

**Minutes of a Meeting of the
Adur District Council**

22 April 2021

Remote Meeting via Zoom

Councillor Andy McGregor, Chairman
Councillor Stephen Chipp, Vice-Chairman

Councillor Carson Albury	Councillor Angus Dunn
Councillor Carol Albury	Councillor Emma Evans
Councillor Catherine Arnold	Councillor Liz Haywood
Councillor Brian Boggis	Councillor Joss Loader
Councillor Kevin Boram	Councillor Paul Mansfield
Councillor Ann Bridges	Councillor Robin Monk
Councillor Dave Collins	Councillor Neil Parkin
Councillor Brian Coomber	Councillor Debs Stainforth
Councillor Lee Cowen	Councillor Sami Zeglam

Absent

Councillor Clive Burghard, Councillor Barry Mear, Councillor Peter Metcalfe and Councillor David Simmons

c/61/20-21 Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

c/62/20-21 Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of interest made.

c/63/20-21 Questions from the public

The following question had been received in advance of the meeting.

Question submitted by Mr Neocleous to the Executive Member for Regeneration

As a local businessman I have obviously been aware of the various grants that have been made available by the Government to support businesses through the pandemic and various lockdown situations. These have not always been easy to navigate but I wondered if any of the local political parties had taken advantage of this and applied for and/or received grants. I have to say I would be disappointed if they had given that this could possibly take funds away from businesses who perhaps require the support more so that the people concerned can maintain their livelihoods.

The Executive Member for Regeneration confirmed that £17.5m of grant funding had been allocated by the Council to support 3,324 local businesses and he thanked Officers for all of the work involved in delivering the grant funding.

The Executive Member for Resources advised that a public record of successful applications was available on the Council's website for anyone to see. He confirmed that no claim under the package of measures available had been made by the East Worthing and Shoreham Conservative Association. He understood that the East Worthing and Shoreham Labour were successful in a claim made in the name Worthing Labour Hall Building Fund. It was important to note however, that regardless of the views of the questioner or those of the Exec Member' on whether political parties should be making claims for public funds in this way, that claim was entirely within the rules.

c/64/20-21 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 February 2021 be approved as a correct record and be signed by the Chairman.

**c/65/20-21 Announcements by the Chairman, Leader of the Council,
Executive Members and / or Head of Paid Service**

The Chairman placed on record the Council's condolences to Her Royal Highness The Queen and her family after the passing of the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip.

The Chairman informed the Council that since the last council meeting he had observed the one minute silence to mark the first anniversary of the commencement of lockdown. He had continued to deliver medication to people confined to their homes as well as volunteering for Sailability in Shoreham and volunteering at the Lancing Vaccination Centre.

** The meeting was adjourned briefly as the Chairman lost connection to the Zoom meeting.*

Lastly, the Chairman thanked Councillors Burghard, Metcalfe, Haywood, Mear, Monk and Zeglam, who had chosen not to stand again at the upcoming elections, for their service on the Council and wished them the best in their future endeavours.

The Executive Member for Customer Services updated the Council on a number of housing projects.

There were no announcements from the Leader or the Chief Executive.

c/66/20-21 Items raised under urgency provisions

The Chairman informed the Council that there were no matters of urgency to be considered.

**c/67/20-21 Recommendations from the Executive and Committees to
Council**

a) Joint Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021/22

The Chairman of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented the recommendation from the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 18 March 2021.

The recommendation was proposed and seconded and on a vote it was unanimously supported.

Resolved,

That Adur District Council approved the JOSC Work Programme for 2021/22.

b) LGA Model Code of Conduct and arrangements for dealing with breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct

The Chairman of the Joint Governance Committee presented the recommendation from the Joint Governance Committee meeting held on 23 March 2021.

The recommendations were proposed, seconded and debated.

** The meeting was adjourned at 7.28pm and reconvened at 7.35pm.*

Members expressed support for the proposals, thanking the participants of the Working Group for their work and stated the importance of supporting those involved with implementing the Code.

On a vote the recommendations were unanimously support and it was:

Resolved,

That Adur District Council

- a. approved the adoption of the LGA Model Code of Conduct;
- b. accepted the procedures set out in Appendices 2, 3 and 4;
- c. agreed that the Members Code of Conduct and arrangements for dealing with complaints under that Code should be reviewed by the Monitoring Officer, every two years including any related policies;
- d. agreed to have two separate sub-committees for Adur & Worthing Councils.

c) Strategic Property Investment Fund 2021 / Annual Commercial Property Investment Strategy 2021/22

The Leader presented the recommendation from the Joint Strategic Committee meeting held on 30 March 2021.

The recommendations were proposed, seconded and debated. On a vote (15 in favour and 5 abstentions) it was:

Resolved:

That Adur District Council approved the adoption of the Commercial Property Investment Strategy for 2021-2022.

d) Delivering Pathways to Affordable Homes

The Leader presented the recommendation from the Joint Strategic Committee meeting held on 30 March 2021.

The recommendations were proposed, seconded and debated. On a vote, the recommendations were unanimously supported and it was:

Resolved:

That Adur District Council approved the adoption of the 'Developing Pathways to Affordable Homes' report as part of the Housing Strategy for 2020-2023.

c/68/20-21 Report of the Leader on decisions taken by the Executive

Before the Committee was a report by the Director of Communities, a copy of which had been circulated to all members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 8.

The report before members set out the decisions made by the Executive since the last meeting of Council.

Members discussed tenant engagement and noted that as part of a later item on the JSC agenda a Supporting Communities to Thrive paper was considered. Funding was approved for the appointment of a Participation Officer providing support with future tenant and leaseholder engagement.

c/69/20-21 Members question time under Council Procedure Rule 12

There were no questions received under Council Procedure Rule 12.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.11 pm, having commenced at 7.00 pm

Chairman