



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

**Adur Executive Member for
Resources, Worthing Executive
Member for Digital & Environmental
Services**

Date of Decision: 10 July 2020

If you have any questions about this decision please contact Democratic Services on 01903 221006 or email democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk

Record of Decision: JAW/005/20-21 Gigabit Coast: Adur & Worthing - Internet Service Provider (ISP) - Contract Award

Decision taken by: Adur Executive Member for Resources, Worthing Executive Member for Digital & Environmental Services

Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests: WBC Executive Member for Digital & Environmental Services : I hereby confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interest in this item.

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

Decision:

The Executive Members have approved the Council's proposal to enter into a 5-year contract with MLL Telecom for the supply and set up of security and connectivity equipment, backhaul & Internet circuits, and network management services.

The financial commitment as a result of the decision is £433k capital, predominantly for equipment that will be owned by the Councils. The £53k revenue pa covers the operating costs and aligns with the financial profile set out in the 09/06/2020 JSC report: Moving forward with Citizen Wi-Fi.

The capital payment of £433k will be fully funded by Local Growth Funds (LGF) through the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and the £53k pa revenue costs will be covered by established revenue budgets and savings realised from the rationalisation of existing Council connectivity services.

Key Decision: Yes

Reason For Decision:

Adur Executive Member for Resources: Happy to agree the recommendations for the reasons set out in the report.

Worthing Executive Member for Digital & Environmental Services:

This contract represents a giant leap forward for the digital infrastructure in our town and will bring important on and offline benefits to our residents and visitors alike. The external

funding of the equipment and the proportionately low revenue costs make this an attractive prospect which I am happy to support.

Alternative Options Considered:

Adur Executive Member for Resources - No alternative options considered appropriate.

Worthing Executive Member for Digital & Environmental Services - I believe this option is the right mix in terms of owning the infrastructure and layering on the support/service element. Doing nothing would not be an option and having discussed options that are either fully managed or fully owned this mix represents, in my view, the most efficient use of public money.

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 1 July 2020. The following consultation responses were noted by the decision makers:

Worthing Executive Member for Digital & Environmental Services - I have not received any representation in relation to this decision from other members or members of the public.

Adur Executive Member for Resources - I have not received any consultee responses.

Background Papers: Joint Strategic Committee Report (July 2018)

Joint Strategic Committee Reports (April 2019)

Moving forward with Citizen Wi-Fi (June 2020)

Contact Officer:

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Call-in: The call-in deadline for this decision will be 5:00pm on 17 July 2020

Signed:  Date:10 July 2020.....

Name: Councillor Angus Dunn, Adur Executive Member for Resources



Signed..... **Date:**10 July 2020.....

Name: Councillor Edward Crouch, Worthing Executive Member for Digital & Environmental Services

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