



Council
30 October 2018
Agenda Item 8C(i)

**WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL**

Extract from Joint Strategic Committee - 9 October 2018

JSC/047/18-19 Increasing the number of Beach Huts available on Worthing's foreshore

Purpose

- 1.1. To outline a proposal to increase the number of both council owned and privately owned beach huts along Worthing's foreshore, and request approval to proceed (subject to planning permission being granted).
- 1.2. This proposal is based upon a full review of the Beach Hut offer for Adur and Worthing's residents, that confirmed there continues to be a significant and increasing level of demand to own or rent a beach hut on Worthing's seafront.
- 1.3. The review also concluded that there are a number of suitable locations to site additional beach huts in Worthing, without affecting the visual appeal or enjoyment of the foreshore.
- 1.4. As indicated, this review also covered Adur's foreshore, however, whilst there is demand, the review did not identify any new/additional locations on the Adur foreshore that would allow for an increase in the number of private beach huts.

Summary of Discussion

The report outlined a proposal to increase the number of both council owned and privately owned beach huts along Worthing's foreshore, and requested approval to proceed (subject to planning permission being granted).

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The review also concluded that there were a number of suitable locations to site additional beach huts in Worthing, without affecting the visual appeal or enjoyment of the foreshore.

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Members welcomed the proposals.

Resolution from Committee

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

- 2.1. approved an increase in the number of both council owned and privately owned beach huts in Worthing, subject to planning permission being granted;
- 2.2. **recommended** that Worthing Borough Council approve an increase to the current budget for the purchase and installation of beach huts of £317,140. Funded partially through a capital receipt generated by the sale of pitches (£80,000) and partially funded via prudential borrowing as outlined in paragraph 11.1 as an invest to save initiative;
- 2.3. noted, that should approval be granted, planning permission to site and erect the beach huts at the location(s) proposed would still need to be gained;
- 2.4. delegated authority to the Director of Communities, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration to approve the final procurement and award the contract to install the Council owned beach huts, up to the value contained in the Invest to Save capital bid, to be allocated within the 2018/19 Capital programme year subject to the grant of planning permission.

(Link to the report on the website

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media,150897,en.pdf>)