capital Investment Programme, as previously approved.

Link to the full report on the website:

<http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,140522,en.pdf>

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**JSC/016/16-17      Capital Strategy 2016/19**

Before the Committee was a report by the Chief Financial Officer, 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 sought the approval of the Council's Capital Strategy for 2017/19. The Strategy outlined the Council's approach to capital investment and how the Council ensured that capital investment was directed to the Council's Priorities. It also set out the basis for prioritisation of capital bids, included in the 3 Year Capital Investment Programme, and the monitoring of the programme.

Members acknowledged that the Councils were evolving in terms of their financial strategies and a collection of innovative initiatives.

**Decision,**

The Joint Strategic Committee recommended to Adur and Worthing Councils that the Capital Strategy 2016/19 be approved.

Link to the full report on the website:

<http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,140523,en.pdf>



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**JSC/018/16-17      Strategic Property Investment Fund for 2016/17**

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for the Economy, 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 10.

The Committee was asked to recommend to the respective Councils that the Strategic Property Investment Fund for 2016/17 should be increased from £2 million to £5 million for each Authority (£10 million in total for both Councils).

Members discussed the size of funds proposed in relation to those of other authorities and supported the proposals as a prudent, long term strategy.

**Decision,**

The Joint Strategic Committee recommended to Adur and Worthing Councils that the Strategic Property Investment Fund be increased to £5 million in both Adur and Worthing Councils for 2016/17.

Link to the full report on the website:

<http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,140525,en.pdf>





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**JSC/020/16-17      Redevelopment of Union Place**

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for the Economy, 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 report set out the basis of a potentially exciting deal with the owner/developers of the former Police Station site in Union Place, to deliver a new mixed use scheme incorporating a multiplex cinema, residential apartments and restaurants. The regeneration benefits of the development would be significant and represent a new approach for delivering major projects in line with Worthing Councils Town Centre Investment Prospectus.

The report identified that there was likely to be a funding gap relating to the delivery of the scheme and that a viable development may only be secured if Worthing Borough Council took a proactive stance and entered into an agreement to provide funding in return for a Freehold possession of the entire site on completion of the development. The Committee were advised that this would also provide greater control over the delivery of the project.

It was noted that paragraph 5.2 outlined a headline economic assessment which concluded that the mixed use scheme could provide a number of benefits to the town. Officers advised that further scrutiny of these was required.

The Committee noted that the report incorrectly made reference to the Sussex Police Authority (SPA) and should have been reference to the Sussex Police & Crime Commissioner.

Members expressed support for the scheme with a preference for the funding gap to be met from Local Growth Funding (LGF), as it reduced risk.

The Committee considered the impact such a scheme would have on the Council's own cinema offer. Officers acknowledged that the proposal would have an impact on the Council's cinema offer but it provided an opportunity to develop a cultural quarter in Worthing.

**Decision,**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- i) agreed to continue negotiations with the owner/developers to enter into a development agreement, subject to a full business case, to secure the redevelopment of the former Police Station and High Street surface car park sites in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Resources; and,
- ii) recommended that Worthing Borough Council borrows up to £3,100,000 from the Public Works Loan Board (PWLb), subject to adherence to the funding criteria and a full business case in the event that Local Growth Funding cannot be secured, in consultation with the Leader and Executive Member for Resources.

Link to the full report on the website:

<http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,140527,en.pdf>

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**JSC/021/16-17      Action on Public Health: Shaping the next phase of the Wellbeing Programme**

Before the Committee was a report by the Chief Financial Officer, 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 outlined the progress of one part of this programme the Adur and Worthing Wellbeing Hubs. It was noted that nearly four years on, the Wellbeing programme had evolved and strengthened the Councils direct and commissioned work with individuals and groups around health and wellbeing and enabled a number and variety of partners to get involved through either commissioning or partnering.

Members noted that results had been good but officers were still looking to make improvements. Feedback was gained through follow up telephone calls to each client 3 months after their contact with the service which had identified that 97% of clients would recommend the service to a friend or family and many had.

The Committee was asked to consider the progress outlined and recommend the approval of the next phase of funding from West Sussex County Council.

Members acknowledged how far the Councils had come with this work and that the success was a result of the vision demonstrated by the Council's officers. The importance of linking this work closely with housing and leisure services was also noted.

**Decision,**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- i) agreed to recommend to Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council that the respective Councils continue to work in partnership with West Sussex County Council to deliver the Wellbeing programme in Adur and Worthing from 2016/17 to March 2019, subject to funding being agreed on an annual basis;

- ii) noted the funding from West Sussex County Council each year for three years until March 2019 to deliver the Wellbeing programme, in line with the Partnership Agreement and Business Plan;
- iii) recommended that Adur and Worthing Councils to amend the revenue budget to create the budget for the 2016/17 programme of work funded by grant of £485,200.

Link to the full report on the website:

<http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,140528,en.pdf>