



WORTHING BOROUGH
C O U N C I L

14 July 2020

**Worthing Council Meeting
14 July 2020**

Remote Meeting

6.30 pm

Agenda

6 July 2020

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL are hereby summoned to attend for the following business:

Part A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in relation to any business on the agenda. Declarations should also be made at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting.

If in doubt contact the Legal or Democratic Services representative for this meeting.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 26 May 2020, copies of which have been previously circulated. A copy is available to view at

<https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=158&MId=242&Ver=4>

Director for Communities:
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4. Questions from the Public

To receive any questions from members of the public addressed to Member of the Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11. There is up to 5 minutes for each question, one supplementary question may be asked arising from the original question.

Questions must relate to any matter the Council has power or which affects the Borough, except no questions may be asked in relation to

- a) A specific planning or licensing application
- b) A specific staffing appointment or appeal, or Standards determination

Public question time will last up to 30 minutes; questions will be taken in the order of receipt.

The deadline for submission of questions is **Friday 10 July 2020 at 12 noon**. Questions to be submitted to democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk

5. Petition submitted to Worthing Borough Council - Wilding Worthing (Pages 1 - 6)

To consider a report and associated petition attached as item 5.

6. Announcements by the Mayor, Leader of the Council, Executive Members or the Head of Paid Service

7. Items raised under Urgency Provisions

To consider any items the Mayor has agreed are urgent.

8. Recommendations from the Executive and Committees to Council (Pages 7 - 20)

To consider recommendations to the Council, details of which are set out in the attached items as 8A(i), 8B(i) & (ii) and 8C(i) to (iv).

Full reports are available on the website as listed below:

	Executive / Committee	Date	Item
A	Joint Strategic Committee	9 June 2020	i) JSC/005/20-21 Chief Executive's use of Urgency Powers during the Covid-19 Global Pandemic
B	Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee	25 June 2020	i) Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2019/20 ii) Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
C	Joint Strategic Committee	7 July 2020	i) Financial Performance 2019/20 - Revenue Outturn ii) Financial Performance 2019/20 - Capital and Projects Outturn iii) Impact of Covid 19 on the Council's finances - Update on current financial performance and developing a revenue budget for 2021/22 iv) Becoming financially sustainable - Capital Strategy 2021/24

9. Report of the Leader on Decisions taken by the Executive (Pages 21 - 34)

To receive a report from the Leader as item 9. The report contains decisions taken by the Executive, Executive Members and the Joint Strategic Committee since the last Council meeting *(an updated version of this report will be published after the JSC meeting on 7 July 2020 to include decisions taken at this meeting)*.

There will be up to 15 minutes for Executive Members to make any statements on the report. There will also be up to 15 minutes for Executive Members to respond to questions on the report. These questions will not be the same as any to be asked under Item 10.

(Note: Papers relating to items under 8 and 9 have been previously circulated and can be viewed on the Council's website)

10. Members Questions under Council Procedure Rule 12

Members question time will last up to 30 minutes, with questions being taken in the order of receipt and in rotation from each political group on the Council. The deadline for submission of questions is **Friday 10 July at 12 noon**. Questions to be submitted to democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk

Questions can be asked of the following:

- a. The Mayor
- b. A Member of the Executive
- c. The Chairman of any Committee
- d. The Council's representative on any outside body

Questions cannot be asked in relation to the following:

- a. A specific planning or licensing application
- b. A specific staffing appointment, appeal or Standards determination

11. Motions on Notice (Pages 35 - 38)

Motion from Councillor Helen Silman - *Turning Tides Award*

To consider a Motion on Notice, submitted by the Proper Officer on behalf of Councillor Helen Silman, detailed as item 11.

12. Motions on Notice (Pages 39 - 42)

Motion from Councillor Paul High - *Condemning Racism*

To consider a Motion on Notice, submitted by the Proper Officer on behalf of Councillor Paul High, detailed as item 12.

13. Motions on Notice (Pages 43 - 46)

Motion from Councillor Henna Chowdhury - *Black Lives Matter*

To consider a Motion on Notice, submitted by the Proper Officer on behalf of Councillor Henna Chowdhury, detailed as item 13.

Part B - Not for Publication - Exempt information Reports

None.

Catherine Howe
Director for Communities

Recording of this meeting

The Council will be live streaming the meeting, including public question time. The recording will be available on the Council's website as soon as practicable after the meeting. The Council will not be recording any discussions in Part B of the agenda (where the press and public have been excluded).

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Ward(s) Affected: All

Petition: Wilding Worthing

Report by the Solicitor to the Council and the Director for Communities

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1. A Petition was received on 21st June 2020 from Ms Emma Cameron containing 1029 signatures. The petition was received by the Proper Officer.
- 1.2. The Petition is in regards to proposals to designate a number of green areas around Worthing for rewilding.
- 1.3. Any action to be taken in response to the Petition, is to be determined, following debate, at the Worthing Borough Council Meeting.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. Worthing Borough Council is recommended to debate the Petition and determine what action, if any, it shall take in response to the Petition.

3.0 Background

- 3.1. The Worthing Borough Council adopted Petition Scheme is available on the Council's website:

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media.129314.en.pdf>

- 3.2. The details of the petition state:

Following the declaration by Worthing Borough Council of a climate emergency some areas on edges of parks are being left alone to grow naturally, which is a very welcome move.

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/news/archive/pr19-106.html>. We are now calling on Worthing Borough Council to designate a number of green areas around Worthing for rewilding. To mark 'No Mow May' we are asking that these areas are left unmown, allowing the wildflowers to grow and that the use of herbicides and pesticides is eliminated.

Why is this important?

In the last 25 years the UK has lost 75% of flying insects and the vast majority of wildflower meadows. Rewilding areas provide habitat and food for insects, pollinators and local wildlife, and offers areas for families and children to learn more about wildflowers and wildlife. Just 8 Dandelion flowers provide enough nectar for 15,000 bee visits a day. <https://www.plantlife.org.uk/uk/about-us/news/no-mow-may-how-to-get-ten-times-more-bees-on-your-lockdown-lawn>. Even small wild areas support declining insect populations. Rewilding also contributes to reaching our zero carbon goals, by taking harmful carbon dioxide from the air and storing it underground. This is a financially prudent environmental move as well, as rewilding saves money on expensive council-funded maintenance costs.

Campaign backed by Worthing Climate Action Network and Extinction Rebellion Worthing.

There is now an update and good news on the area known as Robert's Marine: 'Plan for this space is to let areas of the grass grow long and create a grass maze within it. Have the patch of wild flowers and then some areas of cut grass still because we get quite a few people exercising on that space, dogs running around on it and people

picnicking as well. We felt the mix enables all of that to still happen whilst adding a little more wild spaces for nature.

- 3.3. Qualifying petitions are defined in the Petition Scheme as those petitions containing more than 1,000 signatures and including a minimum of 50 names, addresses and signatures of people who live, work or study in the Borough of Worthing. The petition contains 1,029 signatures, exceeding the 50 person minimum and meets the relevant criteria to be considered as a qualifying petition.
- 3.4 Under the Worthing Borough Council Petition Scheme the Petition Organiser, Ms Emma Cameron, is to be provided with the opportunity of five minutes to address Council on the petition. The Leader then has five minutes to address Council with their right of reply to the petition.
- 3.4. It is a requirement of the Scheme that where a qualifying petition is received, and where time permits, the petition is to be debated by the Council to determine how to respond to it.

Members of the Council are recommended to consider and determine the Petition and any Member of the Council may move a specific motion as a proposal for the appropriate disposal of this matter. Such a proposal will need to be seconded, debated and voted upon in accordance with the Council Procedure Rules. A range of suggested responses and ways of disposal are available and set out within the Scheme, and include, but are not limited to:

- taking the action requested;
- holding an enquiry or undertaking research into the matters arising;
- referring the petition for consideration to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee; or
- taking no further action.

- 3.5. The Petition Organiser was notified on 24 June that the petition amounted to a qualifying petition.

4.0 Proposals

- 4.1. The person submitting the petition has five minutes to address the Council to support their petition.

- 4.2. The Leader has five minutes to address Council as the Council's right of reply to the petitioner.
- 4.3. Council will then debate the petition and determine what action to take in response to the petition.

5.0 Financial Implications

- 5.1. There are no financial implications in considering a petition at the Council Meeting.
- 5.2. However, if the decision taken at the Council Meeting, in response to the petition, is likely to have significant financial implications for the Council and requires action by the Executive, then the action to be taken and financial implications should be considered by the Executive at a meeting of the Joint Strategic Committee.

6.0 Legal Implications

- 6.1. Full details of the Borough Council's adopted Petition Scheme can be found in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution.
- 6.2. The usual rules of debate set out at paragraph 16 of the Council Procedure Rules in Part 4 of the Constitution, apply to the Council debate upon the petition.
- 6.3. The requirement to have a Petition Scheme was contained in the Local Democracy, Economic Construction and Development Act 2009 (as amended).

Background Papers

Worthing Borough Council Constitution containing the Petition Scheme.

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered and no issues identified.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

3. Environmental

There are environmental implications for the management, custodianship and protection of our natural resources arising from the proposals within the petition, but not from the proposal to debate the petition at Full Council.

4. Governance

The Council has a Petition Scheme in compliance with legislation, which has been adopted formally as part of the Council's Constitution. All petitions submitted to the Council should be determined in accordance with the published Scheme.

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Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 9 June 2020

JSC/005/20-21 Chief Executive's use of Urgency Powers during the Covid-19 Global Pandemic

Summary of discussion

Due to the pandemic situation it had been necessary for the Council's to be able to respond very quickly during the emergency and this had necessitated, on some occasions, needing to make decisions as a matter of urgency.

The Chief Executive had therefore been called upon to use his powers to make urgent decisions and the report advised Members of the Executive of the executive decisions made, and asked for their endorsement of those decisions.

The Committee wished to place on record its thanks to Adur and Worthing Councils Officers for all of their work in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Neil Parkin and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Decision,

The Joint Strategic Committee

1. noted the content of the report and endorsed the decisions made by the Chief Executive; and
2. **referred the decision to increase the Treasury Management limits onto Council for noting and endorsement.**

The JSC report can be viewed on the Councils' website at
<https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/documents/s3041/Item%205%20-%20Chief%20Executives%20Use%20of%20Emergency%20Powers.pdf>

Extract from the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 25 June 2020

JOSC/008/20-21 Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2020/21

Summary of discussion

The Committee agreed to note the progress of the work programme 19/20 and considered the work programme for 20/21

Members were informed that the night time economy working group had prepared a report on it's work, however due to the Covid-19 lockdown the situation had changed significantly. It was agreed that the group meet again and report back to the Committee in the future. Cllr Paul Mansfield was elected as a new member of the Working group.

A Worthing Member commented that the pre-scrutiny of the Worthing Budget Estimate and setting of Council Tax had not been a productive use of time in the past and proposed that the item be removed from the work programme the proposal was seconded debated and upon a vote it was passed and the report was withdrawn from the work programme

The Chairman introduced a proposal to the Committee that sought to re-introduce Executive Member interviews, the matter was seconded, debated and upon a vote was included on the Work programme

The Committee discussed the introduction of scrutiny of the forward plan of key decisions. The Chairman told the Committee that he did not support the introduction of the item as members were sent updates every time that the plan was added to or amended. Councillors who were not on the Executive took it upon themselves to keep up to date with what was proposed and could act accordingly. An opposing view was that inclusion of the item could lead to more information being received particularly regarding exempt matters. The removal of the item was proposed seconded and approved upon a vote.

The Committee discussed the role of Health and Social Care reporting and it was agreed that representatives on WSCC HASC report back to the Committee as and when they see fit. The proposal was seconded and on a vote was approved.

The Committee appraised a request to add a topic concerning food poverty to its work programme. There was a debate as to whether this matter should be widened to include a general investigation of poverty following the Covid-19 lockdown, however, the Committee decided on balance that the matter was one that the committee could add some quality research to and approved the introduction of food poverty to the work programme.

The Committee appraised a request to add an item to the work programme from the Joint Governance Committee concerning the working relationship between Adur and Worthing Councils and West Sussex County Council. Members in support of the proposal cited communication issues encountered during the Covid-19 lockdown. The authority had responsibilities concerning health and wellbeing and therefore should take the opportunity to review the councils' relationship with West Sussex County Council. Opponents of the item's inclusion noted that the Committee had already undertaken a review of the relationship with regards to major projects. West Sussex had its own mechanisms for scrutiny and the broad terms of the request would make it difficult to undertake an effective review. The matter was voted upon and it was decided that the matter not be added to the Work Programme.

The Committee discussed working group memberships and agreed that Cllr Stainforth be added as a full member to the Adur Homes Repairs and Maintenance Working Group. The other memberships were agreed as set out in the report.

Decision,

1. That the progress of the work programme 2019/20 be noted.
2. That the work programme 2020/21 be approved as amended.
3. **That the work programme 2020/21 as amended be submitted to meetings of the Full Council for approval.**

The JOSC report can be viewed on the Councils' website at

https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/documents/s3113/2020.06.25%20-%20JOSC%20-%20Agenda%20item%208%20-%20work%20programme%202020_21.pdf

and the work programme can be viewed on the Councils' website at

https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/documents/s3114/JOSC%202020.06.25%20Draft%20Adur%20Worthing%20Joint%20Overview%20and%20Scrutiny%20Committee%20Work%20Programme%20-%202020_20.pdf

Extract from the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 25 June 2020

**JOSC/009/20-21 Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Annual Report
2019/20**

Summary of discussion

The Committee agreed the Annual Report for 2019/20 and commented on the quality of the work undertaken in the previous year. Members discussed the importance of the role of public participation in the Committee's work and methods of publishing outcomes of reviews and the Annual report.

Decision,

1. That the Annual Report for 2019/20 be approved.
2. **That the Annual Report for 2019/20 be submitted to Councils for approval.**

The JOSC report can be viewed on the Councils' website at

<https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/documents/s3117/JOSC%202020.06.25%20-%20Agenda%20item%209%20-%20annual%20report.pdf>

and the annual report can be viewed on the Councils' website at

https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/documents/s3120/JOSC%20Annual%20Report%2019_20.pdf

Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 7 July 2020

JSC/.../20-21 Financial Performance 2019/20 - Revenue Outturn

Summary of discussion

(Content to follow the JSC meeting on the 7 July 2020)

Decision,

(Content to follow the JSC meeting on the 7 July 2020)

The JSC report can be viewed on the Councils' website at
<https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/documents/s3158/Item%208%20-%20Combined.pdf>

Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 7 July 2020

**JSC/..../20-21 Financial Performance 2019/20 - Capital and Projects
Outturn**

Summary of discussion

(Content to follow the JSC meeting on the 7 July 2020)

Decision,

(Content to follow the JSC meeting on the 7 July 2020)

The JSC report can be viewed on the Councils' website at

<https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/documents/s3159/Item%209%20-%20Combined.pdf>

Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 7 July 2020

**JSC/..../20-21 Impact of Covid 19 on the Council's finances - Update on
current financial performance and developing a revenue
budget for 2021/22**

Summary of discussion

(Content to follow the JSC meeting on the 7 July 2020)

Decision,

(Content to follow the JSC meeting on the 7 July 2020)

The JSC report can be viewed on the Councils' website at
https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/documents/s3160/Item%2010%20-%20JSC%20-%20Budget%20Strategy%202020_21.pdf

Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 7 July 2020

JSC/..../20-21 Becoming financially sustainable - Capital Strategy 2021/24

Summary of discussion

(Content to follow the JSC meeting on the 7 July 2020)

Decision,

(Content to follow the JSC meeting on the 7 July 2020)

The JSC report can be viewed on the Councils' website at
<https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/documents/s3161/Item%2011%20-%20Combined.pdf>

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 dispatch of the agenda for the last Ordinary Council Meeting. Full details can be found on the Executive Members Decisions webpage

Leader

W/LDR/007/19-20 Non Qualifying Petition: Speeding Cyclists, Monocycles and Scooters

Executive Member for Regeneration

JAW/001/20-21 Contract for Services - Buckingham Road MSCP

JAW/003/20-21 External Grant Funding to develop a business case for the development of a district heat network serving development at Shoreham Town and the Harbour

(The Worthing Executive Member for Regeneration agreed to abstain from the above decision as it was an Adur matter)

Executive Member for Resources

JAW/035/19-20 Redundancies

JAW/002/20-21 Commercial Rents

Executive Member for Customer Services

Executive Member for Digital and Environmental Services

Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing

JAW/027/19-20 Infrastructure Support Services for the third sector

JAW/036/19-20 2020/21 Adur Community Grants

(The Worthing Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing agreed to abstain from the above decision as it was an Adur matter)

B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 9 June 2020

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

Full details can be found [by clicking on this link](#)

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

JSC/006/20-21 Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan - establishing the network of the future through consultation

The report sought approval to adopt the final version of the Adur & Worthing Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP): a high level, strategic network plan for safe and accessible future cycling and walking infrastructure provision.

The report outlined recently published government guidance for walking and cycling provision relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and sought member approval for urgent work with West Sussex County Council on local improvements in line with the Adur & Worthing LCWIP.

It was noted that a Draft version of the LCWIP had been presented to the Joint Strategic Committee on 7th November 2019, where Members approved the draft version being taken through Public Consultation between November 2019 and January 2020.

The report outlined the outcomes of the public consultation, in particular, the overwhelming support for improved cycling and walking infrastructure provision (see section 4). It sought approval for amendments made to the Plan as a result of the consultation responses.

The Committee noted that the Plan had been produced with the consistent support and input from the Adur & Worthing Cycling & Walking Group; and oversight and support from West Sussex County Council.

A Member sought clarification regarding the timeline for delivery of the cycle route between George V to Sea Lane 'the Goring Cycleway'. Officers agreed to provide a written response to the question.

During discussion on this item, Members considered a number of issues including:-

- Incentive schemes for getting people out of cars and onto bikes;
- The maintenance of cycling infrastructure;
- WSCC's ability to deliver on a number of ambitious schemes;
- The security of bike stores.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Neil Parkin and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

(a) In relation to the Adur & Worthing LCWIP:

- (i) noted the outcomes of the Public Consultation;
- (ii) approved the amendments made to the cycling network routes and walking zones listed at paragraph 4.7 (Worthing) and 4.8 (Adur) in response to the consultation; and
- (iii) approved the formal adoption of the Final LCWIP and the utilisation of the document to support funding or investment opportunities on the network; and
- (iv) delegated authority to the Director for the Economy in consultation with the relevant Executive Member to make minor design amendments to the Plan prior to publication.

In relation to the COVID-19 guidance from government for interventions on the traffic network and in public spaces to allow for social distancing and active travel:

- (v) delegated authority to the Director for the Economy, in consultation with the Leaders of Adur District and Worthing Borough Councils to:
 - Work with, agree proposals and submit representations to West Sussex County Council for the implementation of emergency interventions on the road networks to include emergency traffic regulation and road closure orders.
 - Develop proposals for 'safer public spaces', working with West Sussex County Council where their involvement is required; and also
 - Allocate finance secured through the Business Rate Pool for these interventions in anticipation of the distribution of the £250m government finance allocated for these emergency measures.

JSC/007/20-21 Collaboration with West Sussex County Council on Procurement of a Countywide Electric Vehicle Charging Points Network

Ruth O'Brien, West Sussex County Council Sustainability Team, was in attendance at the meeting during the consideration of this item.

In December 2019, West Sussex County Council (WSCC) adopted their Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy setting out an ambitious vision for EV take up across the county.

The Strategy set out the intention to procure a supplier to deliver, on a concessionary basis, one consistent, affordable, easy to use, reliable, widely accessible and recognisable charging network across the county. The aim was to provide renewable energy charging primarily for those residents who did not have access to off road parking and would be unable to switch to EV without public charging.

Adur & Worthing Councils, along with the other Districts and Boroughs across West Sussex, had been invited to collaborate with WSCC on this scheme to develop an extensive county-wide network, by nominating and providing potential sites in council ownership to be part of the EV charging network.

The WSCC EV network solution would improve and expand significantly the provision of electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the Borough and District to meet existing and future demand and encourage the shift away from petrol and diesel vehicles.

Subject to Member approval, Adur & Worthing Councils (A&WCs) participation in the procurement of an EV network would assist in meeting council commitments to reduce transport carbon emissions, increase EV charging infrastructure and improve air quality, reducing the resources required to achieve these ends.

A Member questioned whether charging points in residential areas would be included in the network. Officers advised that WSCC would explore opportunities for street locations when designing the network plan.

The Committee highlighted the need for competitive charging rates and sought clarification regarding the number of partners in the network.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Neil Parkin and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- (i) noted the work undertaken by Officers with WSCC to date, in developing a potential site list in the Adur and Worthing areas for the installation of EV points, and authorises the Councils to enter into an Inter-Authority Agreement with West Sussex County Council to install electric vehicle charging points across the county of West Sussex, on Council owned property; and
- (ii) delegated authority to the Director for Digital and Resources in consultation with the Leaders, to commit Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council to a joint procurement for a concessionaire to deliver a rapid and cash payment free roll out of an extensive EV

charging network across Worthing Borough and Adur District and to enter into a contractual arrangement with the preferred concessionaire as a result of the WSCC procurement process and;

- (iii) delegated authority to the Director for Digital and Resources in consultation with the Leaders, to enter into a contract and required leases with the successful concessionaire to enable delivery of the charging points and to commit such non cash resources by the Councils as shall reasonably be required by WSCC from time to time under the Inter Authority Agreement.

JSC/008/20-21 Moving Forward with Citizen Wifi

The report provided an update on the progress made to deliver next generation digital infrastructure across Adur and Worthing council areas - providing widespread ultrafast internet access to homes, businesses and public spaces, creating the most digitally connected places in the south east.

The commercial roll out of fibre to homes and businesses by Cityfibre was progressing well and was on schedule with more than 3,000 homes passed to date.

The report focused on the next stage in the programme which was to provide free Citizen WiFi and an “internet of things” (IoT) network. These were key deliverables in Platforms for our Places and had even greater importance for the post COVID-19 world, where digital connectivity would play a greater part in everyone's lives.

Providing council-run Citizen WiFi to residents and visitors in key public places would put Adur and Worthing in a really strong position to innovate in high street renewal, tourism, creative and digital arts, local business growth and to provide essential access to the digitally excluded. The Councils had become regional leaders in digital infrastructure and with Citizen Wifi and IoT networks, they would add two new highly valuable layers to the civic digital platform.

The Committee welcomed the report and expressed their support for the proposals.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Edward Crouch and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee:

- i) approved a revised capital budget of £3.7m, the increase being funded through external funding, the revenue consequences of which could be accommodated within the existing budgets;

- ii) noted that a procurement for Citizen Wi-Fi would be undertaken once the design lab (see 1.5) was complete;
- iii) approved a budget of £25k in 2020-21, funded from the inflation budget, which would enable the Councils to exploit opportunities in 2020-21 to commence design and pilot testing of Citizen Wi-Fi. This approval would be on the basis that the Councils' return to the Joint Strategic Committee in 2021-22 to update on the progress and status of network consolidation to reduce costs, and revenue generating activities that aimed to address the revenue impact of Citizen WiFi expansion from 2022-23 onwards;
- iv) approved the release of £300k in the period 2021/22 - 2024/25, noting that this would commit the Council to additional £75,000 funding in 2021/22 as previously outlined in the report to members on the 2020/21 budget which would enable the contract to progress.

JSC/009/20-21 Asset Management Plan

The Committee noted that separate to the Councils strategic investment portfolio, there were 939 land and building assets which were managed by the council's estates team.

The report outlined a new strategy for the better management of these assets, focussed on supporting Platforms for our Places: Going Further and to consider how the Councils could best use its assets to meet its communities prosperity and wellbeing.

The new strategy set out a policy approach to the Councils assets and a series of performance indicators for the review of the estate. Following a review, the policy would introduce new processes and a series of tasks to put the Councils in a better position for the management of their assets.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes, seconded by Councillor Angus Dunn and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee approved the Property Asset Management Plan and agreed the adoption of the policy.

JSC/010/20-21 Adur and Worthing Gypsy & Traveller Encampments - response to the recommendations from the JOSC working group

The report provided a response and recommendations to the Joint Strategic Committee on the recommendations contained within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny working group review of 'Adur and Worthing Gypsy & Traveller Encampments', initially presented to this committee in November 2019.

It was suggested by a councillor that a member of the traveller community be invited to participate in the councillor awareness training. Officers welcomed the suggestion.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Brian Boggis, seconded by Councillor Heather Mercer and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- (i) agreed that a review of the impact and value of the West Sussex Transit agreement is brought before the JSC on a 3 yearly basis, with the next formal review being in 2022;
- (ii) endorsed the plan to source member training on these matters to include a refresher on current processes; and
- (iii) agreed that litter bins are not provided at encampment sites.

JSC/012/20-21 Worthing Community Infrastructure Levy - Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP)

Worthing Borough Council had introduced a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to allow funds to be raised from developers to pay for infrastructure that was needed to support growth. The Council adopted the Charging Schedule for CIL in February 2015 and implementation of the levy commenced in October 2015. The Council had overarching responsibility for the allocation of CIL monies and reporting the amount of money collected and spent.

The report provided an update on progress made by the Joint Officer and Member Board (JOMB) for CIL Governance and:

- provided an update on the current level of CIL funding collected;
- set out the Infrastructure Investment Plan (formerly called the Infrastructure Business Plan) which would set out priorities for the spending of CIL; and
- set out the need for a formal review of the CIL charging schedule based on the recent recommendations of the Council's Consultants.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Kevin Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Val Turner and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- I. noted the progress made by the Joint Officer and Member Board in relation to governance arrangements for overseeing the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL);
- II. agreed the Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) which set out the priorities of infrastructure projects to receive CIL funding over the next three years; and
- III. agreed the formal revised draft CIL Charging Schedule prior to undertaking a public consultation exercise.

JSC/013/20-21 Procurement Approach for Worthing Integrated Care Centre (WICC) Development

The report updated the committee on progress to procure a construction firm for the Worthing Integrated Care Centre and recommended that the Committee:-

- agree the preferred procurement route for the development stage of the project;
- delegate authority to the appropriate officers to make appointments for the necessary professional and consultancy support services required to support the procurement exercise and oversee the construction of the development; and
- subject to further due diligence and legal advice, delegate authority to the Head of Major Projects & Investment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources, to enter into a contract with West Sussex Estate Partnership as the preferred procurement route for the project.

A Member highlighted the consultant fee percentage outlined in the report and sought clarification regarding a cap being imposed on the fee. Officers advised that they were confident that consultants were working to reduce fees but would raise the inclusion of a cap.

The Committee welcomed the direction and pace the project was travelling in.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Kevin Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Val Turner and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- 1) agreed to the preferred procurement route as detailed in Section 4 of the report;
- 2) delegated authority to the Head of Major Projects and Investment in consultation with the Executive Members for Resources to:-
 - agree the terms of a detailed Project Agreement with West Sussex Estates Partnership and;
 - to enter into a contract to deliver the project on the terms set out in the Project Agreement and the LIFTCO Strategic Partnership Agreement which creates a Framework Agreement for the delivery of the project;such authority to be granted subject to the requirements set out in paragraph 4.9 which includes compliance with all necessary due diligence.

JSC/014/20-21 Worthing Public Realm - Delivering enhancements at Portland Road

The report updated Members on the Portland Road scheme and sought authority for Worthing Borough Council (WBC) to act as the lead authority for West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and the delivery body for Coast to Capital LEP (C2C) on the terms set out.

The rationale for WBC delivering the project and the parallel approach being undertaken by WSCC in order for the monies to be used by WBC for the purposes of Portland Road were outlined.

The Committee noted that WSCC would continue to design and deliver the public realm works at Railway Approach (Teville Gate) in consultation with WBC.

In addition, the report confirmed that WBC had been offered external funding through Local Growth Funding (LGF) of £697,000 from the Coast to Capital LEP (C2C) to support the costs of the Portland Road scheme.

The Committee acknowledged the work undertaken by Worthing Members of West Sussex County Council.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Kevin Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- (i) agreed to WBC taking on the project management and delivery responsibility of Portland Road Public Realm work, supported by WSCC (both financially and by its officer time);
- (ii) delegated authority to the Director for the Economy to approve a direct award under the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) framework to award a contract to Project Centre Consultants, to act as the project manager for WBC to deliver the public realm works at Portland Road on behalf of the Growth Board;
- (iii) delegated authority to the Director for the Economy, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration and WSCC, to approve and award a contract for the construction work required to deliver the public realm project subject to the development of a procurement strategy and the outcome of a compliant procurement process;
- (iv) delegated authority to the Director for the Economy to enter into the C2C Funding Agreement; and
- (v) approved the creation of a budget of £3.697m (to include the WSCC funding and the C2C funding) within the capital programme fully funded by external grants and contributions.

JSC/015/20-21 Unlocking Development at Decoy Farm

The report updated Members on the progress made towards the remediation of the former landfill site. The remediation (and decontamination) of Decoy Farm would ensure that the money funded by the Local Enterprise Partnership was spent by the March 2020 deadline.

The Committee was informed of the timetable for remediation works commencing on site including the procurement of a specialist remediation contractor.

The report also sought delegation of authority for the Director for the Economy to award the required remediation contract to enable the works to be carried out subject to a compliant procurement process.

It was noted that a further report would be brought to the Committee, in due course, outlining a strategy with future ambitions for the site.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Kevin Jenkins and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee authorised the Director for the Economy to undertake the procurement for the remediation contractor and to award that contract and any recommended contracts arising from the works as necessary to support and enable the remediation works at Decoy Farm, the costs for which, shall be met from the budgets set out in the report.

JSC/016/20-21 Buckingham Multi-Storey Car Park Regeneration Scheme

The report requested that Members agree to the recommended virement to enable the re-profiling of the programme of works for Buckingham and High Street Multi-Storey Car Park refurbishment projects, allowing capital funds of £800,000 to be brought forward for use into the 2020/21 budget year.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Kevin Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Daniel Humphreys and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee agreed a budget virement of £800,000 from the capital allocation for High Street MSCP to the Buckingham MSCP project budget. This would enable the regenerative benefits and improvement options identified, to be incorporated into the Buckingham MSCP scheme.

JSC/017/20-21 Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council

Councillor Martin McCabe, the proposer of the motion, attended the meeting to explain the motion and answer questions from the Committee.

The report set out a motion regarding Chat Benches (attached as Appendix 1), referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on 18 February 2020.

Members of the Joint Strategic committee were asked to consider and determine the Motion. The Committee could either support the motion and ask for further work to be carried out in this regard, or, could reject the motion.

The Committee acknowledged the idea but raised concerns about the suitability of the scheme in the current climate.

It was proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, second by Councillor Val Turner and unanimously approved that the motion be rejected.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee agreed to reject the motion.

JSC/018/20-21 Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council

Councillor Bob Smytherman, the proposer of the motion, attended the meeting to explain the motion and answer questions from the Committee.

The report set out a motion regarding EU Citizens (attached as Appendix 1), referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on 18 February 2020.

Members of the Joint Strategic committee were asked to consider and determine the Motion. The Committee could either support the motion and ask for further work to be carried out in this regard, or, could reject the motion.

The Committee acknowledged the sentiment of the motion but questioned whether this was in the remit of Worthing Borough Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, second by Councillor Kevin Jenkins and unanimously approved that the motion be rejected.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee agreed to reject the motion.

C. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 7 July 2020

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

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

(information to follow the JSC meeting on the 7 July 2020)

D. Urgent Decisions taken by the Executive

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000(as amended)

There are no decisions to be reported to Council.

Local Government Act 1972

Background papers

Reports and decisions are available on the Council's website or as indicated in each of the paragraphs above. Some of the reports contain exempt information and therefore are not fully published on the website.

Councillor Daniel Humphreys
Leader of the Council

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WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council
14 July 2020
Agenda Item 11

Ward(s) Affected: All

Motion on Notice

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Helen Silman which has been seconded by Councillor Sally Smith.
- 1.2. Council is asked to deal with the motion under provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules (under part 4 of the Council Constitution - Rules of Procedure).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Council is asked to determine the motion as set out in Annex A to this report.

3. Context

- 3.1 A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Helen Silman, (attached as Annex A).
- 3.2 The content of the motion is relevant to a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties and which affects the Borough.

3.3 There is nothing substantive within the motion that would cause its rejection under the terms of the Constitution.

3.4 The motion before Council is declaratory in nature, as defined in para 14.4.4 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it may be considered and debated by the Full Council without being automatically referred to a future meeting of Full Council, as defined in para 14.4.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules, or, being referred to the Executive or Committee without debate, as defined in paragraphs 14.4.1, 14.4.2 and 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

4. Issues for consideration

4.1 Motions considered by Full Council are done so under part 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules and are debated under rules set out under part 16 of the Council procedure rules and the Council is asked to debate the motion under these rules accordingly.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The motion is declaratory in nature and therefore there are no direct financial implications.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 As the motion is declaratory in nature, there are no direct legal implications arising from it.

Background Papers

None

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Annex A

'This Council congratulates Turning Tides on being one of the 230 organisations to be awarded the 2020 Queen's Award for Voluntary Service - the highest award given to organisations delivering exceptional service within their communities. The Queen's Award offers a chance to highlight the outstanding contribution Turning Tides makes in Worthing and recognises the crucial role it has played to support vulnerable people during the coronavirus pandemic.'

Proposed by Cllr Helen Silman
Seconded by Cllr Sally Smith

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WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council
14 July 2020
Agenda Item 12

Ward(s) Affected: All

Motion on Notice

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Paul High which has been seconded by Councillor Val Turner.
- 1.2. Council is asked to deal with the motion under provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules (under part 4 of the Council Constitution - Rules of Procedure).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Council is asked to determine the motion as set out in Annex A to this report.

3. Context

- 3.1 A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Paul High, (attached as Annex A).
- 3.2 The content of the motion is relevant to a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties and which affects the Borough.

3.3 There is nothing substantive within the motion that would cause its rejection under the terms of the Constitution.

3.4 The motion before Council is declaratory in nature, as defined in para 14.4.4 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it may be considered and debated by the Full Council without being automatically referred to a future meeting of Full Council, as defined in para 14.4.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules, or, being referred to the Executive or Committee without debate, as defined in paragraphs 14.4.1, 14.4.2 and 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

4. Issues for consideration

4.1 Motions considered by Full Council are done so under part 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules and are debated under rules set out under part 16 of the Council procedure rules and the Council is asked to debate the motion under these rules accordingly.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The motion is declaratory in nature and therefore there are no direct financial implications.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 As the motion is declaratory in nature, there are no direct legal implications arising from it.

Background Papers

None

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Annex A

'Worthing Borough Council reaffirms our commitment to condemning racism and working to ensure local bodies and programmes have support and resources needed to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We commend the words of our Prime Minister who said that “black lives matter and I totally understand the anger and the grief that is felt not just in America but around the world and in our country as well”.

We support the peaceful, safe and lawful protests that have formed the most meaningful part of the Black Lives Matter movement.

We note and confirm the work that has been conducted by Worthing Borough Council and our partners since we passed a motion condemning racism on 19 July 2016.

We reassure all people living in Worthing that they are all equally valued members of our community’.

**Proposed by Cllr Paul High
Seconded by Cllr Val Turner**

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WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council
14 July 2020
Agenda Item 13

Ward(s) Affected: All

Motion on Notice

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Henna Chowdhury which has been seconded by Councillor Margaret Howard.
- 1.2. Council is asked to deal with the motion under provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules (under part 4 of the Council Constitution - Rules of Procedure).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. The Council is asked to determine the motion as set out in Annex A to this report.

3. Context

- 3.1 A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Henna Chowdhury, (attached as Annex A).
- 3.2 The content of the motion is relevant to a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties and which affects the Borough.

3.3 There is nothing substantive within the motion that would cause its rejection under the terms of the Constitution.

3.4 The motion before Council is declaratory in nature, as defined in para 14.4.4 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it may be considered and debated by the Full Council without being automatically referred to a future meeting of Full Council, as defined in para 14.4.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules, or, being referred to the Executive or Committee without debate, as defined in paragraphs 14.4.1, 14.4.2 and 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

4. Issues for consideration

4.1 Motions considered by Full Council are done so under part 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules and are debated under rules set out under part 16 of the Council procedure rules and the Council is asked to debate the motion under these rules accordingly.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 The motion is declaratory in nature and therefore there are no direct financial implications.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 As the motion is declaratory in nature, there are no direct legal implications arising from it.

Background Papers

None

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Motion to Council 14/07/2020 - Black Lives Matter

This council wishes to place on record our condemnation of the senseless killing of George Floyd in Minnesota, USA. The subsequent protests and demonstrations around the world in support of Black Lives Matter has caught the public consciousness and this council wishes to recognise this movement.

The latest figures from Sussex Police show that black people in Sussex were 12 times more likely to be stopped and searched by police. In recognition of the incident in Minnesota and disparity of treatment, thousands of protesters took to the streets of Sussex over the weekend of June 13 to support the movement.

The council further notes the release of the Government's report on the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people.

This council resolves:

- To stand in complete solidarity with black people in America, in Britain, and around the world. Systemic racism exists in our society and we must tackle bias, racism or discrimination wherever we find it.
- To write to the government to address the disproportionate impact of Covid19 on black, Asian and minority ethnic people.
- To continue work with the community and Sussex police to ensure that policing in the county is proportionate and fair to all residents.

Proposer - Henna Chowdhury

Secunder - Margaret Howard

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