



ADUR & WORTHING  
COUNCILS

**Worthing Executive Member for  
Regeneration  
Adur Executive Member for  
Regeneration  
JAW/032/19-20  
Date of Decision: 27 March 2020**

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**Record of Decision:** JAW/032/19-20 Worthing Civic Quarter Heat Network Funding Approval

**Decision taken by:** Adur Executive Member for Regeneration, Worthing Executive Member for Regeneration

**Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**

WBC Executive Member for Regeneration : I hereby confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interest in this item.

ADC Executive Member for Regeneration : I hereby confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interest in this item.

**Decision:**

The Worthing Executive Member for Regeneration has:-

- 1) noted the award of £93,400 funding from the Government department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)'s Heat Network Development Unit to Worthing Borough Council;
- 2) endorsed the award of a contract to project manage the process of commissioning and contracting consultants to produce the Heat Network Feasibility Study and Master Plan;
- 3) approved that Officers work with the project manager to procure and commission consultants to develop the heat network study;
- 4) approved a budget virement of £120,000 to fund the cost of the project the funding of which is detailed in section 7.1 of the report; and
- 5) noted that an update report will be presented once the feasibility study has concluded, subject to a viable and practical heat network opportunity being identified.

The Adur Executive Member for Regeneration, Councillor Brian Boggis, has agreed to abstain from this decision as a Worthing matter.

**Key Decision:** No

**Reason For Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee of December 3rd 2019, members approved the adoption of the councils' Carbon Neutral Plan which identified interventions towards achieving the carbon neutral goal. It outlined a number of challenges to overcome. One of these was to decarbonise heating for council buildings, responsible for 42% of the councils' 3,000 tonne/year carbon footprint.

This could be achieved mainly through shifting from gas based systems to renewable heating systems such as heat pumps.

The Carbon Neutral Plan includes recommendations for specific buildings. It recommended that the existing, end of their life, gas boilers in Portland House and Worthing Town Hall, be replaced with renewable heating. Due to the high cost of individual air source heat pumps (ASHPs) for large buildings, the Plan recommended exploring the opportunity for a heat network for the whole Worthing Civic Site.

The Plan recommends that by linking up all the buildings on the Worthing Civic Quarter Site (WCQ), greater efficiency and viability could be achieved.

A heat network could potentially connect all buildings on the WCQ site, delivering efficiency and decarbonisation through development of an energy centre using heat pumps to supply heat to all the buildings on the WCQ site

**Alternative Options Considered:**

Not to do anything - not acceptable

**Other Matters Considered:**

Legal Advice and Issues	x	Financial Advice and Issues	x
Sustainability Issues	x	Equality Issues	x
Community Safety Issues	x	Human Rights Issues	x
Reputation	x	Risk Assessment	x
Health & Safety Issues	x		

**Consultation:**

This report was circulated to Councillors, and published on the Council's website on 19 March 2020. The following consultation responses were noted by the decision maker:

Representations - none

**Background Papers:** Report to JSC 09.07.2019: Climate Emergency Becoming Carbon Neutral by 2030  
JSC 03.12.2019: Working towards the 2030 target - Adur & Worthing Councils' Carbon Neutral Plan

Report to JSC, December 2019: Investing for the future: Capital Programme 2020/21 to 2022/23 (Corporate Investment Strategy 2020-2023)  
Adur & Worthing Councils Carbon Neutral Plan, December 2019 (AECOM)  
West Sussex County Council Energy Strategy and Action Plan (2016)  
South2East Local Energy Strategy (2018)  
Heat Networks Delivery Unit Round 9 Guidance

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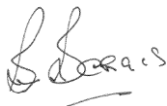
**Call-in:** The call-in deadline for this decision will be 5:00pm on 6 April 2020



**Signed:**

**Date:** 27 March 2020

**Name:** Councillor Kevin Jenkins, WBC Executive Member for Regeneration



**Signed:**

**Date:** 27 March 2020

**Name:** Councillor Brian Boggis, ADC Executive Member for Regeneration

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