



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

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Executive Member for Regeneration

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Executive Member for Resources

W/RES/005/17-18 Irrecoverable Debts - Council Tax & National Non-Domestic Rates

W/RES/001/18-19 Application for Compulsory Redundancy

JAW/018/17-18 Applications for Voluntary and Compulsory Redundancies

Executive Member for Customer Services

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Executive Member for Digital and Environmental Services

JAW/001/18-19 Award of Homefield Park Tennis Court Refurbishment

JAW/003/18-19 Award of the Worthing Leisure Centre Athletic Track Refurbishment Contract

Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing

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B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 5 June 2018

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/005/18-19 Improving food hygiene standards - proposal to charge a fee when requested to re-assess food hygiene ratings

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 5.

The report asked Members to consider introducing a charge to Food Business Operators who request a re-inspection / re-visit under the Food Hygiene Rating Scheme to re-assess the food hygiene rating of their establishment.

The Committee noted that the proposed charge of £150 was based on the staffing cost of conducting a re-inspection, was comparable with charges levied by other local authorities and would be reviewed annually.

Members welcomed the proposals as it would enable business operators to be more proactive and arrange reinspections more quickly.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee agreed the introduction of a set rate charge of £150 for a request for a re-inspection/ re-visit from a Food Business Operator, effective from 1 July 2018.

JSC/006/18-19 Connecting Community Transport in Adur and Worthing

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 6.

The report updated Members on the progression of an Officer-led 'Community Transport Review' in Adur and Worthing, provided a brief overview of the project to date, and proposed a different funding model for the Community Transport budget from 1 October 2018 onwards.

A Member questioned whether a move to grant funding would be detrimental to existing customers and sought clarification as to whether Dial a Ride would be able to apply for a grant. Officers advised that the changes proposed would not impact residents as there were a number of travel options available and confirmed that Dial a Ride would be able to apply for a grant.

The Committee was advised that a number of people did not qualify to use existing provision and therefore the Councils were looking to provide a more inclusive service. It was acknowledged that there were a large number of vehicles and operators in the Borough / District and it was suggested that a digital platform would be an ideal solution to link them all up.

Members stated that it was important for services to reach new audiences as well as existing and expressed hope that Dial a Ride would remain part of the future provision.

It was proposed and seconded that Option 1, identified in paragraph 5.3 of the report, be agreed as the appropriate direction of travel.

Decision,

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

1. noted the progress of the Community Transport Review to date and plans to take this forward; and
2. approved Option 1 identified in this report, that the Councils' Community Transport budget is returned to grant funding. This will mean it is available to *any* organisation offering Community Transport in Adur and Worthing, subject to the agreed criteria.

JSC/008/18-19 Providing for Worthing's Cycling Infrastructure needs - Report following Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council

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 8.

Councillor Rebecca Cooper attended the meeting and explained the motion to the Committee

The Committee was asked to consider the details of a Motion on Notice, referred from the Worthing Council meeting held on February 2018. The Motion had been proposed and seconded and was attached to the report as Annex A.

Members were asked to consider and determine whether to accept the motion, as submitted by Councillor Cooper, and to identify any future actions arising from that determination.

The report addressed the issues outlined in the Motion and provided options for Members to consider. As the Motion had been referred from Worthing Borough Council, the Committee was asked to clarify whether any decision applied to Worthing Borough Council only or Adur and Worthing Councils.

It was proposed and seconded that Option 1, identified in paragraph 5.1 of the report, be agreed as the appropriate direction of travel.

Resolved,

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

- 1) considered the Notice of Motion attached to the report at Annex A;
- 2) agreed to continue to support the current activities and emerging partnerships (e.g. with WSCC) to develop a Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan for Worthing Borough and Adur District Councils.

C. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 10 July 2018

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

JSC/013/18-19 Platforms for our Places : 6 month Progress Report (January to June 2018)

Before the Committee was a report by the Chief Executive, 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 provided the third 6 monthly update on the Implementation of Platforms for our Places, and (along with the 6 month Progress Report at Attachment A) provided Joint Strategic Committee with an overview of the progress made and challenges experienced during the period January to June 2018. The report also provided an opportunity for the Joint Strategic Committee to report to both Full Councils and Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committees on progress.

A further report, to be considered later on the agenda, took the 18 month state of progress and refreshed the approach, making suggestions on a refined set of commitments for the next 18 months.

The Committee noted the continued good progress on the commitments made by the Councils. Members were advised that a number of the commitments were now complete, many had progressed further and only one showed "red" (or stuck).

The Committee welcomed the update, congratulated officers for the work they were doing and acknowledged that the Councils were now leading the way on a number of initiatives.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

1. noted the progress made and challenges experienced in the implementation of Platforms for our Places over the period January to June 2018;
2. requested a further update report in January 2019 detailing progress over the next 6 month period;
3. agreed to refer the report to Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Digital & 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 11.

The report set out the steps Adur and Worthing Councils were taking to build the digital infrastructure to power our future economies. It provided an update on Gigabit West Sussex, the first DCMS Local Full Fibre Fund scheme in the UK. It also provided a road map of further projects that were in development, which would capitalise on the momentum and opportunity brought by the fibre scheme.

The Committee was asked to support the direction of travel, to make Adur and Worthing super-connected and digitally enabled places.

In showing support for development of these proposals, the Joint Strategic Committee would provide potential funders and investors with assurance that digital infrastructure development and wider digital ambitions enjoyed strong political leadership and direction.

On 31 May 2018, West Sussex County Council announced the award of a contract to Cityfibre, the UK's leading provider of wholesale full fibre infrastructure, for the construction of 9 future proof full fibre networks in Worthing / Lancing, Shoreham, Bognor Regis, Burgess Hill, Chichester, Crawley, Haywards Heath, Horsham and Littlehampton. An update on progress was provided.

The report also outlined proposed future projects to extend the fibre footprint in our towns, and described the added value projects being developed that would use fibre infrastructure and build on the emerging reputation Adur and Worthing had for digital.

A Member questioned how local hospitals and the wider NHS fitted into the project. Officers advised that the NHS had been involved in conversations earlier in the process and had been included in the West Sussex Framework. Officers anticipated that once the NHS saw the infrastructure being built and the benefits arising from it, they would join in the next five years once their existing contracts had expired.

Another Member sought clarification as to the benefits of the technology. Officers informed the Committee that the Fibre Infrastructure was hugely important for a 5G future because it would allow for new technologies including transport to be connected all of the time. The Fibre Infrastructure would support all of the 5G small cells which would allow all of the smart technologies to be in place.

Members expressed their support for the proposals which had the potential to be a 'life changer' for the local area.

Resolved,

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

1. noted the progress of Gigabit West Sussex and delivery timescales;
2. endorsed the plan for a further bid to DCMS for funding for schools;

3. agreed the principle of part-funding our CCTV sites through capital on a cost neutral basis, using the revenue budgets allocated for CCTV connectivity;
4. endorsed the development of proposals for small cell and public WiFi options in our towns, and the “barrier busting” regulatory and access work with West Sussex County Council;
5. supported the development of further digital proposals as outlined in the report in Section 3, helping our places become more digitally enabled.

JSC/021/18-19 Keeping the Communities of Adur & Worthing Safe

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 report provided a brief overview of how the Community Safety Partnership was formed, it's core duties, the role of Councils in this partnership, a flavour of the types of activity delivered to build safe/ resilient communities and the challenges faced by the partnerships in light of a significant reduction in grant funding from the PCC. As a consequence the report highlighted options and issues in considering how the Councils would meet their statutory duties against a backdrop of a significant reduction in grant funding.

Members acknowledged the excellent work being undertaken, including the recent 'behind closed doors' event. Concerns were raised regarding the rationale used by the PCC for reducing funding and encouraged the PCC to look again at the funding situation.

Resolved,

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

1. noted the activity and the progress made by the partnership in building safe and resilient communities;
2. noted the implications of the significant reduction of grant from the PCC in 2019 onwards and the impact that this would have on the partnerships' ability to deliver their partnership plans;
3. endorsed the partnerships' approach to managing the funding issue and identifying opportunities for external funding.

JSC/026/18-19 Worthing Theatres & Museum Strategic Future Options

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 17.

The report provided the Committee with an opportunity to consider options for the future direction of Worthing Theatres and Museum and to identify a way forward that would seek to ensure that culture continued to develop and thrive in Worthing for the benefit of our communities and the local economy.

The Committee expressed support for the proposals, acknowledging the considerable amount of work undertaken by Officers in preparing them and the significant benefits culture brought to Worthing.

Resolved,

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

1. approved a procurement exercise for the operation of the theatres and museum;
2. agreed to an in-house bid from the Culture team;
3. agreed to release funding of £100,000 from the Capacity Issues Fund for the preliminary costs associated with the project;
4. agreed, following the procurement exercise, to receive a further report outlining next steps.

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The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:

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:

Nil.

Councillor Daniel Humphreys
Leader of the Council

**Local Government Act 1972
Background papers**

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