



WORTHING BOROUGH
C O U N C I L

14 December 2021

**Worthing Council Meeting
14 December 2021**

Council Chamber
Town Hall, Chapel Road,
Worthing

6.30 pm

Agenda

6 December 2021

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

Part A

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Marine Ward - Election Result**

Council to note the Returning Officer's Return of Person elected in the by-election held on 2 December 2021 for the Marine Ward vacancy:

Name	Party	Term of office
Vicki Wells	Labour	May 2023

- 3. 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.

Interim Director for Communities:
Tina Favier
Adur & Worthing Councils,
Town Hall, Chapel Road,
Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1HA

4. Confirmation of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Council Meeting held on Tuesday 19 October 2021 and the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on Wednesday 10 November 2021, copies of which have been previously circulated.

Copies are available to view at

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

5. Questions from the Public

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

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

The deadline for submission of questions is **Friday 10 December 2021** at 12 noon. Questions to be submitted to democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk

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

7. Items raised under Urgency Provisions

To consider any items the Mayor has agreed are urgent.

8. Recommendations from the Executive and Committees to Council (Pages 1 - 6)

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

Full reports are available on the website as listed below:

	Executive / Committee	Date	Item
A	Joint Senior Staff Committee	8 October 2021	Salary review and proposed recruitment process for the post of Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer
B	Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee	25 November 2021	Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2021/22
C	Joint Strategic Committee	7 December 2021	(i) Investing in our Places - Capital Programme 2022/23 to 2024/25 (ii) Council Tax Support Schemes for 2022/23

9. Report of the Leader on Decisions taken by the Executive (Pages 7 - 12)

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 11.

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

10. Decision Making (Pages 13 - 20)

To consider a report by the Interim Director for Communities as item 10.

11. Members Questions under Council Procedure Rule 12

Members' question time will last up to 30 minutes, with questions being taken in the order of receipt and in rotation from each political group on the Council. The deadline for submission of questions is **Friday 10 December at 12 noon**.

Questions should 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

12. Motions on Notice (Pages 21 - 24)

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

Part B - Not for Publication - Exempt information Reports

None.



Tina Favier
Interim 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 Senior Staff Committee - 8 October 2021

JSnSC/012/21-22 Salary review and proposed recruitment process for the post of Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer

The report provided the rationale for a review of the salary of the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer role for Adur and Worthing Councils, required in advance of recruitment activities for this role.

The report also provided an overview of the recruitment and selection process for the new Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer role.

The Committee considered the timing of the salary review and recruitment process in light of the recruitment of the Chief Executive post and the need for their involvement in the process. The Committee noted that the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer was a statutory post and there were associated risks with delaying an appointment. It was noted that the interim post holder was keen to retire but would be willing to stay on until the process of recruitment was concluded. Officers advised that it would be pragmatic for the Councils to be ready to move with an appointment but to not press go at this stage.

To alleviate concerns about timings, Councillor Jenkins proposed the following amendments to the recommendations:-

- 2.1 To add the following words at the end of recommendation 2.1.....
subject to the agreement with the Chief Executive;
- 2.2 That the recommendation of the evaluation panel be put forward to Full Councils for approval in December 2021 instead of October 2021; and
- 2.3 To add the following words at the end of recommendation 2.3.....
subject to the agreement with the Chief Executive;

The recommendations, as amended, were proposed by Councillor Kevin Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Angus Dunn and unanimously supported by the Committee.

Resolved,

The Joint Senior Staff Committee

1. Agreed that the Head of Legal and Monitoring Officer role should be revaluated using the Councils' job evaluation process and delegated authority to the Director of Digital, Sustainability & Resources to accept the recommendations of the panel subject to the agreement with the Chief Executive.
2. Agreed that the recommendation of the job evaluation panel is put forward to Full Councils for approval in December 2021, with a maximum level of remuneration of £80,794.
3. Agreed to the proposed recruitment process for the Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer role subject to the agreement with the Chief Executive.



**Extract from the minutes of the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 25
November 2021**

**JOSC/XX/21-22 Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
for 2021/22**

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

The report outlined the progress in implementing the work contained in the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme for 2021/22 which was confirmed by the Councils in April 2021.

The report recommended that the changes made to the Work Programme, since it had been agreed, be reported to the next Council meetings in December 2021 for noting.

Members discussed the Work Programme and approved its recommendation to the meetings of Adur and Worthing Councils in December.

Resolved:

- i) That JOSC note the progress in delivering the JOSC Work Programme for 2021/22 as set out in the Appendix to the report;
- ii) **That the meetings of Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council in December 2021, note the changes made to the JOSC Work Programme since it was agreed by both Councils in April 2021.**



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Extract from the minutes of the Joint Strategic Committee - 7 December 2021

**JSC/xxx/21-22 Investing in our Places - Capital Programme 2022/21 to
2024/25**

Details to follow the Joint Strategic Committee meeting on the 7th December 2021



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Extract from the minutes of the Joint Strategic Committee - 7 December 2021

JSC/xxx/21-22 Council Tax Support Schemes for 2022/23

Details to follow the Joint Strategic Committee meeting on the 7th December 2021

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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

None

Executive Member for Regeneration

None

Executive Member for Resources

JAW/011/21-22	Two rooftop solar schemes for Adur
JAW/012/21-22	Compulsory Redundancy
JAW/013/21-22	Mutual Agreement
JAW/014/21-22	Town Centre Improvements Programme - Worthing Town Centre

Executive Member for Customer Services

None

Executive Member for Digital and Environmental Services

JAW/010/21-22	Award of contract for disposal of commercial waste
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Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing

None

B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 9 November 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/052/21-22 *Supporting the Armed Forces Community Covenant*

Adur & Worthing Councils were committed to supporting the armed forces and as part of this commitment had been signatories to the Armed Forces Community Covenant since 2013. The Covenant aimed to ensure that members of the armed forces community received the support and access to public services they required.

Adur & Worthing Councils had, as part of this work, developed a range of new commitments and actions to uphold the principles of the Covenant by:

- Recognising the sacrifices made by the armed forces community
- Encouraging support for the armed forces community
- Promoting understanding and awareness amongst the public
- Encouraging activities to help the community integrate into local life
- Supporting veterans and service families in employment with the Councils.

The recommendations as set out in the report were unanimously supported.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee noted and approved the work being undertaken to uphold the principles of the Armed Forces Community Covenant.

JSC/053/21-22 *Procurement of Services for Civil Parking Enforcement & New Agency Agreement with West Sussex County Council (WSCC)*

West Sussex County Council had agency agreements with Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council (who acted as agents) for the provision of on-street civil parking enforcement in the council areas. The agreement was due for renewal on 1st April 2022.

Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council had a joint contract with NSL Services for the provision of decriminalised traffic and parking enforcement services and controlled parking zone management in the council areas. The agreement expired on the 31st March 2022 and a procurement exercise was required in order to procure services to commence 1st April 2022.

By agreeing to enter the new contract with West Sussex County Council and procure enforcement services for 5 years (with the option to extend for a further 2 years) the Councils were ensuring a level of influence over on-street arrangements, and involving West Sussex County Council in discussions about positively impacting on the regeneration of the town centre.

The report sought approval for the following:

- To enter into a new Agency Agreement to start 1st April 2022 with West Sussex County Council and to act as their parking enforcement agents in relation to Civil Parking Enforcement;
- To procure services for Civil Parking Enforcement; and
- To delegate authority to the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources to award the contract to the most economically advantageous supplier and for the contract to start 1st April 2022 for 5 years with the option to extend for a further 2 years.

A member queried whether the contract would be able to address the issue of parking on grass verges. It was noted that the Councils had no legal power to do so at the current time, however, the LGA were lobbying the government to provide that power.

Questions were received from Members in relation to the renewal date of the agency agreement with West Sussex County Council, break clause conditions in the contract with NSL and the cost allocation between Adur and Worthing Councils. Officers confirmed that the renewal date was April 2022, that there were relevant break clauses in the contract and that the cost allocation was attributable to the difference in parking controls across Adur and Worthing.

The recommendations as set out in the report were proposed by Councillor Kevin Boram, seconded by Councillor Ed Crouch and unanimously supported by the Committee.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee:

- 1) authorised Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council entering into a new agency agreement with West Sussex County Council, on the terms set out in this Agreement, for the delivery by the Councils of Civil Parking Enforcement services for West Sussex County Council, to commence 1st April 2022;
- 2) authorised officers to procure services for a Civil Parking Enforcement Supplier to carry out those Services; and
- 3) delegated authority to the Director of Digital, Sustainability & Resources to enter into a contract with the most economically advantageous supplier from the tender process to commence on 1st April 2022 for a term of 5 years with the option to extend for a further 2 years.

JSC/0054/21-22 Transfer of s106 Monies to the Capital Programme for the delivery of Affordable Housing

This report sought to transfer s106 contributions received from the Bayside development to the Capital Programme specifically to deliver affordable housing in the Borough. This funding has to be used towards the delivery of affordable housing under the terms of the legal agreement but this can include the direct delivery of emergency or temporary accommodation or payment to a Registered Provider to deliver additional affordable housing.

A number of options for the use of this funding are being investigated by your Officers and it is recommended that the drawdown of the funding for specific schemes be delegated to the Executive Member for Housing.

It was noted that the figure quoted in paragraph 2.1 of the report, £1,765,800, had been increased through indexing and should be £1,948,268.

Members discussed the take up of properties in developments such as Bayside by registered social landlords (RSLs) and the high service charges associated with seafront developments. It was noted that the Councils claimed money back from developers in circumstances where properties were not taken up by RSLs which would be invested in the provision of affordable housing in Worthing.

The recommendations, as amended, were supported by the Committee.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee approved a budget virement of £1,948,268 funded from the s106 monies from the Bayside development to the Worthing Borough Council Capital Programme to increase the budget for the delivery of affordable housing under the portfolios for the Executive Member for Customer Services.

JSC/055/21-22 Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council

The report set out a motion referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on the 19th October 2021.

Members of the Joint Strategic committee were asked to consider and determine the Motion.

Members could either support the motion and ask for further work to be carried out in this regard, or, members could reject the motion.

Councillor Margaret Howard attended the meeting to present her motion to the Committee.

Members debated the motion and it was proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys and seconded by Councillor Kevin Jenkins, that the motion be rejected on the basis that the matter had changed since the submission of the motion and that the consistency of the message was maintained through working with the LGA to put forward such matters. The proposal to reject the motion was supported by the Committee.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee rejected the motion.

C. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 7 December 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:-

To follow the meeting on the 7th December 2021.

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)

**Councillor Kevin Jenkins
Leader of the Council**

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Ward(s) Affected: All

Decision making following a by-election and changes to membership of Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups

Report by the Interim Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To inform the Council of changes to the membership of the Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat Groups and consequently, a change to the political balance of the Council.
- 1.2 To advise the Council in regards to the re-calculation of political balance.
- 1.3 The report further outlines decisions required by Council to ensure that committee appointments are determined according to the relevant legislation.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Council notes the revised political balance of the Council as set out in paragraph 3.4.
- 2.2. That the Council notes the political groups, the number and proportion of seats as set out in Appendix A to this report.

- 2.3. That Council notes that the Labour seat allocation on 8 seat committees has increased from 3 to 4 seats and that the Liberal Democrats no longer have a seat allocation on 8 seat committees.
- 2.4. That Council appoints to the Planning, Joint Governance and Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committees in accordance with the wishes of the Political Groups, as detailed in Appendix B (to follow).
- 2.5. That the Council appoints to the Worthing Overview & Scrutiny Committee and the Licensing and Control Committee 'A' and 'B' in accordance with the wishes of the Political Groups, as detailed in Appendix B (to follow).
- 2.6. That the Council appoints to the 3rd seat on the Joint Staff Committee and Joint Senior Staff Committee, as detailed in Appendix B (to follow).
- 2.7. That the Council appoints the Vice-chairperson to the Joint Governance Committee.

3. Context

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Annual Council in May 2021, Council determined a number of matters in relation to decision making, including the political balance of the Council. Further matters were determined at the October 2021 meeting of Full Council following a change to the Conservative Group.
- 3.2 Following the by-election held in Marine Ward on the 2nd December 2021 and further changes to the membership of the political groups, the political balance of the Council has been recalculated.
- 3.3 Decision making is governed by the Local Government Act 1972, the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, the Local Government Act 2000 and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 where this relates to Executive arrangements.
- 3.4 The new calculation of the political balance of the Authority is as follows:

Number of seats on Council:		Proportion of seats
17	Conservative	45.95%
17	Labour	45.95%

2	Liberal Democrat	5.41%
1	Independent	

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 To note the change to the overall political balance of the Council resulting from changes in membership to all of the political groups.
- 4.2 To note that none of the groups are entitled to a majority of seats on each of the committees in accordance with provisions under the Local Government & Housing Act 1989. This is due to the fact that no group holds an overall majority on the Council.
- 4.3 To note the overall Conservative allocation of seats across the Council's Committees has reduced from 29 to 28 seats; the overall Labour allocation of seats across the Council's Committees has increased from 24 to 28 seats and the overall Liberal Democrat allocation of seats across the Council's Committees has reduced from 5 to 3 seats
- 4.4 Group Leaders have been consulted regarding their proposed nominations to the various seats in the decision making structure. The Council is asked to agree the non-executive committee memberships, as outlined in Appendix B (*to follow*) with nominations highlighted in yellow.
- 4.5 The Council is asked to appoint the 3rd seat on both the Joint Staff Committee and Joint Senior Staff Committee.
- 4.7 A political group must be made up of 2 or more Members. Therefore, the Independent Councillor is not entitled to an allocation of seats under the rules of political balance.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 Group Leaders have been consulted following a change to the membership of all of the political groups, the resulting changes to political balance and the reapportionment of seats.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 s106 Local Government Act 1972 provides that Councils may make standing orders for the regulation of their proceedings and business
- 7.2 s111 Local Government Act 1972 provides that the Council shall have the power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of their functions.
- 7.3 s15, 16 and 17 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 set out powers and duties in relation to political balance on Committees and the exceptions and exemptions therein.
- 7.4 Local Government Act 2000 as amended by the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 sets out regulations regarding appointments to Executive and Committees in Councils that have adopted Executive arrangements

Background Papers

- Local Government Act 1972
- Local Government and Housing Act 1989
- Local Government Act 2000
- Local government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007
- Knowles on Local Authority Meetings – A manual of Law and Practice

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(a) Committee Structure and Number of Seats

To note the committee structure and numbers of seats applicable to each, in accordance with the Constitution:

(i) The Executive:

Executive	6 seats
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(ii) Regulatory Committees

Planning Committee	8 seats
Licensing and Control Committee A	15 seats
Licensing and Control Committee B	15 seats

(iii) Overview and Scrutiny:

Overview and Scrutiny Committee	15 seats
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(iv) Joint Working Arrangements:

With Adur District Council

Joint Governance Committee	8 Seats
Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee	8 Seats
Joint Senior Staff Committee	3 Seats
Joint Staff Committee	3 Seats
Joint Strategic Committee	6 Seats

Seats in bold are subject to political balance: 60 Seats

(b) Representation of Political Groups on the Council

To confirm the political groups and the number and proportion of seats held.

Representation on the Council and the number and proportion of seats held are as follows;

Number of seats on Council: (37)	Political Group	Proportion of seats
		(100%)
17	Conservative	45.95%
17	Labour	45.95%
2	Liberal Democrats	5.41%
1	Independent	

In accordance with the rules on political representation the number of seats to be taken by each political group (a political group comprises of 2 or more members) on the Council's Committees and Sub-Committees, equates to:

Number of seats on Committees

Conservative	28
Labour	28
Liberal Democrats	3
UKIP	

Please note that the following are not included in the above figures because the political balance requirements do not apply:

- Executive (6 seats)
- Joint Strategic Committee (6 seats)
- Licensing and Control Committee 'B'

Committee	No. of Seats	Conservative	Labour	Lib Dem	Over or under allocated (+ or -)
Joint Governance	8	4	4	0	
Licensing	15	7	7	1	
Planning	8	4	4	0	
Overview and Scrutiny	15	7	7	1	
Joint Overview and Scrutiny	8	4	4	0	
Joint Staff	3	1	1	0	-1
Joint Senior Staff	3	1	1	0	-1
TOTAL	60	28	28	2	
Over or under allocated (+ or -)				-1	

Changes to Committee Memberships required are as follows:-

Joint Governance Committee - The Labour seat allocation increases from 3 to 4. The Liberal Democrats no longer have a seat allocation on this Committee. The Vice-Chairman must be appointed.

Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - The Labour seat allocation increases from 3 to 4. The Liberal Democrats no longer have a seat allocation on this Committee. A Conservative vacancy needs to be appointed to this Committee.

Worthing Planning Committee - The Labour seat allocation increases from 3 to 4. The Liberal Democrats no longer have a seat allocation on this Committee.

Worthing Overview & Scrutiny Committee - The Labour seat allocation increases from 6 to 7. As a result, the Labour group is asked to put forward a nomination to fill the current vacancy.

Worthing Licensing and Control Committee 'A' and 'B' - All groups have the correct allocation of seats as calculated under political balance. A Conservative vacancy needs to be appointed to this Committee..

Joint Staff Committee - All groups have the correct allocation of seats as calculated under political balance. However, this results in the committee being underallocated by 1 seat.

Joint Senior Staff Committee - All groups have the correct allocation of seats as calculated under political balance. However, this results in the committee being underallocated by 1 seat.

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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 Emma Taylor which has been seconded by Councillor Margaret Howard.
- 1.2. Council is asked to deal with the motion under provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules (under part 4 of the Council Constitution - Rules of Procedure).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. 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 Emma Taylor, (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 the 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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The Threat of Mass Homelessness

Worthing Borough Council notes that thousands of families are facing evictions and repossessions as measures to protect families put in place during Covid have come to an end. Universal Credit has reduced by £20 per week; the furlough scheme has finished; and electricity and gas prices have risen at an alarming rate. Now is not the time to unravel the great interventions that the Government brought in to protect people during this unprecedented period. Unless urgent action is taken, the UK will face a homelessness crisis this autumn, on a scale never seen before.

This Council resolves to:

1. Support the Big Issue's plan to Stop Mass Homelessness by writing to the relevant Secretaries of State asking them to keep people in their homes and in sustainable jobs. They could do this by committing to pay off £360m in rent arrears; suspending no fault evictions until a Renters' Reform Act is passed; permanently reinstating the £20 p/w Universal Credit uplift; improving access to Discretionary Housing Payments; unfreezing Local Housing Allowance; improving support for financial literacy education; providing grants to improve the insulation of people's homes and investing in the creation of new green jobs.
2. Express its support for a Wellbeing of Future Generations Act requiring public bodies to consider how decisions made now affect future needs, and tackle persistent problems such as poverty, homelessness, health inequalities and climate change.
3. Commission a report outlining options that will ensure the impact of Council decisions on future generations are properly considered.
4. Commission a report outlining how the Council can expand social housing; encourage innovative ways to increase housing stock; and increase support for ethical property and letting firms.

Proposed: Emma Taylor

Seconded: Margaret Howard