



WORTHING BOROUGH
C O U N C I L

20 April 2021

**Worthing Council Meeting
20 April 2021**

Remote Meeting
via Zoom

6.30 pm

Agenda

12 April 2021

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 Meeting held on the 23 February 2021, copies of which have been previously circulated. An electronic copy can be viewed [here](#).

4. Questions from the Public

Director for Communities:
Dr Catherine Howe
Adur & Worthing Councils,
Town Hall, Chapel Road,
Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1HA

To receive any questions from members of the public addressed to Members 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 specific planning or licensing application

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 16 April 2021 at 12 noon. Questions should 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 - 12)

To consider recommendations to the Council, details of which are set out in the attached items as 7A, 7B, 7C, 7D, 7E and 7F.

Full reports are available on the website as listed below:

	Executive/Committee	Date	Item
A	Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee	18 March 2021	Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2021/22
B	Joint Governance Committee	23 March 2021	LGA Model Code of Conduct and arrangements for dealing with breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct
C	Joint Strategic Committee	30 March 2021	Delivering Pathways to Affordable Homes
D	Joint Strategic Committee	30 March 2021	Strategic Property Investment Fund 2021 Annual Commercial Property Investment Strategy 2021/22
E	Joint Strategic Committee	30 March 2021	Delivery of Worthing Integrated Care Centre and MSCP on Worthing Town Hall Car Park
F	Joint Strategic Committee	30 March 2021	Delivering Colonnade House Expansion

8. Report of the Leader on Decisions taken by the Executive (Pages 13 - 20)

To receive a report from the Leader as item 8. 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 12.

(Note: Papers relating to items under 7 and 8 have been previously circulated and can be viewed on the Council's website)

9. Selecting the Mayor for 2022/23

To receive nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2021/22 who will be Mayor from May 2022.

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 16 April 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 21 - 24)

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

Part B - Not for Publication - Exempt information Reports

None.



Dr Catherine Howe
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 minutes of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 18 March 2021

JOSC/76/20-21 Joint Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021/22

The report before members outlined progress in implementing the work contained in the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme for 2020/21. The report also contained a draft JOSC Work Programme for 2021/22 for consideration.

The Committee discussed the report and programme. Suggestions were made for possible future reviews and it was agreed that these be considered in the new municipal year using the formal application procedure.

Resolved:

- that the progress in delivering the JOSC Work Programme for 2020/21 be noted;
- that the JOSC Work Programme for 2021/22 be approved;
- **that the proposed JOSC Work Programme for 2021/22 be reported to the Council meetings in April 2021 for approval.**

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 18 March 2021](#))

Extract from the minutes of the Joint Governance Committee - 23 March 2021

JGC/69/20-21 LGA Model Code of Conduct and arrangements for dealing with breaches of the Members' Code of Conduct

Members of the Joint Governance Committee were reminded that on the 24th November last year, a report was presented giving an update on the progress of the work of the Committee on Standards in Public Life and the Local Government Association, following earlier consultation in July 2020, when Members of the Joint Governance Committee engaged in the consultation process.

The report sought to provide Members of the Joint Governance Committee, with the outcome of the governance and ethics Joint Member Officer Working Group in relation to the Code of Conduct, a new procedure for assessing Code of Conduct Complaints, investigations and hearings procedure.

A proposal to defer consideration of the item was seconded but not supported after being put to a vote.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Lee Cowen, seconded by Councillor Steve Waight and unanimously supported by the Committee.

Resolved

The Joint Governance Committee

1. noted the contents of the report and appendices;
2. agreed the LGA Model Code of Conduct should be adopted as set out in Appendix 1;
3. agreed the arrangements for dealing with Member Code of Conduct Complaints as indicated in Appendix 2,
4. agreed that the Member Code of Conduct and arrangements for dealing with Code of Conduct complaints should be reviewed by the Monitoring Officer every two years including any related Policies;

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

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Governance Committee - 23 March 2021](#))

Extract from the minutes of the Joint Strategic Committee - 30 March 2021

JSC/134/20-21 Delivering Pathways to Affordable Homes

The report followed the publication of the Adur and Worthing Housing Strategy for 2020-2023 'Enabling communities to thrive in their own home'.

The report outlined how Adur and Worthing Councils intended to meet the commitments of the Housing Strategy and increase supply of affordable housing in the area. This was detailed in the housing development strategy, appended to the report, titled Developing Pathways to affordable homes.

The strategy described the Councils ambitions to deliver more high quality affordable homes in a post pandemic world. The delivery plan would run for 4 years and help inform the next iteration of the housing strategy due in 2023/24.

The Councils' ambitions reflected the platform's strategy which meant this was about more than simply building houses, the delivery of homes should help communities thrive, further work on sustainability and deliver new skills and local jobs as the Councils' adopted modern methods of construction.

Members welcomed the proposals, giving consideration to the increasing demand for housing, the impact of the pandemic on future demand, the mix of provision particularly in relation to the proportion of affordable housing being delivered and the shortage in supply of good quality housing.

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

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee :

- I. considered the 'Developing Pathways to Affordable Homes' report and recommended its adoption to Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council as part of the Housing Strategy for 2020-2023;**

- II. directed officers to prepare the more detailed delivery plans for each Council as outlined in the Pathways document.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Strategic Committee - 30 March 2021](#))

Extract from the minutes of the Joint Strategic Committee - 30 March 2021

**JSC/136/20-21 Strategic Property Investment Fund 2021 / Annual
Commercial Property Investment Strategy 2021/22**

The report updated and confirmed the Councils' Commercial Property Investment Strategy to support the Councils' medium term financial strategy, enabling the Councils' to meet their statutory obligation to prepare an annual investment strategy to be approved in advance of the relevant financial year by Full Council (or equivalent).

The proposed strategy supported the Councils' medium term financial strategy and sought to renew and refresh the current investment strategy in relation to the investment funds providing details on:

- robust parameters to guide and support the development of an income generating property portfolio that sought to manage and provide a financially resilient income stream for the Councils; and
- update governance criteria to ensure diligent analysis and transparency to support the transparent decision making process, particularly where investments had a value add opportunity.

Comments from the Joint Governance Committee relating to the issue of risk were noted by the Committee.

The recommendations set out in the report were proposed by Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes, seconded by Councillor Angus Dunn and unanimously supported.

Resolved

The Joint Strategic Committee:

1. agreed the suggested delivery and governance model as set out in the report which would be recommended to Adur and Worthing Full Councils as part of the overall CPIS;

2. noted that at the end of the 2020-2021 financial year an annual asset review would be undertaken by an external consultancy for the Strategic Property Investment Fund (SPIF), with officer input, to detail specific performance of assets and potential future risks and opportunities, and update asset plans for each individual asset moving forward. This would be reported to the JSC at its September meeting.
3. approved that the average lot size be decreased from £10m - £20m to £2m - £10m;
4. **recommended that Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council adopt the Commercial Property Investment Strategy for 2021-2022;**
5. approved that the budget for future years may be brought forward with the approval of the relevant Executive Member for Resources, following their consideration of a business case;
6. approved that value added and opportunistic investments, as per section 4.3.9, 4.4.9 and 4.6.3, could be acquired and approved under the CPIS in consultation with the appropriate Executive Member for Resources considering a robust outline business and financial case; and
7. approved that assets which were purchased for operational, local economy and regeneration purposes, would be separated in future SPIF reporting to those purchased for investment purposes.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Strategic Committee - 30 March 2021](#))

Extract from the minutes of the Joint Strategic Committee - 30 March 2021

**JSC/140/20-21 Delivery of Worthing Integrated Care Centre and MSCP on
Worthing Town Hall Car Park**

The report sought the Joint Strategic Committee approval of the formal Full Business Case (FBC) for the Worthing Integrated Care Centre (WICC) and Multi Storey Car Park (MSCP) development scheme on Worthing Town Hall Car Park. This would enable contracts and agreements to be executed and for the project to be delivered.

The Committee welcomed the proposals which would deliver modern facilities for GPs to provide healthcare services to residents and a new multi storey car park.

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

Resolved

The Joint Strategic Committee:

1. approved the Full Business Case for the Worthing Integrated Care Centre and Multi Storey Car Park;
2. **recommended that Worthing Borough Council release the full budget for the construction of the integrated care centre funded through borrowing subject to final agreement of the Heads of Terms for the occupier leases, acquisition of Central Clinic and the development agreement (£33,971,000);**
3. delegated authority to the Head of Major Projects & Investment to:
 - a. appoint through West Sussex Estate Partnership the most advantageous construction contractor to deliver the WICC and 2 MSCP;
 - b. execute occupier lease and service level agreements for the

- occupation of the WICC facility;
- c. authorise the acquisition of the Central Clinic;
 - d. execute a Development Agreement with West Sussex (Worthing) Limited;
 - e. authorise temporary NHS services to operate in Liverpool Gardens Car Park on the site of the former Shopmobility building;
 - f. agree the acquisition of Shelley Road Medical Centre and Heene Road Surgery, supporting future housing delivery options and subject to business case approval; and
 - g. make any further necessary consultancy appointments to execute the delivery of the scheme.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Strategic Committee - 30 March 2021](#))

Extract from the minutes of the Joint Strategic Committee - 30 March 2021

JSC/141/20-21 Delivering Colonnade House Expansion

The report updated elected members of the progress of Colonnade House and confirmed the progress of a planning application to establish a Creative & Digital Hub in the heart of Worthing town centre.

The report recommended the Joint Strategic Committee to set out and approve the business case to enable the project to be realised, confirming Worthing Borough Council's strong commitment to supporting and growing the Creative Industries in the town, whilst also providing much needed new housing.

The report sought approval to release capital and revenue budgets to enable the project to proceed through to project delivery.

Members of the Committee expressed their support for the proposals and discussed the possible impact on the annual revenue subsidy in relation to changes to the level of occupancy and interest rates. Officers advised that an 85% occupancy rate had been assumed and that the interest rate forecast had been prudent.

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

Resolved

The Joint Strategic Committee:

1. approved the business case for Colonnade House to establish an expanded Creative & Digital Hub in Worthing town centre;
2. **recommended that Worthing Borough Council approve the creation of the capital budget of £4.050m referred to in Section 7 of the report;**
3. noted that the revenue consequences of the scheme referred to in section 7 of the report would have to be funded from the revenue budget and accommodated within the Medium Term Financial Plan;

4. delegated authority to the Director for the Economy to enter into all contracts in relation to the scheme subject to the final costs being within the budget released.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Strategic Committee - 30 March 2021](#))



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/010/20-21	Irrecoverable Debts - Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates
JAW/021/20-21	Disposal of Former Cemetery Lodge Shoreham, Mill Lane Cemetery
JAW/025/20-21	Mutual Agreement
JAW/026/20-21	Surrender of land at Shepherd's Mead/Long Meadow & Disposal of land at Cote Street
JAW/028/20-21	Asbestos Removal from the Town Hall

Executive Member for Customer Services

JAW/022/20-21	Fire Safety Works to General Needs Blocks of Flats
JAW/023/20-21	Collaboration Agreement to deliver Housing Related Support

Executive Member for Digital and Environmental Services

Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing

JAW/027/20-21	Out of Hours Noise/Nuisance Contract renewal
JAW/029/20-21	Adur and Worthing Community Transport Grants Allocation of funds for 2020/21
JAW/030/20-21	Adur Community Grants

B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 2 March 2021

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/126/20-21 3rd Revenue Budget Monitoring Report (Q3)

The report updated the Joint Strategic Committee with the latest expenditure and income projections for each Council in the current financial year 2020/21, compared to the Revenue Budget approved by both Councils in February. Whilst the 'spend to date' would be the position as at 31st December 2020, the forecast position would reflect the latest information available to ensure an up-to-date forecast was presented.

The Coronavirus pandemic had had a significant impact on the financial performance of the Councils with the pressure of both additional expenditure and reduced revenue income. Those financial strains were reflected in the quarter 3 outturn projection for the 2020/21 financial year with net operational budget overspends predicted of £1,157,000 in Adur and £3,914,000 in Worthing. The government had recognised this pressure and provided funding to local authorities in the form of grants and the Income Guarantee Scheme. After allowance for the offsetting of this support funding it was currently estimated that the outturn position would be a net underspend of £223,000 in Adur and £13,000 in Worthing. A breakdown was set out in section 4.4 of the report.

Members expressed their support for the proposals.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee 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.

JSC/127/20-21 3rd Quarter Capital Investment Programme & Projects Monitoring 2020/21

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as Item 6.

The report updated the Joint Strategic 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.

A Member requested updates in relation to the Highdown, Pier and Brooklands projects. Officers confirmed that the works at Highdown were nearing completion and it was anticipated that the gardens would open in August 2021; sprinkler works were underway at the Pier and the operator was hoping to hit some of the summer season and there had been a small delay with the delivery of Brooklands due to staffing changes overseeing the project. However, it was anticipated that the Council would go out to tender later in the year and an update report be brought to the Committee at that time.

A Member sought an update on the situation with Broadwater Green and Officers agreed to provide a written response following the meeting.

The Committee acknowledged that a number of major projects were on track and thanked officers for all of their efforts.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee:

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 increase in the Disabled Facilities Grants Budget funded from additional Communities and Local Government Better Care Fund in line with anticipated grant allocations in 2020/21 as detailed in paragraph 7.3.2.
- iii) approved the addition of the energy efficiency schemes funded by Public Sector Decarbonisation Grant to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.3.3.

JSC/128/20-21 Carbon Neutral 2030 - Worthing Heat Network

The report set out the significant progress being made to deliver a flagship heat decarbonisation scheme in the heart of Worthing. Using technology well proven in Europe, the Worthing Heat Network would be one of the very first of its kind in the UK, cost effectively delivering against the Councils' 2030 carbon neutral target, in a large scale scheme already well supported by BEIS, and strongly aligned to national government ambitions in the lead up to COP 26.

The scheme proposed to deliver a heat network that would enable heat decarbonisation at scale not just for 8 council-owned existing buildings (accommodating staff from both councils), but also for other public sector buildings (WSCC, MoJ, NHS, Police) along with major development sites including the Worthing Integrated Care Centre, Union Place and Teville Gate.

Adur & Worthing Councils, in leading the development of such scalable infrastructure, would provide a platform for cost effective decarbonisation of heat for multiple organisations, providing the leadership needed to help accelerate reductions in area-wide carbon emissions. Phase 1 of the network was expected to save 3,000 tonnes CO2 each year, supporting the shared challenge to become carbon neutral for the council and the area.

The report sought approval from Joint Strategic Committee to progress applications to the Heat Network Delivery Unit and the Heat Network Investment Programme in April 2021 for circa £4m, with further reports to JSC in September 2021 (approval to procure) and April 2022 (concessionaire contract award).

The feasibility of delivering a Worthing Heat Network was well progressed. The project had attracted £300,000 funding from the Government through the Department of Business Energy, and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), its Heat Network Delivery Unit (HNDU) and the Greater South East Energy Hub. Expert technical, commercial and economic support had been provided by BEIS who had recommended the project proceed to submit a funding bid to the Government's Heat Network Investment Programme (HNIP) for Commercialisation and Construction.

The proposed primary heat source was extraction of waste heat via a heat pump from the Worthing mains sewer. This zero carbon solution offered value for money when compared to individual building-level heat pump solutions, and would constitute one of the first innovations of its kind in England, though a successful project operated in Scotland and the technology was well used in Europe.

The report updated Members on work undertaken since December 2019. The proposed next steps for the Worthing Heat Network were set out at Section 6 . Members approval was sought to continue working with BEIS, consultants and stakeholders to finalise the draft Outline Business Case (OBC); submit a funding bid to the HNIP for Commercialisation and Construction; and if successful to undertake a procurement process for a private sector provider to deliver the Worthing Heat Network under a finance, design, build, operate and manage Concession Contract.

Members considered the project chart outlined in section 6.5 of the report and noted that reports would be brought back to update the Committee at key stages of the project. Consideration was also given to how the project would connect with the Worthing Integrated Care Centre (WICC) project and the capacity of the scheme to be extended.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee

1. Noted the good progress made to date with the feasibility work on the Worthing Heat Network and to approve the recommendations set out below to enable project development proceed to the next stage:-
2. Agreed to develop and submit a funding bid to the Heat Network Investment Programme (HNIP, BEIS) for finance to support the Commercialisation & Construction of the heat network, to be submitted on April 2nd 2021; and
3. Agreed to submit a further funding application to the Heat Network Delivery Unit (BEIS), late April 2021, for finance to develop the Full Business Case and prepare a technical specification to support the proposed procurement process should the HNIP bid be successful; and
4. Approved the allocation of £50,000 match funding by the Councils to support the HNDU bid from the Councils reserves as follows:
 - Adur District Council £4,760
 - Worthing Borough Council £45,230
5. Delegated authority to the Director of Digital, Sustainability and Resources to accept any grant funding to be received into the Council's budget for allocation to development of the heat network project; and to enter into any necessary consultancy contracts arising from the expenditure of the approved budget;
6. In anticipation of securing the HNIP Funding, authorised the Director of Digital, Sustainability and Resources to commence a two staged procurement exercise to establish the final delivery route, model and costs; and
7. Requested a further report back to Members on the conclusion of the procurement process, to approve the Final Business Case and final costs; seeking approval for the proposed approach to fund the connection fees and heat supply tariffs for council owned buildings.

C. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 30 March 2021

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/135/20-21 Enabling and encouraging an Active Adur and Worthing

The report provided an update on the progress of the Activities Strategy, an overview of work already happening across the Councils to enable and encourage physical activity across both Adur and Worthing and detailed what was being experimented with, across the Councils, to encourage people to be active.

Members discussed the promotion of cycling across Adur and Worthing and how this was being taken forward by the Sussex-wide LCWIP, led by West Sussex County Council, alongside the internally focussed Travel Action Plan and the community-wide Walking and Cycling Action Group.

Consideration was also given to 'Active Park' and officers agreed to provide a list of activities taking place across parks following the meeting.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee noted the content of the report and strategically supported the approach to enabling and encouraging the Councils' place, businesses and communities to be more active.

JSC/137/20-21 Council Tax Support Scheme - Additional discretionary discounts

The report informed members that the Councils received, as part of the local government finance settlement, Council Tax Support Grant which was intended to compensate Councils for income lost due to the rise in Council Tax Support (CTS) claimants throughout the pandemic and to give Councils an opportunity to award additional discounts.

The report sought approval to replicate the additional covid related support given to working age CTS claimants in 2020/21 of an additional council tax discount of up to £150.00 per household.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee approved an additional discretionary discount of up to £150.00 per household for working age claimants in line with the principles detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report.

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

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 Val Turner which has been seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes.
- 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 Val Turner, (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

The abduction and death of Sarah Everard has again highlighted the importance of the work undertaken by this Council to help ensure that residents in our community feel and remain safe. No one should feel unsafe or fear abduction on our streets. Fortunately, such events are rare, although, for us in Sussex, we have experienced such an event when, in July 2000, Sarah Payne was abducted and murdered whilst playing in Kingston Gorse. It is an event that is etched in the memory of a number of Members of this Council here tonight, as is the disappearance of Georgina Gharsallah, here in Worthing. That is why this Council reaffirms its commitment to help keep our town safe.

As part of our community safety work, alongside the Police and other agencies, we have invested in improved CCTV in our town centre. We are also committed to improving our car parks so that residents and visitors coming into our Town Centre can feel safe and secure when accessing their vehicles. Working with our partners in the Evening and Late Night Economy, we have secured Purple Flag status for our town, and will endeavour to ensure that these high standards are maintained and built upon.

We are determined to create an environment that is welcoming, safe and secure to everyone.

Violence in any form is not acceptable and no one should feel that they cannot go out and walk alone on our streets. We will work to ensure that our town provides an environment that discourages those who wish to cause harm to others.

In our language and by our deeds we will ensure that we hold accountable those who cause such harm to our Town.

Proposed by Cllr Val Turner

Seconded by Cllr Elizabeth Sparkes