



WORTHING BOROUGH
COUNCIL

5 April 2022

**Worthing Council Meeting
5 April 2022**

Council Chamber, Worthing Town Hall

6.30 pm

Agenda

28 March 2022

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 Tuesday 22 February 2022, copies of which have been previously circulated.

A copy is available to view at

<https://democracy.adur-worthing.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=158&MId=1625&Ver=4>

4. 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

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Tina Favier
Adur & Worthing Councils,
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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 1 April 2022 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 7 - 12)

To consider recommendations to the Council, details of which are set out in the attached items as 7A(i) & (ii), 7B and 7C(i) & (ii).

Full reports are available on the website as listed below:-

	Executive/Committee	Date	Item
A	Joint Strategic Committee	16 March 2022	(i) Renewal of the Adur & Worthing Wellbeing Partnership (ii) Pathways to Affordable Homes – Delivery Plans
B	Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee	17 March 2022	JOSC Work Programme setting 2022/23
C	Joint Governance Committee	22 March 2022	(i) Proposed revisions to Contract Standing Orders (ii) Scheme of Allowances for Worthing Borough Council in 2022/23

8. Report of the Leader on Decisions taken by the Executive (Pages 13 - 22)

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 10.

(**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 2023/24

To receive nominations for the appointment of Deputy Mayor for 2022/23 who will be Mayor from May 2023.

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 1 April 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

11. Motions on Notice (Pages 23 - 26)

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

Part B - Not for Publication - Exempt information Reports

None.



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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 Strategic Committee - 16 March 2022

JSC/096/21-22 Renewal of the Adur & Worthing Wellbeing Partnership

The report set out the proposed new commissioning arrangements for Adur & Worthing Wellbeing from April 2022, for a period of five years. The programme had been in place in Adur and Worthing since 2011, and was delivered through a partnership agreement with West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) to provide a programme of wellbeing prevention and early intervention work with adults, through a blended approach of Wellbeing Advisors and additional health and wellbeing interventions, funded through a health inequalities formula.

Adur and Worthing Wellbeing provided an important contribution to the Councils' new health and wellbeing strategy *HealthyAW*, by helping to improve the health and wellbeing of all our communities but particularly those people with the poorest health and wellbeing. It formed an important part of the Councils' wellbeing work in relation to Proactive work with our communities.

The current three year partnership agreement ended on 31 March 2022 and the report informed Members of the outcomes of the current programme and the new conditions and requirements for the new partnership and funding arrangements for the five year period from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2027.

A funding allocation had been proposed for the 2022-2023 financial year which had been signed off at WSSCC Full Council in February 2022. Indicative funding for each subsequent financial year would be agreed by December, annually.

As we continued to move through the pandemic there was a renewed emphasis on reducing health inequalities and more targeted work with under-represented groups within the new service specification and partnership agreement. The programme was an important preventative support and advice provision that was intended to help to reduce pressure on the social care and health systems.

Members were asked to consider this work and agree to a new partnership agreement with WSSCC Public Health for five years, which would be shaped and developed mutually through annual business plans.

The Committee welcomed the report and the approach being taken.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- I. approved that the respective Councils continued to work in partnership with West Sussex County Council to deliver the Wellbeing programme in Adur and Worthing from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2027, subject to funding being agreed on an annual basis;
- II. delegated authority to enter into the Adur Partnership Agreement and the Worthing Partnership Agreement with West Sussex County Council, as set out in paragraph 4.3, to the Interim Director for Communities, in consultation with the Executive Members for Health and Wellbeing, and subject to annual business plans;
- III. agreed to receive the annual funding allocation from West Sussex County Council for the next five years of the partnership agreement, and **recommended to the Councils to amend the revenue budget accordingly. The indicative amount for 2022-2023 was £513,973;**
- IV. agreed for the in-kind contribution provided by the Councils', as detailed at 6.3 in the report, to continue.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Strategic Committee - 16 March 2022](#))



Extract from the minutes of the Joint Strategic Committee - 16 March 2022

JSC/097/21-22 Pathways to Affordable Homes - Delivery Plans

The report followed the publication of the Adur and Worthing Housing Strategy for 2020-2023 and 'Delivering Pathways to Affordable Homes' documents. It described how Adur and Worthing intended to meet the commitments set out in Delivering Pathways to Affordable Homes, which was described in the attached delivery plans.

The delivery plans provided details of how delivery programmes and teams could be structured as well as a detailed delivery structure providing an overview of work streams and timescales for completion.

Members sought clarification as to how realistic the delivery of the work streams outlined was. Officers advised that a lot of the delivery figures were happening towards the end of the programme and in recognition of that the Councils had put forward a housing enabling role, which would be an officer sitting within the planning team helping to drive the delivery through regular contact with the delivery partners, responsible for some of the key strategic sites. Worthing Borough Council in particular, owned a number of the key strategic sites which enabled greater control and certainty over delivery.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee **recommended that Adur and Worthing Councils adopt the Delivery Plans set out in Appendix A as part of the Housing Strategy for 2020-2023.**

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Strategic Committee - 16 March 2022](#))



**Extract from the minutes of the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 17
March 2022**

JOSC/0xx/21-22 JOSC Work Programme setting 2022/23

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 as item 10. The report before Members outlined progress in implementing the work contained in the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme for 2021/22. The report also includes a draft JOSC Work Programme for 2022/23 for consideration.

Members discussed the situation regarding vulnerable people being moved to temporary accommodation outside of the District and Borough. It was agreed that an item be added to the Work Programme for further investigation into the processes and impact involved.

Members agreed that the work programme as amended be submitted to Council for approval.

Resolved:

- I. That JOSC note the progress in delivering the JOSC Work Programme for 2021/22;
- II. That JOSC and confirm draft Work Programme as amended for 2022/23;
- III. **That the amended draft JOSC Work Programme for 2022/23 be reported to the Council meetings in April 2022 for approval.**

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 17 March 2022](#))



Extract from the minutes of the Joint Governance Committee - 22 March 2022

JGC/054/21-22 Proposed revisions to Contract Standing Orders

The report proposed revisions to the Joint Contract Standing Orders to reflect the latest government procurement guidance and changes to legislation.

The Committee acknowledged the importance of taking account of social value in local government contracts, encouraging Officers to try and go above the minimum of 10% as it could change a lot of local businesses. Consideration was also given to how the Councils could go further with local procurement with a suggestion that big contracts could be broken down into smaller ones to attract local provision of goods and services.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Helen Silman, seconded by Cllr Tania Edwards and unanimously supported.

Resolved

The Joint Governance Committee

- I. recommended to Adur and Worthing Councils that the amendments to the Joint Contract Standing Orders be approved;**
- II. delegated authority to the Chief Financial Officer in consultation with the Monitoring Officer to make minor and statutory revisions in future to the Joint Contract Standing Orders to ensure their continued alignment with legislative changes or changes to the Public Procurement Notices.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Governance Committee - 22 March 2022](#))



Extract from the minutes of the Joint Governance Committee - 22 March 2022

**JGC/056/21-22 Scheme of Allowances for Worthing Borough Council in
2022/23**

The Joint Governance Committee was asked to consider the report of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel and make recommendations to Worthing Borough Council on the level of Members' Allowances for the municipal year 2022/23.

Recommendations from the Joint Governance Committee on the level of allowances, would be considered at the Full Council meeting on 5th April 2022.

Mr Barry Hillman, Chairman of the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel, attended the meeting to answer any questions in relation to the Panels proposals.

Members sought clarification regarding the consultation with group leaders in relation to the review of allowances. Officers agreed to provide details of the consultation with group leaders via a written response following the meeting.

The Committee debated the item giving consideration to the important role allowances played in attracting demographic representation across the Council; difficulties arising from the way that allowances were treated as salaries by HM Revenues & Customs; the process for claiming back carers allowances rather than paying it in advance; and the disparity between the allowances paid to Councillors serving on Adur and Worthing Councils. Officers noted the points raised and agreed to feed them into the next review of allowances undertaken by the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel.

The recommendation in the report was proposed by Cllr Helen Silman, seconded by Cllr Cathy Glynn-Davies and unanimously supported.

Resolved

The Joint Governance Committee recommended to Worthing Borough Council that Members Basic Allowance be linked to the outcome of the Officers' NJC Pay bargaining agreement for the year 2022/23.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Governance Committee - 22 March 2022](#))



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

None

Executive Member for Customer Services

None

Executive Member for Digital and Environmental Services

JAW/019/21-22 Self-Management of Adur and Worthing Allotments
JAW/021/21-22 Renewal of Google Licences

Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing

None

B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 16 March 2022

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/094/21-22 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 2021/22, compared with the Revenue Budget approved by both Councils in February. Whilst the 'spend to date' was the position as at the 31st December 2021, the forecast position reflected the latest information available to ensure an up-to-date forecast was presented.

As at quarter 2, the current projection for the 2021/22 financial year were net operational budget overspends of £585k in Adur and £1.56m in Worthing. Government funding in the form of grants and the Income Guarantee Scheme would offset this and it was currently estimated that the outturn position would be net overspends of £47k in Adur and £14k in Worthing. A breakdown was set out in section 4.4 of the report.

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 (as set out in Appendices 1b and 2b).

JSC/095/21-22 3rd Quarter Capital Investment Programme & Projects Monitoring 2021/22

The report updated the Joint Strategic Committee on the progress made with the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programmes for Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council. The programmes included schemes which supported the delivery of services by the Joint Services Committee.

A Member sought clarification in relation to paragraph 7.3 in the report which stated that due to the effective scheme management of Teville Gate, there was an underspend, some of which would be going to a tenant in Montague Place and improvements to railway approach. Officers advised that this related to the partnership working with West Sussex County Council on the railway approach public realm project. It was important that the Council provided a very clear audit trail for where these monies were spent. It was noted that the Council had both the

Portland Road scheme and now the Railway Approach scheme which was directly attached to the wider Teville Gate project.

Another Member asked a question in relation to the external works to Bushby Close which had been delayed by variations to the contract which had extended the completion to March 2022. What were the variations? In addition, following a complaint from a resident, the Council had been made aware of poor quality work being undertaken and he asked whether this matter had been addressed. Officers agreed to provide a written response to councillors following the meeting.

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 7.2.1 and Appendix 3;
- ii) approved the funding of the overspend incurred in the replacement of the HR / Payroll system as detailed in paragraph 7.1.1;
- iii) approved the increase in the Disabled Facilities Budget in line with the forecast expenditure funded from Better Care Fund Grant as detailed in paragraph 7.2.2; and
- iv) approved the transfer of Disability Discrimination Adaptations Budget to fund Adur District Council's contribution to the Adur and Worthing Workspaces Project as detailed in paragraph 7.2.3.

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 7.3.1 and Appendix 4;
- ii) approved the funding of the overspend incurred in the replacement of the HR / Payroll system as detailed in paragraph 7.1.1;
- iii) approved the addition of the Worthing Public Realm Project to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.3.3;
- iv) approved the transfer of Disability Discrimination Adaptations Budget to the Adur and Worthing Workspaces Project as detailed in paragraph 7.3.4; and
- v) noted the receipt of the Pocket Parks Grant funding of £24,030 to support communities to provide new or renovated parks and approve the use of

the funding to create a community garden in Beach House Park as detailed in paragraph 7.3.5.

JSC/098/21-22 Union Place Joint Venture with Roffey Homes Update

Following consideration of a report at the Joint Strategic Committee in February, it was requested that an update on progress be provided to the Joint Strategic Committee at its meeting on the 16th March 2022.

Members welcomed the update on the progression made with such an important scheme and looked forward to the scheme coming forward over the coming months.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee noted the update provided in the body of the report and that a further update would be provided in the Summer with final details of the proposals for approval.

JSC/099/21-22 Teville Gate Update & Hyde Housing Proposed Development Partnership

The report recommended working with Hyde Housing group to deliver a minimum of 343 affordable homes (40% social rent, 60% shared ownership) and over 20,000 sq.ft of commercial space on the Teville Gate site.

Following the consideration of a report by the Joint Strategic Committee in December, the Council were approached by the registered provider Hyde Housing with a view to working in partnership to develop the site. The report provided an update on these discussions.

It set out how the proposed partnership would fulfil the three priority workstreams identified in the December report and a draft Memorandum of Understanding for the proposed partnership was provided for approval in conjunction with a proposed timetable for developing this partnership.

A Member sought clarification as to who would have the nomination rights to the social rented units. Officers advised that normally, nomination rights were linked to those units covered by the s106 agreement, however, there was an avenue to negotiate and agree levels under the lettings agreement and this would be raised with Hyde and reported back to the Committee.

The Committee also gave consideration to the types of accommodation provided in the proposed scheme as well as the procurement route used for identifying Hyde as the preferred partner. It was noted that Hyde was a registered provider who had a strategic relationship with Homes England and experience of working with the Councils' team.

Decision

That the Joint Strategic Committee:-

- i) noted the progress made since December 2021 for the development of the Teville Gate site in partnership with Hyde;
- ii) agreed the proposed route set out for the sale of the land at Teville Gate following joint working to agree a development scheme and secure planning permission; and
- iii) delegated authority to the Head of Major Projects & Investment, in consultation with Worthing Borough Council's Executive Member for Resources, to develop the draft heads of terms for the sale of the land at Teville Gate to Hyde, and thereafter to take a further report to the Joint Strategic Committee for authority to enter into the conditional sale contract for the sale of the land subject to those heads of terms.

JSC/100/21-22 Carbon Neutral 2030: Worthing Heat Network Progress Update

The report updated Members on work undertaken since September 2021 which had focused on developing the procurement documentation required to appoint a concessionaire to fund, design, build, operate and maintain a new, low carbon heat network within Worthing Town Centre.

The Heat Network Investment Programme (HNIP) funding was awarded to the council in autumn 2021 and the Joint Strategic Committee had delegated authority to the Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources to enter into any contracts for expenditure of this funding to progress the Heat Network Delivery.

The procurement documentation had been developed with significant support from external technical, commercial and legal advisors and presented bidders with key requirements that must be met by the future network operator. It also set out obligations on customers of the network, including parameters of future Heat Supply and Connection Agreements to which the council would be party should a concessionaire be appointed. These were explained further in Section 6 of the report.

The procurement documentation was now ready for publication, ahead of the next steps set out at section 5.9 of the report, Members' continued endorsement was sought prior to the advertisement of the tender opportunity.

Members considered and noted that it was not a requirement of the procurement that the winning bidder utilises sewer heat but that the scenario developed in detail by the project team to date, was to be used as a reference and minimum requirement. Therefore, if a bidder was able to demonstrate that an alternative solution was at

least as advantageous than utilising the sewer, this was to be deemed as acceptable to the Council. Officers reaffirmed that it was the outcomes being sought rather than the solution and that they didn't want to constrain the market. A 3,000 tonne reduction in carbon emissions was the target.

The Committee also gave consideration as to how the scheme would connect with up and coming major development sites such as Union Place and Teville Gate and who the Council anticipated coming forward through the procurement process.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee

- I. noted the progress set out in the report;
- II. approved the publication of the procurement documentation, as set out in section 5 of the report;
- III. noted the indicative Heat Supply and Connection Agreement parameters and reaffirmed the council's commitment to executing these documents upon completion of the procurement process; and
- IV. requested that a further update report be brought to the Committee prior to the appointment of the concessionaire, to include delegation of authority to the Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources to enter into Heat Supply and Connection Agreements with the appointed concessionaire.

JSC/101/21-22 Worthing Lido Structural Investigations and Proposed Next Steps

The report updated members on work being undertaken to ensure that the Lido remained an integral part of Worthing's seafront and to protect this important piece of architectural heritage in Worthing.

Members were informed of current measures being taken to ensure that the Lido was kept safe and was able to continue to operate as well as presenting a 'concept ideas report' for the Lido based on architectural experiences of similar heritage buildings elsewhere.

The report proposed public consultation and community engagement with local communities to inform the Council's approach to delivering the restoration and improvement of the Lido as well as to explore funding options.

The Committee welcomed the report.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- 1.1. noted the ongoing structural investigations being undertaken for the Substructure and the Lido Feasibility report produced by Marshall & Kendon on concept ideas for the Superstructure;
- 1.2. agreed that officers undertake public consultation with the local community and stakeholders to help shape the Council's approach for protecting and renovating the facility, including exploring how this could be funded; and
- 1.3. requested that a further report be presented to the Committee providing the following:
 - Key findings from the Mott Macdonald and Historic England workstreams
 - Results from the public consultation
 - Financial Strategy
 - Proposed Next Steps

JSC/102/21-22 Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council

The report set out a motion (attached as Appendix 1) referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on the 22nd February 2022.

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

The Committee gave consideration as to whether this was something the Council should establish or whether it should be sector lead.

It was proposed and seconded that the motion be accepted.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee supported the motion and requested that a briefing note be provided to Members setting out how this issue work could be taken forward.

JSC/103/21-22 Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council

Councillor Jon Roser attended the meeting to present his motion.

The report set out a motion referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on the 22nd February 2022.

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

The Committee gave consideration to exploring the impact that Fairtrade Town status had had on the town since 2005. Members wanted to establish what the cost implications were and to ensure that the Fairtrade consideration was not to the exclusion of all others and was inclusive and considered in the round.

It was suggested that a report be brought back to the Committee on this matter in due course and in addition, that the issue be raised through the TCI Working Group.

It was proposed and seconded that the motion be accepted.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee supported the motion and requested that a report be brought back to the Committee setting out how this issue work could be taken forward.

JSC/104/21-22 Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council

Councillor Cathy Glynn-Davies attended the meeting to present her motion.

The report set out a motion referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on the 22nd February 2022.

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

The Committee sought advice as to whether the Council could legally reject the rebate. Officers advised that the Council was not able to do this. It was also clarified that the £200 rebate from the Energy Companies was payable over 5 years, residents were not required to repay the £150 Council Tax rebate.

It was proposed and seconded that the motion be rejected.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee rejected the motion.

JSC/105/21-22 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 22nd February 2022.

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

Councillor Edward Crouch presented his motion acknowledging that both Councillor Hazel Thorpe and Councillor Helen Silman had assisted him with the drafting of the motion which had cross party support.

It was proposed and seconded that the motion be accepted.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee accepted the motion and requested that a report be brought back to the Committee setting out options to enable a scheme to be adopted and amendments made to the relevant local planning policy document(s).

C. 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)

**Councillor Kevin Jenkins
Leader of the Council**

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Ward(s) Affected: All

Motion on Notice

Report by the Interim Director for Communities

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Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Vicki Wells 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. 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 Vicki Wells, (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.

Glyphosate-Free Worthing

1. This Council recognises the biodiversity decline in species of pollinating insects including bees, wasps, hover flies, moths, butterflies and beetles due to the destruction of natural habitats. Pollinating insects are the 'key workers' that ensure the successful fertilisation of flowering plants. This Council acknowledges that over 40 vascular plant species including flowering plants, formerly recorded in Sussex have become extinct in the last 60 years.
2. This Council acknowledges that glyphosate based herbicides and pesticides have been traditionally used to maintain Worthing's green, open public spaces including parks and bowling greens and on hard standing areas including the Promenade.
3. Glyphosate-based pesticides and herbicides have a devastating impact on both flora and fauna and are associated with several forms of cancer and have been banned or restricted in many countries including France, Denmark and The Netherlands. This Council agrees that Worthing's green, open spaces need to be safe for children, pets and patrons and places that enhance biodiversity.
4. Over 80 local authorities across the UK have phased-out or put measures in place to phase out toxic pesticide use. Other local authorities have unanimously passed a Motion to phase out the use of glyphosate and have adopted non-chemical alternatives.
5. This Council calls on the administration to set out a plan to employ safe and environmentally friendly alternatives and phase out the use of glyphosate and other synthetic herbicides and pesticides in all parks, public green spaces and hard standing areas within the next 18 months.

References

<https://www.iarc.who.int/featured-news/media-centre-iarc-news-glyphosate/>

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/insect-pollination.html>

<https://www.pan-uk.org/alternatives-to-herbicides-a-new-guide/>

Proposer:- Councillor Vicki Wells
Seconder:- Councillor Martin McCabe