



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

15 December 2020

**Worthing Council Meeting
15 December 2020**

Council Chamber
Town Hall, Chapel Road,
Worthing

6.30 pm

Agenda

7 December 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 Council Meetings held on the 14 October and the 20 October 2020, copies of which have been previously circulated.

Copies are available to view at:-

<https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=158&MId=1553&Ver=4>

<https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=158&MId=1503&Ver=4>

Director for Communities:
Dr Catherine Howe
Adur & Worthing Councils,
Town Hall, Chapel Road,
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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 11 December 2020 at 12 noon. Questions to be submitted to democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk

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

6. Items raised under Urgency Provisions

To consider any items the Mayor has agreed are urgent.

7. Recommendations from the Executive and Committees to Council (Pages 1 - 16)

To consider recommendations to the Council, details of which are set out in the attached items as 7A(i), 7B(i) to (v). Recommendation 7C(i) is to follow.

Full reports are available on the website as listed below:

	Executive / Committee	Date	Item
A	Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee	26 November 2020	i) JOSC Work Programme
B	Joint Strategic Committee	1 December 2020	i) Towards a sustainable financial position - Budget update ii) Investing in our places - Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2023/24 iii) Council Tax Support Schemes for 2021/22 iv) WorkspaceAW - Designing a new model of working following Covid 19 v) Worthing Local Plan
C	Joint Governance Sub-Committee	10 December 2020	i) Appointment of Independent Persons for Standards

8. Designation of the Monitoring Officer (Pages 17 - 22)

To consider a report by the Director of Digital, Sustainability and Resources.

9. Report of the Leader on Decisions taken by the Executive (Pages 23 - 38)

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.

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 7 and 9 have been previously circulated and can be viewed here on the Council's website

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/meetings-and-decisions/>)

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 11 December 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 39 - 42)

Motion from Councillor Martin McCabe - Check your Baubles

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

12. Motions on Notice (Pages 43 - 46)

Motion from Councillor Bob Smytherman - Thank you to the People of Worthing

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

13. Motions on Notice (Pages 47 - 52)

Motion from Councillor Carl Walker - Children and Young People's Mental Health

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

Part B - Not for Publication - Exempt information Reports

None.

Director for Communities

Recording of this meeting

The Council will be live streaming this meeting, including public question time. A 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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Extract from the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 26 November 2020

JOSC/052/20-21 Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2020/21

Summary of discussion

The report outlined progress with the work contained in the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme for 2020/21 and recommended that the changes made to the Work Programme since it was agreed in July 2020 be reported to the next Council meetings in December 2020 for noting.

The Committee discussed the report and noted that it had nothing to add and the update should be sent to Councils for noting

Resolved:

i) That the progress in implementing the 2020/21 JOSC Work Programme be noted;
and

ii) That Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council be recommended to note the changes made to the JOSC Work Programme since it was agreed by the Councils in July 2020.

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Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 1 December 2020

JSC/081/20-21 Towards a sustainable financial position - Budget update

Summary of discussion

The report provided members with a progress report on the delivery of the financial strategy for 2021/22, along with details of the proposals that would help deliver a balanced budget for the next financial year and beyond

The report outlined the medium term financial challenge through to 2025/26 and updated members, where possible, on government funding proposals.

Contained within the report were specific budget proposals to increase income, to deliver efficiency, and other savings initiatives for 2021/22. Members were asked to support the savings proposals.

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

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- (i) noted the current 5 year forecasts;
- (ii) noted the committed growth items as set out in appendix 2;
- (iii) approved the proposed savings as set out in appendix 3;
- (iv) recommended that Adur and Worthing Councils approve the use of capital resources to fund savings proposals as set out in the capital flexibilities schedule in Appendix 4.**

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Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 1 December 2020

JSC/082/20-21 Investing in our Places - Capital Programme 2021/22 to 2023/24

Summary of discussion

Every year the Councils approved a two year capital programme on a rolling basis. Last year the Councils approved a two-year programme for 2020/21 to 2021/22, members were now asked to approve the new schemes for 2022/23 to create the next two year programme along with a further indicative year. The report recommended:

- changes to the currently approved 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme for Adur District Council, Worthing Borough Council and the Joint Strategic Committee;
- the schemes for inclusion in the overall Capital Investment Programmes for 2022/23; and
- an indicative list of schemes for 2023/24 which would be confirmed next year.

The report also informed the Committee of the resources available for future capital investment, and updated Members about the financing of the proposed programmes.

Members welcomed the proposals whilst acknowledging the value of investment in Adur and Worthing to maintain and improve.

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

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- (a) considered the General Fund Capital Investment Programmes for

2022/23 and 2023/24 and confirmed the schemes to be included as detailed in Appendix 2, 3 and 4;

- (b) approved the changes to the General Fund Capital Investment Programme for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix 2 and 3;
- (c) recommended the full programme detailed at Appendices 5 and 6 for approval by the respective Councils on the 17th December 2020 (Adur) and 15th December 2020 (Worthing).**
- (d) noted the amendments and additions to the reserve lists as detailed in Appendices 7 and 8;



Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 1 December 2020

JSC/084/20-21 Council Tax Support Schemes for 2021/22

Summary of discussion

The Committee was asked to recommend to the respective Full Councils the Council Tax Support Schemes in respect of 2021/22.

Members welcomed the report and expressed support for the proposals.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Heather Mercer and unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee

- a. noted the content of the report;
- b. recommended to Adur District Council that the Council Tax Support scheme for Adur District Council in respect of working age customers for 2021/22
 - i. Should be based upon the scheme for 2020/21 with no restrictions; and
 - ii. No other changes should be made beyond necessary technical amendments required to keep the scheme consistent with the national rules in respect of Housing Benefit.
- c. **recommended to Worthing Borough Council that the Council Tax Support scheme for Worthing Borough Council in respect of working age customers for 2021/22**
 - i. **Should be based upon the scheme for 2020/21 with the £5.00 weekly restriction retained; and**
 - ii. **That the discretionary budget to support those in severe financial difficulties should be retained; and**

- iii. **No other changes should be made beyond necessary technical amendments required to keep the scheme consistent with the national rules in respect of Housing Benefit.**



Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 1 December 2020

JSC/087/20-21 WorkspacesAW - Designing a new model of working following Covid 19

Summary of discussion

The restrictions imposed to help control Covid-19 changed how the Councils worked and how they provided services overnight. Most notably, the requirement to work from home where possible resulted in a significant reduction in staff coming into the office. Those changes were implemented successfully with a very limited impact on service delivery.

The lessons learnt as a result of the changes provided an opportunity to review how office based services worked once restrictions were eased, designing a more flexible way of working that realised multiple benefits including:

- reduced office footprint, enabling the leasing of space, generating an **net annual revenue saving of £179,740** to support the Councils' medium term financial strategy;
- the operational efficiencies generated by the scheme would create the financial capacity for the **investment in buildings, office space and technology needed to unlock the revenue savings**;
- **vital increased capacity and modernisation of core ICT connectivity**, upgrading WiFi at all Council sites (not just Town Hall and Portland House) and further improving remote working services, creating the necessary stability and capacity for increased data traffic (e.g. video), fast and reliable access to systems, and addressing remaining resilience risks by removing routing via the Town Hall for some key services;
- providing the necessary **building and equipment changes** and upgrades to the Town Hall to accommodate more staff, all delivered **prudently**, e.g. ensuring that office furniture and other equipment was reused and recycled appropriately;
- Redesigning how we provide services in line with the Councils Good Service standard, with a particular emphasis on **service accessibility** and increased

use of digital channels such as video appointments;

- a more **flexible workforce**, able to work from any location with effective and resilient technology, improving the Councils ability to recruit and retain;
- higher levels of **staff satisfaction**;
- reduced **carbon emissions** associated with running offices and through reduced commuting and business travel.

Organisations across all sectors were reviewing their office accommodation, aiming to reduce overhead costs but also in recognition of the benefits to **recruitment and retention** for offering greater flexibility to staff.

The purpose of the report was to inform members of the work undertaken to date to assess the feasibility of the project and to seek the Committee's approval to release the funding to instigate the project to redesign how the Councils worked to realise the associated savings and benefits.

The Committee applauded the work that had gone into the proposals and recognised the need to be sensible with the use of office space. The Committee acknowledged that home working didn't suit everyone and highlighted the need to maintain the Councils duty of care to staff in relation to Health & Safety and equipment.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Angus Dunn and unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee

- a) noted the feasibility work undertaken to date, which concluded that there were significant opportunities to reduce the Council's office footprint, realise financial savings whilst delivering Good Services and creating an effective flexible working environment;
- b) noted the expected net annual savings of approximately £179,740;
- c) noted that project budget allocations were indicative at this stage, with 20% optimism bias and subject to detailed cost analysis and procurement;
- d) **recommended that Adur and Worthing Councils approve a capital budget of £2,335,720, on an invest to save basis, as set out in section 7.5 of the report;**

- e) agreed to delegate authority to the Executive Members for Resources to review the final business case and give authority to proceed;
- f) approved the use of capital receipts to fund the revenue costs associated with the project utilising the capital flexibilities as set out in paragraph 7.4 of the report.

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Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 1 December 2020

JSC/091/20-21 Worthing Local Plan

Summary of discussion

The Committee was informed that Worthing Borough Council was required to prepare a Local Plan establishing local planning policies for the Borough. After a number of years of preparation the Worthing Local Plan was entering the final stages towards adoption. The report summarised the progress made on the Plan and the key changes that had been made since the Draft Local Plan was published in 2018. This included a review of comments made by members of the Planning Committee (11th November).

The report clarified the next stage of the Local Plan preparation, referred to as the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission stage. This was the final stage of the statutory process before submission of the Local Plan to Government. It involved the formal publication of the Plan that the Council proposed to submit and interested persons were invited to make representations on the 'soundness' and legal compliance of the document. Representations made would be passed to the Inspector appointed by Government to examine the Local Plan for them to consider as part of the examination.

Subject to approval at Full Council (15th December) the Regulation 19 version of the Local Plan was expected to be published for consultation on 26th January.

The Committee welcomed the update of the plan and paid thanks to all those involved with this work.

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

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee

- i) considered the officer's report, comments made by the Planning Committee (11/11/20), the key changes made to the Local Plan (Appendix 1) and the Proposed Submission Worthing Local Plan (Appendix 2).
- ii) **was satisfied that the preparation of the Worthing Local Plan had complied with the relevant regulatory requirements. As such, the Committee recommended that Worthing Full Council (15th December) approve the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission Local Plan for publication in accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. Representations would be invited on the soundness and legal compliance of the plan.**
- iii) delegated authority to the Head of Planning & Development in consultation with the Worthing Borough Council Executive Member for Regeneration, to make minor changes to the plan (if necessary), prior to the formal publication of the Local Plan for consultation. These would be limited to typographical, formatting, statistical updates and other minor amendments. Any such changes would be recorded in a schedule and published for transparency.
- iv) delegated authority to the Head of Planning & Development in consultation with the Worthing Borough Council Executive Member for Regeneration, to submit the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for independent Examination under section 20(7C) of the Planning Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (as amended) together with the submission documents prescribed by Regulation 22 of the 2012 Regulations, following the conclusion of the Regulation 19 publication and a review of the representations received.
- v) authorised the Head of Planning & Development in consultation with the Worthing Borough Council Executive Member for Regeneration, to submit a schedule of proposed minor modifications (where it was necessary to correct any errors and aid clarity) and any proposed main modifications to the submitted Local Plan and associated documents to address any issues relating to soundness and legal compliance.
- vi) authorised the Head of Planning & Development in consultation with the Worthing Borough Council Executive Member for Regeneration, to make any main and additional modifications as part of the examination process and undertaking consultation that may be necessary on any consequential changes to the Submission version of the Local Plan (and associated documents) so that a post-Examination Adoption version could be finalised in advance of taking the Local Plan back to Full Council for approval to be adopted.



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Extract from the Joint Governance Sub Committee - 10 December 2020

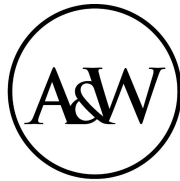
JGSC/.../20-21 Recruitment and Appointment of Independent Persons

Recommendations will be published following publication of the minutes of the Joint Governance Sub Committee meeting on the 10 December 2020.

Summary of discussion

Decision

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Adur District Council
17 December 2020

Designation of Monitoring Officer

Report by Head of Paid Service

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

The purpose of this report is to formally designate the Council's Monitoring Officer.

2. Recommendations

The Council is recommended to designate Maria Memoli as the Council's Monitoring Officer with effect from 11th January 2021.

3. Context

3.1 The current Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Susan Sale, will leave the employment of Adur District Council on 10th January 2021 to take up the position of Head of Law and Governance at Oxford City Council. The secondment arrangement between Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council in respect of the statutory Monitoring Officer appointment will terminate on the same date.

3.2 It is therefore necessary for both Worthing Borough Council and Adur District Council to make a statutory appointment of a Monitoring Officer, effective from 11th January 2021.

4. Issues for consideration

4.1 The Council has a duty under section 5(1) of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to designate one of its Officers as the Monitoring Officer to be responsible for specific statutory functions. The Monitoring Officer may not be the Head of Paid Service or the section 151 Officer.

4.2 The Council's Constitution provides that the Solicitor to the Council, who is also Head of Legal Services, is the Monitoring Officer. However, the designation of the Solicitor to the Council to the statutory role of Monitoring Officer is not automatic in law and the designation must be confirmed by the Council.

4.3 The duties and responsibilities of the Monitoring Officer are summarised in the Council's Constitution, including the Monitoring Officer Protocol, and also in section 5 Local Government and Housing Act 1989.

4.4 The Joint Senior Staff Committee is responsible for undertaking the recruitment and selection process for the Solicitor to the Council and for recommending to Council whom to designate as Monitoring Officer. It is anticipated that such a recruitment and selection process will be undertaken in the New Year, by the Joint Senior Staff Committee, who are likely to make an appointment to the post of Solicitor to the Council, after consulting with the Executive, and a recommendation to full Council on a further designation of Monitoring Officer in due course.

4.5 However, in the interim period, it is proposed that an experienced interim Head of Law will be appointed to head the Legal Services team. A selection process has been undertaken by the Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources, on behalf of the Head of Paid Service, and with the support of the Monitoring Officer. A contractual agreement has been entered into for the temporary services of Maria Memoil to lead the Legal Services section whilst recruitment for the Solicitor to the Council & Monitoring Officer post is undertaken.

4.6 This report therefore recommends that each Council designate Maria Memoli as the Council's Monitoring Officer from 11th January 2021 until such time as

a recommendation for an alternative designation is forthcoming from the Joint Senior Staff Committee in due course.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The Head of Paid Service has been consulted throughout the recruitment process.
- 5.2 The Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources has begun engagement with the legal services team, and other officers to gather insights and feedback in the development of a draft work plan for the interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer.
- 5.3 It is expected that recruitment consultants will be engaged to support candidate search and recruitment for this critical role, a process that will be undertaken by the Joint Senior Staff Committee in the New Year.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 A contract has been entered into with a Recruitment Agency for the services of Maria Memoli for 4 days per week. The contract is expected to last between 3 and 4 months with an additional budget requirement of £18,000.
- 6.2 The additional cost will be funded from the Councils' inflation contingency budgets.

Finance Officer: Sarah Gobey

Date: 7th December 2020

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 The legal requirements for the Council to have an officer correctly appointed to and holding the role of Monitoring Officer is set out in the body of the report. The role does not need to be held by an employee of the Council in law.

Legal Officer: Susan Sale

Date: 4th December 2020

Background Papers

None

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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

The Monitoring Officer has a critical role in ensuring compliance of the authority, and its members and officers, with equalities legislation

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered and no issues identified

2.4 Human Rights Issues

The Monitoring Officer has a critical role in ensuring compliance of the authority, and its members and officers, with human rights legislation

3. Environmental

Matter considered and no issues identified

4. Governance

The Monitoring Officer is the guardian of the lawfulness of decision making, ensuring that the authority and its members and officers adhere to high standards of behaviour and conduct.

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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

Executive Member for Regeneration

Executive Member for Resources

W/RES/006/20-21 Irrecoverable Debts - Overpaid Housing Benefit

Executive Member for Customer Services

JAW/014/20-21 Replacement Fire Door Programme

Executive Member for Digital and Environmental Services

JAW/012/20-21 New Contract for MFDs - Copiers and Printers

JAW/013/20-21 Brooklands Lake - Outfall Replacement

JAW/015/20-21 Award of Contract - Low-code digital platform

Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing

B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 3 November 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/067/20-21 Working towards the councils' carbon neutral target: progress update

On 9 July 2019, the Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) declared a 'Climate Emergency'. As part of the declaration, Members committed to *work towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030*.

In December 2019, the JSC approved the adoption of the councils *Carbon Neutral Plan* which set out an ambitious pathway for Adur and Worthing Councils to become carbon neutral by 2030. The Councils had also made a voluntary commitment under the Government's *Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020* to report annually on carbon emission reductions.

The report presented the first year's carbon emissions report. To achieve the 2030 carbon neutral target, an average reduction of 10% would need to be achieved annually. When compared to 2018/19, emissions from the Councils' buildings and vehicles reduced by more than 13% in the past year.

Due to new data becoming available, it was proposed to re-baseline the council's carbon emissions to ensure greater accuracy in the coming years

An outline of future carbon reduction projects was also presented (Section 6).

A Member sought clarification regarding plans to retrofit Council housing heating systems and requiring developers to provide electric heating and energy storage and the provision of a solar farm as outlined in 6.2.2 of the report. Officers confirmed that a report would be brought forward (to the December JSC meeting) regarding solar opportunities on Council owned buildings and land. Both Councils were in the process of reviewing and refreshing their Local Plans which informed the approach to development and seeks to reflect the formative Environment Bill which looks towards net biodiversity gain. The Worthing Local Plan, which will be the first to be refreshed, would look to adopt the UN Sustainability Goals as a foundation stone to the Council's approach. It was also noted that in regards to Social Housing, Officers from the Carbon Reduction Team were working with colleagues in Adur Homes to understand the data currently available and have recently submitted a bid to the Greater South East Energy Hub to work with them and external consultants to take a holistic view of the energy performance of Adur's housing stock. If the bid is successful, it will develop a plan which the Council can build into the Capital Investment Programme going forward, with a minimum aim for that is for all social housing properties under the Adur Homes banner to be of an EPC C by 2030 but Officers would look to go beyond that where possible.

Members welcomed the report, noting the 13.85% reduction in emissions in 2019/20 and sought clarity in relation to the reductions forecast for 2020/21 and the effect of lockdown on emissions during this period. Officers advised that some of the big projects would be implemented and start to deliver benefits past the current year which meant the Councils performance would be rather varied over the next couple of years. It was likely that the Councils would see an impact related to the

reduced use of buildings during Covid although these hadn't been factored into the comments at this stage. The Councils would need to wait and see what the data revealed in this regard. Over 80% of the Councils vehicle emissions came from refuse vehicles which were some of the older vehicles in the fleet. Officers agreed to provide more information on age and performance of vehicles after the meeting. It was noted that Shoreham Port were considering the installation of a Hydrogen Pump where Hydrogen Fuel Cell vehicles would be able to refuel.

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

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

1. noted the Councils' current carbon emissions and emerging carbon reduction work programme for 2020/21 and 2021/22 which aimed to deliver meaningful carbon reductions in the years ahead;
2. approved the publication of the carbon emissions report on the council website; and
3. approved the submission of these figures to the government department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) under the voluntary Emissions Reduction Pledge 2020.

JSC/068/20-21 Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Review of Climate Change

Councillor Catherine Arnold, Chairman of the JOSC Review of Climate Change Working Group, attended the meeting to present the Group's recommendations.

The Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) was asked to receive and note the findings and recommendations of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) review of climate change issues. Those recommendations followed on from the discussions of a Working Group set up by JOSC. A copy of the report from the Working Group was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The Working Group was pleased that there was work being undertaken by the Councils to address climate change, however, it identified some strong recommendations to help the Councils and other partners tackle climate change and to help the Councils keep on course to meet the aims of Sustainable Adur & Worthing and to help the Councils tackle some of the biggest environmental issues of this time.

Members gave consideration to the scope of the Working Group and the ability of the Councils to influence the work of West Sussex County Council. It was noted that Members wished to see a greater focus on matters that were within Adur and Worthing Councils remit and affordability.

During consideration of recommendation 7.4, Members highlighted the need to support local business and balance the size of contract with expectations regarding carbon reduction.

Members wanted to see more information regarding the costs of implementing the recommendations of the Working Group and the impacts this may have on local residents.

The recommendations at 2.1 and 2.2 in the covering report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Angus Dunn and were unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee.

1. noted the report, findings and recommendations from the JOSC Working Group; and
2. agreed to receive a report in January 2021 on the issues raised by the JOSC Working Group and consideration of the implications for each recommendation contained in the Scrutiny report at Appendix 1 in order for the Executive to provide a formal response to JOSC.

JSC/069/20-21 Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Review of Adur Homes Repairs and maintenance service

Councillor Stephen Chipp, Chairman of the JOSC Review of Adur Homes Repairs and Maintenance Service Working Group, attended the meeting to present the Group's recommendations.

The Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) was asked to receive and note the findings and recommendations of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) review of the Adur Homes Repairs and maintenance service. The recommendations followed on from the discussions of a Working Group set up by JOSC. A copy of the report from the Working Group was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The JOSC Working Group was briefed on the changes that had been made and were being made to the delivery of the Adur Homes Repairs and Maintenance Service. The Working Group had recognised and accepted that the full improvement of the repairs and maintenance service was not a quick process and would take time to deliver. However, the Working Group had strongly recommended that the Adur

District Council Executive Member for Customer Services and senior officers put in place a transformation programme that set out a timetable to implement improvements to Adur Homes core business of the provision of social housing. The Working Group was also recommending that the transformation programme be endorsed by the Joint Strategic Committee and appropriate progress reporting was implemented in order to ensure that decisions were made to support the transformation programme on a timely basis.

The Committee acknowledged that there had been issues with the maintenance and repair service and that the Working Group report put his problems into a single report that could be used to benchmark progress moving forwards.

The ACF representative welcomed the report and informed members that it had been very hard work for residents to get things done. She wanted Adur District Council to take the issues raised seriously and asked whether a timeline for implementation would be provided.

The recommendations at 2.1 and 2.2 in the covering report were proposed by Councillor Carson Albury, seconded by Councillor Angus Dunn and were unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

1. noted the report, findings and recommendations from the JOSC Working Group; and
2. agreed to receive a report in January 2021 on the issues raised by the JOSC Working Group and consideration of the implications for each recommendation contained in the Scrutiny report at Appendix 1, incorporating a timeline for implementation, in order for the Executive to provide a formal response to the JOSC.

JSC/071/20-21 A Partnership Approach to Secure New Homes at Teville Gate

The report informed members of progress towards a partnership with Vivid Homes Ltd to support the development of Teville Gate and provide 230 new homes; 130 of which would be affordable homes as part of a housing led mixed use development with an emphasis on placemaking and design.

The Committee welcomed the report and expressed support for the proposals put forward whilst highlighting the importance of the intervention on this site and acknowledging the associated risks.

Reassurance was sought regarding the type of agreement and sale price per unit identified. Officers advised that Vivid Homes Ltd were happy to enter into the form of agreement proposed and that the property valuations were based on the development costs per square meter and benchmarked against commercial figures.

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

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- i) approved the release of £246,000 from the Worthing Borough Council Capacity Issues Reserve to fund the initial costs associated with the project;
- ii) delegated authority to the Director for the Economy to enter into a pre-purchase funding agreement with Vivid Homes on the terms proposed within this report; and
- iii) noted that a further report would be presented to the Joint Strategic Committee detailing the final agreement with Vivid Homes, the financial commitment to be made by Worthing Borough Council and seeking authority to proceed.

JSC/072/20-21 Supporting the Creative and Digital Sector - Colonnade House Redevelopment

The report updated the Committee on the progress of Colonnade House and outlined the vision to expand and establish a Creative and Digital Hub in the heart of Worthing town centre.

The report set out Worthing Borough Council's strong commitment to supporting and growing the Creative Industries in the town, with Colonnade House being positioned as a hub for this key sector.

Approval was sought to progress the scheme through to a planning consent for the redevelopment of Colonnade House and adjoining properties.

A Member sought clarification regarding the costs associated with the proposals and Officers advised that another report would be brought to the Joint Strategic Committee in March / April 2020/21.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Val Turner and were unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee

- a. noted the successful progress made to date of establishing Colonnade House as a Creative Hub, since its inception in 2016;
- b. agreed to the vision for expanding Colonnade House and establishing this as a Creative & Digital Hub to support the creative sector;
- c. delegated authority to the Head of Major Projects & Investment to:
 - i. make the necessary consultancy appointments to prepare and submit a Full Planning Application;
 - ii. prepare a Full Business Case for the development of No's 5 and 7 High Street and 52 Ann Street, Worthing.

C. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 1 December 2020

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The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

JSC/077/20-21 Chief Executive's use of Urgency Powers during the Covid-19 Global Pandemic

Due to the current pandemic situation it had been necessary for the Councils to respond very quickly during the emergency which 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 an urgent decision regarding the payment of grants to businesses and the report advised Members of the Executive of the executive decision made, and asked for their endorsement of those decisions.

The Committee noted that to date, Adur District Council had received 257 applications for LRSG and had approved / paid 205, Worthing Borough Council had received 656 applications for LRSG and had approved / paid 582.

The Committee was advised that to enable the Councils to issue further covid business grant funding during transitions between tiered systems, the following additional delegation was proposed

"The Joint Strategic Committee was further recommended to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to administer grant funding associated with future tiered covid alert levels. This would include the requirement to create associated budgets to enable schemes to be delivered."

The recommendations, as amended, were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Kevin Boram and were unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- noted the content of the report and endorsed the decisions made by the Chief Executive; and
- delegated authority to the Chief Executive to administer grant funding associated with future tiered covid alert levels. This would include the requirement to create associated budgets to enable schemes to be delivered.

JSC/078/20-21 Platforms for our Places - Going Further Progress Report

This was the 6 monthly report informing the Committee of the Councils progress against the commitments set out in *"Platforms for our Places : Going Further"*.

The Councils had been clear that *"Platforms for our Places : Going Further"* was an ambitious strategic programme designed to help create the healthy, prosperous and well connected communities that local residents wished to see.

The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic, had inevitably had an impact on progress against some of the commitments and those were specifically identified in the report. In some areas the impact of the pandemic had enabled the Councils to develop things further and faster (for example economic interventions) than might otherwise have been the case. This report also picked up progress against the *"And Then ..."* objectives (Adur & Worthing Councils response to the easing of the first national lockdown).

The Committee welcomed the update and thanked teams for all of the work undertaken.

The recommendations in the report were unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee noted and considered the 6 months progress report on the implementation of “*Platforms for our Places : Going Further*” and “*And Then ...*” over the period July to December 2020 and agreed to refer the report to Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their consideration.

JSC/079/20-21 2nd Revenue Budget Monitoring Report (Q2)

The report updated the Committee with the latest expenditure and income projections for each Council in the current financial year 2020/21, compared with the Revenue Budget approved by both Councils in February. Whilst the 'spend to date' would be the position as at the 30th September 2020, the forecast position reflected the latest information available to ensure an up-to-date forecast was presented.

As at quarter 2, the projection for the 2020/21 financial year were net operational budget overspends of £920,000 in Adur and £3,897,000 in Worthing. Government funding in the form of grants and the Income Guarantee Scheme would offset this and it was estimated that the outturn position would be a net underspend of £376,000 in Adur and a net overspend in Worthing of £9,000. A breakdown was set out in section 4.4 of the report.

The recommendations in the report were unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- I. noted the report and projected outturn position for the Joint Committee, Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council against the approved revenue budgets and proposed use of reserves; and
- II. noted the revised 2019/20 outturn position and use of reserves for Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council against the approved 2019/20 revenue budgets.

JSC/080/20-21 2nd Quarter Capital Investment Programme & Projects Monitoring 2020/21

The report updated the Committee on the progress made on the 2020/21 Capital Investment Programmes for Adur District Council, Worthing Borough Council. The programmes included schemes which supported the delivery of services by the Joint Services Committee.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Val Turner and unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

(a) With respect to the Capital Investment Programme of Adur District Council

- i) noted the reprofiling of the Adur District Council capital schemes as advised in paragraphs 7.1.1 and Appendix 3;
- ii) approved the bringing forward of the budget for tree replacements from 2021/22 to 2020/21 to replace trees affected by Ash Dieback as detailed in paragraph 7.1.3;
- iii) approved the virement of £50,000 from the Sompting Play Area improvements to fund a hard standing area and recreational equipment at Buckingham Park and include the new scheme in the 2020/21 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.1.4;
- iv) approved the virement to fund the current overspend on the refurbishment of Fort Haven Public Conveniences as detailed in paragraph 7.1.5.

b) With respect to the Capital Investment Programme of Worthing Borough Council

- i) noted the reprofiling of the Worthing Borough Council capital schemes as advised in paragraphs 7.2.1 and Appendix 4;
- ii) approved the bringing forward of the budget for tree replacements from 2021/22 to 2020/21 to replace trees affected by Ash Dieback as detailed in paragraph 7.2.2;
- iii) noted the urgent replacement of the Splashpoint Building Management System and approved the addition of these works to the 2020/21 Capital Investment Programme funded from underspends as detailed in paragraph 7.2.3;
- iv) approved the virement of £142,2000 to fund the shortfall on the Connaught Theatre Auditorium and Ritz Studio ventilation schemes as detailed in paragraph 7.2.4;
- v) approved the virement of £20,000 to fund the new Time for Worthing website and the inclusion of this project in the 2020/21 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.2.5.

JSC/083/20-21 Mid Year Review of Treasury Management 2020-21, Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council

The report asked Members to note the Treasury Management mid-year performance for Adur and Worthing Councils at the 30 September 2020, as required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003.

The Committee was informed that from 26 November the PWLB had reduced borrowing rates to gilt plus 100 basis points which would support the Councils capital projects in the future.

The recommendation in the report was unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee noted the contents of the report and the changes to the investment limits which the Committee approved on 9th June 2020.

JSC/085/20-21 Annual Summary of Risks & Opportunities

The report provided the annual updates on the Councils' Corporate Risks and Opportunities and their management.

The recommendations in the report were unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee

- 1) noted the progress in managing the Corporate Risks and Opportunities;
- 2) agreed to receive a further annual progress report in Autumn 2021.

JSC/086/20-21 Review of the Risk & Opportunity Management Strategy

The report provided the detail of the updated Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy (ROMS) for the Councils for 2021 - 2023 which the Committee was requested to consider for approval.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Carson Albury and were unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee approved the adoption of the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy 2021 - 2023, as set out at Appendix A, from 1 January 2021.

JSC/088/20-21 Carbon Neutral 2030 - Developing opportunities for solar

The councils had committed under the Climate Emergency Declaration, to work towards being carbon neutral by 2030. A Carbon Neutral Plan set out pathways for the Councils to achieve the target.

Installing renewable energy technologies such as solar photovoltaics (PV) and the potential investment in large scale renewable energy generation were an important strand in the Carbon Neutral Plan to provide zero carbon power and to offset Council emissions.

A full review of solar investment opportunities had been undertaken on Council owned sites and a solar investment strategy developed. The study identified potential for up to 5MW of local renewable electricity generation, equivalent to a reduction of **one third of the Councils' carbon emissions**, (or enough to power 1,500 homes).

Subject to full business cases this would be made up of proposals for roof mounted solar on council buildings, solar carports, and a 3MW solar farm locally. Further work would also be undertaken to investigate the benefits of investing out of area in large solar schemes, in consultation with the Executive Members for Resources, and with the support of the Major Projects team, with the aim of offsetting residual council carbon emissions, while delivering an acceptable financial return.

Members expressed their support for the proposals and encouraged officers to look at all opportunities in relation to the Councils' buildings.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Angus Dunn, seconded by Councillor Ed Crouch and unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

1. approved the direction of travel proposed within the Solar Investment Strategy for investment in small, medium and large scale solar opportunities as set out at paragraph 8.1 in relation to rooftop solar PV and solar carports, to:
 - a. note that a report would be presented to the Executive Members for Resources early in the New Year, with a post procurement

- business case to proceed with a first phase of rooftop solar PV installations;
- b. noted that a viability study for a solar carport at Pond Road car park would be produced; and that subject to a successful business case, a report would be brought before the Executive Members for Resources to approve proceeding with installation;
 - c. recommended that Adur District Council create an invest-to-save budget within the HRA Investment Programme of £100,000 for carbon reduction schemes funded through borrowing which could be released on the submission of a business case to the Executive Member of Resources.
2. In relation to a 3MW solar farm on council land, to:
- a. approved the development of a feasibility study and business case from existing budgets;
 - b. noted that a report would be presented to the Joint Strategic Committee in 2021, if a viable business case was identified.
3. In relation to the potential purchase of large scale commercial solar farm outside the Adur & Worthing area, to:
- a. acknowledge the strategic intention to explore potential projects for offsetting Council emissions in this way; and noted that if identified, a solar investment proposal and business case would be brought to the Joint Strategic Committee for consideration.

JSC/089/20-21 Litter Enforcement - East Hampshire District Council

The report sought approval to extend the Adur and Worthing Councils litter and dog fouling enforcement authorisations under a deed of delegation to East Hampshire District Council Officers working under EH Commercial Services Ltd.

The Committee acknowledged the high level of public interest in this topic, welcomed the scheme and noted the flexibility in service deployment.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Emma Evans, seconded by Councillor Neil Parkin and were unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee

- 1) delegated authority to the Head of Environmental Services to enter a contractual arrangement with EHDC for the provision of delegated enforcement services for littering and dog fouling for an initial 12 month period. The contract must include EHDC's enforcement of littering and dog fouling within Adur and Worthing under a single deed of delegation, but separate administration of the scheme for the District and Borough to include service of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs), recovery of charges, management of bad debtors, and management of court hearings associated with non-payment;
- 2) delegated authority to the Head of Environmental Services to make contractual alterations regarding areas covered, number of patrols per week etc to ensure the service is fit for purpose at all times during the contracted period;
- 3) noted that the expenditure of £5,900 in order to set up AWCs on EHDC's back office administration system would be funded from the Councils' VAT contingency budget;
- 4) requested that the Head of Environmental Services report back to the Joint Strategic Committee 12 months into the scheme to ascertain success, and therefore future direction of the contract.

JSC/092/20-21 Delivering Worthing public realm improvements in partnership with WSCC

The report sought agreement to spend Local Growth Funding allocated to the Teville Gate Project on supporting public realm improvements at Railway Approach, and the formative partnership with Vivid Homes to develop the site.

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

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- i) agreed to allocate the Coast to Capital Local Growth Funds to the initiatives set out in Section 4 of the report;
- ii) approved the creation of two new capital schemes:
 - Public Realm improvements at Railway Approach
 - Teville Gate Development

JSC/093/20-21 Next steps for the development of the Grafton Multi Storey Car Park Site

The report updated members on recent progress in bringing forward Grafton Car Park for development and set out a programme of work for 2021.

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

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee

1. noted the contents of the CBRE report set out at Appendix A;
2. agreed the work programme set out in paragraph Section 5 to procure a development partner for the site;
3. authorised the Head of Major Projects and Investments to continue with the Project as outlined and to enter into contracts for consultancy or advisory appointments which were necessary to progress the development, the costs of which would be met from the approved budget.

JSC/094/20-21 Motion from WBC - Poverty Emergency

The report set out a motion (attached as Appendix 1) referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on the 20th October 2020.

Members of the Joint Strategic committee were asked to consider and determine the Motion by either supporting the motion and asking for further work to be carried out in this regard, or, by rejecting the motion.

Cllr Carl Walker attended the meeting to present the motion to the Committee.

The Committee thanked Cllr Walker for the motion, acknowledging that there was common agreement on this issue and that a cross party approach was required. However, the Committee stated that the Councils were already doing a lot of work in this area, therefore, it was not minded to declare a Poverty Emergency or establish an Advisory Group at this time.

The recommendations in the report were proposed for rejection by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Val Turner and were unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision:

That the Joint Strategic Committee rejected the motion.

D. Urgent Decisions taken by the Executive

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

None.

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



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

Council
15 December 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 Martin McCabe which has been seconded by Councillor Bob Smytherman.
- 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 Martin McCabe, (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 - Testicular Cancer

This Christmas season, Council urges men to:

CHECK YOUR BAUBLES

Testicular cancer is the most common cancer for men aged 15 to 49.

There are more than 2,000 new cases diagnosed every year.

Testicular cancer is a killer.

The survival rates for those who reach 'stage three' are only 57 percent.

But if caught early it is one of the most easy cancers to treat. 98 percent of men who get it survive.

Don't be shy.

Check your testicles regularly. And go to the doctors if you find a lump.

For more information, you can see the NHS guidance online at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/common-health-questions/mens-health/what-should-my-testicles-look-and-feel-like/>

Proposed by Cllr Martin McCabe

Seconded by Cllr Bob Smytherman



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

Council
15 December 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 Bob Smytherman which has been seconded by Councillor Martin McCabe.
- 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 Bob Smytherman, (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 - Thank you to the People of Worthing

This Council wishes to place on record our profound gratitude and admiration to the people of Worthing for their dedication to the safety of our community and for the unstinting work and bravery of all local frontline workers throughout the profound challenges of 2020.

These include those from the NHS, the care sector, blue light services, teachers and school staff, transport workers, essential retail workers, post and parcel deliverers, the Armed Forces, the borough's many volunteers and, not least, our own workforce and our contractors.

They have been a lifeline to many and an inspiration to us all, showing Worthing at its finest.

We thank you all.

Proposed by Bob Smytherman
Seconded by Martin McCabe



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

Council
15 December 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 Carl Walker 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. That the motion, upon being moved and seconded, be noted by Council and referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Committee.

3. Context

- 3.1 A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Carl Walker, (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 The motion before Council contains a subject matter that is within the remit of Joint Strategic Committee, as defined in para 14.4.1 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it shall be moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Committee for consideration and determination.
- 3.4 If a motion on the agenda at Full Council is to be referred automatically to the Executive, a Regulatory Committee or another Council Committee, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.4, the proposer of the motion will confirm to the Chairperson their proposal of the motion as set out in the report before Council **without** a speech.
- 3.5 Where a motion has been referred by Full Council to the Joint Strategic Committee, the mover, or the seconder in the absence of the mover, shall be entitled to attend the relevant meeting and explain the motion.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 Motions considered by Full Council are done so under part 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 The motion has subject matter that comes within the remit of the Joint Strategic Committee and should the Joint Strategic Committee determine that the motion be accepted there may be financial implications in the future.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 Rules concerning motions are set out in the Council's Constitution under paragraph 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

Background Papers

None.

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This council notes

- The recent LGA report showing that 11.2 per cent of the 5 to 15 population has a mental health condition – up from 9.6 per cent in 2004 – with referrals to Child and Adolescent Mental Health services (CAMHS) having increased by around 26 per cent in 5 years
- The LGA report suggesting factors contributing to this rise in prevalence include increasing levels of poverty among children and young people; the growth in Special Education Needs; rising levels of family dysfunction possibly associated with pressures on housing, employment and other societal factors; and pressures on young people which contribute to anxiety including social media and an increasingly academic and examinations-oriented curriculum.
- Children’s mental health remains significantly underfunded compared with either children’s physical health or adults’ mental health. A CQC report suggests that in recent years there has been a marked reduction in funding for children and young people’s mental health services.
- That according to the recent LGA report, children are being driven into NHS services that treat mental illness because the system and funding prioritise treatment rather than the early support and preventative services that help children have mentally healthy childhoods.
- The Children and Young People’s Mental Health Coalition developed a policy and practice manifesto to improve children and young people’s mental health and emphasised the need to develop innovative preventative policies and practices that reduce inequalities in mental health support and improve emotional literacy.
- The Mental Health Foundation has recently recognised the need to identify communities and individuals at greatest risk, develop coproduction with communities, and develop local programmes that promote improved mental health literacy within communities and to enable access to peer support and self-management.
- A recent Health Profile of Worthing by Public Health England has identified improving community approaches to mental health as a local priority. Hospital stays for CYP self-harm are worse than the national average.
- Evidence compiled by the Children’s Commissioner, the Education Policy Institute and others on levels of unmet need that is compelling. Beyond underfunding, three key systemic challenges are the complexity and fragmentation of the system contributing to a lack of clear national direction, the capacity of those delivering mental health support, reflecting both staff shortages in key professions such as educational psychology and the reduced capacity of staff in universal services such as schools or health visiting, and finally the lack of focus on early intervention.

This council agrees

- That to turn this around needs concerted and coordinated action at a national level to shift away from treating children once they are diagnosed with a

mental illness towards helping them and their families cope with challenges before they escalate.

- To join the LGA in their call for the Government to provide long-term investment in essential early support and prevention services so councils can help more children to avoid reaching crisis point in the first place
- Specifically, this council will write to the government as a matter of urgency to request that they
 - Set clear targets for the whole system which incentivise the investment in earlier support and prevention and focus on achieving better mental health outcomes for all children and young people.
 - Develop a consistent outcomes-focused dataset, to be used across local government and CCGs to measure progress against the targets.
 - Set clearer expectations around strategic cooperation between CCGs and local government for children's mental health and give greater leverage to health and wellbeing boards to ensure that this is acted upon.
 - Move away from pilot funding and ring-fenced grants to recurrent funding, giving more flexibility to local partnerships to develop solutions that build on their local context.
 - Develop clearer specifications for the effective commissioning of universal mental health provision.
 - Create stronger expectations of joined up planning, commissioning and delivery between children and adults' mental health, with a core focus on supporting families holistically and managing transition for young people between adults' and children's services.
 - Review the sufficiency of the national workforce for children's psychology (EPs, CAMHS, and others) and create opportunities for joint professional training between educational psychologists and CAMHS clinicians.
 - Consider how the national curriculum and school accountability system might be geared to encourage more secure development of good mental health and to minimise the current rise in anxiety-related issues.
 - Research and promote best practice in working with the cohort of very hard to place adolescents and those with the most complex needs being supported in their communities, including developing a best practice offer of training and support for foster carers.

Proposed by Carl Walker
Seconded by Sally Smith

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