



ADUR DISTRICT  
**C O U N C I L**

**28 October 2021**



**Adur Council Meeting  
28 October 2021**

QE2 Room, Shoreham Centre

**7.00 pm**

**Agenda**

**20 October 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. 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 District except no questions may be asked on

- 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 minute; questions will be taken in order of receipt. The deadline for submissions is Tuesday 26 October 2021 at 12 noon.

Questions to be submitted to [democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk)

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Interim Director for Communities:  
Tina Favier  
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#### **4. Confirmation of Minutes**

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council on 22 July 2021, copies of which have been previously circulated.

#### **5. Announcements by the Chairman, Leader of the Council, Executive Members and / or Head of Paid Service**

#### **6. Items raised under urgency provisions**

To consider any items the Chairman has agreed are urgent

#### **7. Recommendations from the Executive and Committees to Council (Pages 1 - 8)**

To consider recommendations to the Council, details of which are set out in the attached items as 7a to 7c. Full reports are available on the website as listed below:

	<b>Executive/Committee</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Item</b>
7 a	Joint Governance Committee	29.07.21	<a href="#">Joint Governance Committee Appointments: Parish Councillors</a>
7 b	Joint Strategic Committee	07.10.21	<a href="#">Towards a Safer Adur and Worthing- Introducing the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership Strategy (2021-2024)</a>
7 c	Joint Senior Staff Committee	08.10.21	<a href="#">Appointment of the Chief Executive for Adur District and Worthing Borough Councils</a>

#### **8. Report of the Leader on decisions taken by the Executive (Pages 9 - 20)**

To receive a report from the Leader. The report contains executive decisions since the last Council meeting.

There is up to 15 minutes for Executive Members to make any statements on the report.

There is up to 15 minutes for Executive Members to respond to questions on the report; these questions will not be the same as any asked under 'Members Questions under Council Procedure Rule 12'

#### **9. Members question time under Council Procedure Rule 12**

Members question time will last up to 30 minutes, questions will be taken in order of receipt, in rotation from each political group on the Council. The deadline for submission of questions is Tuesday 26 October at 12 noon. Questions to be submitted to [democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk](mailto:democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk)

Questions received can be asked of the following:

- a) The Chairman
- b) A Member of the Executive
- c) The Chairman of any Committee
- d) The Councils representative on any outside body

Questions cannot be asked on the following

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

**10. Approval of Adur Memorial Recreation Ground and Southwick Green's annual accounts and annual report (Pages 21 - 34)**

To consider a report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources, copy attached as item 10

**11. Notice on Motion 1 (Pages 35 - 40)**

To consider a report by the Interim Director for Communities, copy attached as item 11

**12. Notice on Motion 2 (Pages 41 - 44)**

To consider a report by the Interim Director for Communities, copy attached as item 12

**13. Notice on Motion 3 (Pages 45 - 50)**

To consider a report by the Interim Director for Communities, copy attached as item 13

Tina Favier  
Interim Director for Communities

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## **Recommendations from Executive and Committees**

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**Extract from the minutes of the Joint Governance Committee - 29 July 2021**

**JGC/017/21-22 Joint Governance Committee Appointments: Parish Councillors**

The report advised the Committee of the nominations from Lancing Parish Council and Sompting Parish Council for Parish representatives to be appointed to the Joint Governance Committee as co-opted Members in accordance with the Constitution.

The recommendations were proposed by Cllr Kevin Boram, seconded by Cllr Rob Wilkinson and supported by the Committee.

**Resolved**

That the Joint Governance Committee

- I. noted the nomination from Lancing Parish Council of the appointment of Cllr Mike Mendoza as a Co-opted Member of the Joint Governance Committee for 21/22 and **recommended the appointment to Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council;**
- II. noted the nomination from Sompting Parish Council of the appointment of Cllr Liz Haywood as a Co-opted Member of the Joint Governance Committee for 21/22 and **recommended the appointment to Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council.**

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**Extract from the minutes of the Joint Strategic Committee - 7 October 2021**

**JSC/044/21-22      Towards a Safer Adur and Worthing- Introducing the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership Strategy (2021-2024)**

Before the Committee was a report by the Interim Director for Communities, 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 5.

The report presented the new Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership Strategy 2021-2024 which set out how the Councils would work together to improve safety and feelings of safety for all who live, work and visit Adur and Worthing.

Adur and Worthing Councils had a dual role in the Safer Communities Partnership, as lead partner in facilitating and monitoring partnership activity but also through maximising opportunities to embed community safety priorities through service delivery, contracts and commissioned projects. Through relationships and interactions with the community, the councils were also ideally placed to identify opportunities to take an early intervention approach in preventing harm.

The Committee noted that whilst the lead for many of the work streams would sit with partner agencies, Adur and Worthing Councils needed to ensure they were also embedded across all of the councils services, if the Councils were to play their part in the systems change required to ensure safer lives for communities in Adur and Worthing.

The Committee was advised that an updated version of the strategy (including the foreword) had been added to the website and circulated in advance of the meeting. In addition, the recommendations had been revised as follows:-

- to note the strategy was led by the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership and the Councils role was as a lead partner of this strategy;
- to consider and endorse the content of this Strategy, recommending its approval to both Adur and Worthing Full Councils.

Members discussed the consultation process, the use of social media as a consultation toolkit and how the strategy linked with other strategies such as Health and Open Spaces.

The amended recommendations were proposed by Councillor Sean McDonald, seconded by Councillor Emma Evans and unanimously supported.

## **Decision**

The Joint Strategic Committee

- noted the strategy was led by the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership and the Councils role was as a lead partner of this strategy;
- considered and endorsed the content of this Strategy, recommending its approval to both **Adur** and Worthing **Full Councils**.

**Extract from the minutes of the Joint Senior Staff Committee - 8 October 2021**

**JSnSC/012/21-22 Appointment of the Chief Executive for Adur District and Worthing Borough Councils**

The Joint Senior Staff Committee was responsible for the recruitment of the Chief Executive (Head of Paid Service) and making recommendations to Full Councils on the appointment.

The Committee considered an exempt information report from SOLACE on the recruitment process for the Chief Executive. Three candidates had been put forward for interview by the Committee.

Cllr Daniel Humphreys (Chairman) proposed that Adur and Worthing Councils be recommended to appoint Dr Catherine Howe as Chief Executive, Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Rebecca Cooper and was unanimously agreed by the Committee.

**RESOLVED,**

That Adur and Worthing Councils be recommended to approve the appointment of Dr Catherine Howe as the Chief Executive of Adur and Worthing Councils on the following terms and conditions

- I. The JNC (Joint Negotiating Committee) conditions of service for Chief Executives will apply;
- II. The salary will be £134,000 plus Returning Officer fees;
- III. The appointed person shall be the Councils' Head of Paid Service, Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer; and
- IV. In line with the Councils' employment policies, the post attracts casual user allowance and membership of SOLACE.

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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 despatch 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**

REG/003/21-22	Sustainability Checklist
JAW/007/21-22	Renewal of Flowbird Maintenance Contract

##### **Executive Member for Resources**

JAW/004/21-22	Voluntary Redundancy
JAW/005/21-22	Award of Contract - Network Refresh Project
JAW/006/21-22	Apprenticeship Training Contract
JAW/008/21-22	Letting of construction contract for refurbishment works at Worthing Town Hall and Portland House, Worthing in relation to the Workspaces AW project
JAW/009/21-22	Cannon House Refurbishment

##### **Executive Member for Customer Services**

##### **Executive Member for the Environment**

##### **Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing**

### **B. Decisions Taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 7 September 2021**

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

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

### **JSC/33/21-22      1st Quarter Revenue Monitoring Report 2021/22**

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 to the Revenue Budget approved by both Councils in February. Whilst the 'spend to date' would be the position as at the 30th June 2021, the forecast position would reflect the latest information available to ensure an up-to-date forecast is presented.

As at quarter 1, the current projection for the 2021/22 financial year was net operational budget overspends of £58,000 in Adur and £762,000 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 underspends of £101,000 in Adur and £7,000 in Worthing. A breakdown of these figures was set out in section 4.4 of the report.

A member sought clarification as to how the increased pressure on housing , an increase in caseload of 3 per month, would be monitored. Officers advised that current modelling identified an expected increase in pressure on housing resulting from the impact of the end of furlough and the abolition of section 21 notices once the 4 month period expired in September. Officers confirmed that the modelling would be reviewed regularly throughout the year.

The recommendation was proposed by Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes, seconded by Councillor Neil Parkin and unanimously supported.

### **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 (Appendix 1b and 2b).

### **JSC/034/21-22      1st Quarter Capital Investment Programme & Projects Monitoring 2021/22**

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

A member highlighted the procurement of an irrigation system at Lancing Manor Bowls Club and sought clarification in relation to the virement of budgets between projects. Officers informed Members that it was possible to vire from one budget to another as long as the correct approvals were in place. It was also noted that Adur Council was working closely with the allotments society to identify a whole series of improvements that can be made. However, with time a factor in this spend, it was



important to make sure that monies were spent appropriately within a suitable time period. It was therefore felt, that within the broad parameter of open spaces improvements, that the next available scheme was the Lancing Manor Bowls Club. This didn't mean that the Council won't be spending in relation to the allotments society but would be working up a plan with them which would be subject to subsequent expenditure.

Clarification was sought in relation to the proposed equipment replacement in the Grafton Car Park and the Hammer Cage replacement for South Downs Leisure (SDL). Officers advised that the Hammer Cage replacement was under the jurisdiction of the Worthing Harriers Athletics Club. The land was leased to SDL who in turn allowed Worthing Harriers Athletics Club to use this space. The use of the cage for hammer and discus throwing needed to be overseen by properly trained coaches which the athletics club was able to provide and manage. In respect of the replacement of equipment in the Grafton Car Park, the key was Health & Safety and ensuring that the car park was safe for the public to use.

The Executive Member for Regeneration acknowledged that the Worthing Rotunda Refurbishment, outlined in para 7.3.3 of the report, was required and that a solution was needed for this work. However, he was disappointed with the proposal to use the Worthing Parades Improvement Budget to fund this work as the Council had given a commitment in 2020 to improve Worthing's neighbourhood parades. As a result, the Council had drawn down 2 years of money to complete that work with the first phase taking forward the 4 parades at Broadwater, Findon, Goring and out to the Strand. It had always been the intention for there to be a second phase and he did not feel it was the right time to divert funds from the project.

Therefore, it was proposed by Cllr Jenkins and seconded by Cllr Humphreys that the Committee did not approve the refurbishment of the Worthing Rotunda funded from the underspend in the Worthing Parades Improvements Budget as set out in recommendation b(iii) of the report and that funding for the Rotunda Refurbishment Work be sought from elsewhere. The amendment was supported unanimously by the Committee.

The Committee also requested that a wider review of funding for community facilities be undertaken. Officers agreed to review the returns on investment and report back to a future meeting.

The recommendations, as amended, were unanimously supported.

## **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) noted the addition of the Lancing Manor Bowling procurement of an irrigation system to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.2.3.
- iii) noted the S106 receipt of £17,450 for the improvement of the Southlands Hospital Play Area and the addition to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme of the improvement works as advised in paragraph 7.2.4.
- iv) approved the replacement of the Transport Workshop HGV vehicle lift replacements funded from underspends in the Street Cleansing Vehicle Replacement Budget, and the addition of the scheme to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.1.1.
- v) approved the replacement of the Transport Fleet Management System funded from the budget a replacement Bereavement Services Vehicle and the addition of the project to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.1.2.
- vi) noted the bringing forward of the budget for the Lancing Manor Leisure Centre Car Park access reconstruction and security improvements to 2021/22 as detailed in paragraph 7.4.1.
- vii) noted the revised decarbonisation programme and approved the release of up to £118,050 funding from the Capacity Issues Reserve to address the financial pressures within the decarbonisation scheme as outlined in paragraph 4.2.1.
- viii) approved the additional funding of £50,000 for the Southwick Football Club to be used as match funding for the demolition of the existing buildings to enable the new tenant to redevelop the site as outlined in paragraph 7.2.5.

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

- i) noted the reprofiling of the Worthing Borough Council capital schemes as advised in paragraphs 7.3.1 and Appendix 4.
- ii) approved the replacement of Grafton MSCP essential payment equipment and entry / exit barriers funded from underspends in the High Street and Buckingham Road MSCP equipment replacements, and the addition of the project to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.3.2.
- iii) noted the addition of the Church House Grounds Bowling Green procurement of an irrigation system to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.3.4.
- iv) approved the replacement of the Worthing Leisure Centre Hammer / Throws Cage funded from the Play Area Equipment Budget, and the addition of scheme to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.3.5.
- v) approved the replacement of the Transport Workshop HGV vehicle lift replacements funded from underspends in the Street Cleansing Vehicle Replacement Budget, and the addition of the scheme to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.1.1.
- vi) approved the replacement of the Transport Fleet Management System funded

from the budget a replacement Bereavement Services Vehicle and the addition of the project to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.1.2.

- vii) noted the bringing forward of the budgets for the Broadwater Parish Rooms replacement electrics and heating system to 2021/22 as detailed in paragraph 7.4.2.

### **JSC/035/21-22      Annual Treasury Management Report 2020-21 for Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council**

This report asked Members to note the Treasury Management performance for Adur and Worthing Councils for 2020/21 as required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003.

It was noted that the Joint Governance Committee had received the report, prior to it being brought to the Joint Strategic Committee, where it had been reviewed in depth.

#### **Decision**

The Joint Strategic Committee noted the annual report.

### **JSC/036/21-22      HealthyAW: Developing the new Health & Wellbeing Strategy (2021-2024)**

The report presented 'HealthyAW 2021-2024', which set the Council's focus for health and wellbeing in Adur and Worthing and the Councils' ambition for thriving communities and places. This built upon the previous Public Health Strategy 2018 - 2021 and was set for two and a half years to be aligned to the overarching West Sussex County Council's Health and Wellbeing Strategy.

Adur and Worthing Councils had played an important leadership role in health and wellbeing for many years, using its influence with its partners and its work with communities and businesses to affect change. It formed a key commitment to be creative and bold to create more thriving communities and places.

The District and Borough Councils held key responsibilities and opportunities with regards to public health, with respect to provision of housing, public realm and green spaces and furthermore the work on the Climate Emergency. The Councils' Thrive platforms were a key element of their work on wellbeing. More generally the Councils' roles as leaders of place meant that they could and should be putting the wellbeing of their communities at the heart of what they do.

This strategy had been written to reflect some of the national and local challenges the Councils faced, and built on the learning from COVID-19. It was a post-pandemic strategy for health and wellbeing and aimed to build greater fairness into its work, to double down on inequalities and ensure that whilst it was working

with all of its communities it was working more with those that had been hardest hit. Importantly it built on the community spirit and action that the Councils had seen in communities and sought to amplify this through more participatory approaches.

HealthyAW built on and around the ambitions in Platforms for our Places, by creating the conditions for people to thrive. It had been shaped by national and local data around health, and the communities response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The strategy set out some key principles for how the Councils' wanted to do this work and proposed three high level ambitions for the broad direction of it, which had been shaped through engagement with partners, staff and communities:

- 1.1. To improve health and wellbeing for all, focusing mostly on our communities with the poorest health and wellbeing**
- 1.2 To create places, spaces and environments that promote and enable good health and wellbeing**
- 1.3 To promote stronger community resilience in our communities and our workforce**

The adoption of the strategy would provide the focus for the Councils' efforts for the next two and half years. The details for this work would be set out in a delivery plan to be shaped in the Autumn.

Members welcomed the proposed strategy and looked forward to receiving the delivery plan at the JSC meeting in November 2021.

The Committee also wished to place on record its thanks to Councillor Simmons for all his work on the Health & Wellbeing portfolio and for his work supporting Councillor Boram into his role as portfolio holder.

## **Decision**

The Joint Strategic Committee

- i) considered and approved the adoption of *HealthyAW* as the Councils Health & Wellbeing Strategy for 2021-2024; and
- ii) noted the development of a delivery plan to be developed in Autumn 2021.

## **JSC/037/21-22      Recommissioning of advice provision**

Generalist advice was an important service that was provided across West Sussex. The current contract for this work was held and delivered by Citizens Advice and included work around optimising benefit claims for the Councils' communities and a free drop in advice service for its communities in locations in Adur and Worthing.

The service had provided a vital response to the ongoing impacts of the COVID pandemic, where increasing numbers of local residents were facing challenges in relation to insecure housing, financial sustainability and accessing appropriate support. All of which made the work of an advice service even more necessary for the next contracting period. During the current contract, Citizens Advice had also secured additional funding sources for specific projects to bolster their core programme, including work around housing support and Covid related champions.

This work formed an important part of AWC's 'Platforms', and to the Councils' pandemic response and recovery plans to support its most vulnerable communities in relation to advice, and financial capability work as evidenced in the JSC report 'Proactive interventions to support local income residents' (July 2021).

The report included key data from the service to demonstrate its reach and impact. In addition, work was also being carried out across the Councils' departments to ensure this service was aligned to the changing needs of its communities now and into the future as a result of the pandemic, ensuring a good reach across all the Councils' communities and especially to those experiencing poverty and hardship, and inequality.

The current contract for this service was due to expire in April 2022, after a period of three years. Discussions were being held with WSCC about the reprocurement of this work.

Members of the Joint Strategic Committee were asked to consider and approve arrangements for West Sussex County Council to procure a generalist community advice and support service on behalf of the County Council and all other District and Borough Councils in West Sussex from April 2022.

## **Decision**

The Joint Strategic Committee

1. Endorsed a new contract for Citizens Advice on the basis of a 3+3+1 year agreement; and
2. Supported the proposed allocation of funds of ADC £83,824 and WBC £79,829 per annum for the contract period 2021-2028.

### **c. Decisions Taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 7 October 2021**

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

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

## **JSC/045/21-22      Carbon Neutral 2030: Working towards the councils' carbon neutral target: progress update**

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

The report presented the second annual update on progress towards this target. When compared to the previous year, emissions from the councils' buildings and fleet reduced by 7.4%, including variations as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.

An update on current carbon reduction projects was presented and it was estimated that the councils would deliver projects to save 188 tonnes of carbon this year.

A new project for delivery in 2021/22 at Tollbridge House was presented. This replaced the previously approved project at Marsh House, which had had to be paused due to unforeseen costs.

A trajectory of future carbon emissions to 2030 was presented in Section 8 of the report. This used indicative pipeline projects to map a potential route to meeting the 2030 target, subject to viable business cases being developed.

Consideration was given to the increased costs associated with the Marsh House project, impacts associated with increased gas prices and further reduction of the Council's Carbon Footprint.

The recommendation was proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Angus Dunn and unanimously supported.

### **Decision**

The Joint Strategic Committee noted:

- the councils' current carbon emissions and carbon reduction work programme;
- the trajectory of future emissions reductions which aimed to ensure the councils meet their carbon neutral 2030 target; and
- that further funding bids might be made, in consultation with the relevant executive member, and that if required further reports would brief members on the outcome of the bidding process.

The Joint Strategic Committee approved:

- the publication of the carbon emissions report on the council website and the submission of these figures to external bodies where required by membership (e.g. UK100); and

- the changes to the carbon reduction work programme for 2021/22, specifically the replacement of the project at Marsh House with one at Tollbridge House.

The Joint Strategic Committee delegated authority to the Director of Digital, Sustainability & Resources for the negotiation and letting of any contracts associated with the Tollbridge House heat replacement project providing the cost was within the approved budget.

## **JSC/046/21-22      Southwick Estate Consultation**

The report updated members on the initial engagement with Southwick Estate residents to improve housing standards in the area.

The report sought agreement from the Joint Strategic Committee for continued engagement with residents and leaseholders and to conduct a full options appraisal to identify the best way forward for the estate.

Members sought clarification regarding the budget for this work and were advised that monies were to be released from reserves for this purpose, rather than being redirected from other projects.

The recommendations, as set out in the report, were proposed by Councillor Angus Dunn, seconded by Councillor Carson Albury and unanimously supported by the Committee.

### **Decision**

The Joint Strategic Committee:

- I. approved funding of £454,100 to conduct stages 2 and 3 of the engagement and options development work on the future of the estate funded from the new development and acquisition reserve;
- II. delegated authority to the Head of Major Projects & Investment to enter into any contracts necessary for the appointments above within the allocated budget; and
- III. noted that following stage 3, a further report would be presented to the Joint Strategic Committee to consider project progress and determine a preferred option.

## **JSC/047/21-22      Carbon Neutral 2030: Worthing Heat Network: progress update**

The report set out the progress made since March 2021 to deliver a flagship heat decarbonisation scheme in the centre of Worthing.

The proposal would enable 8 council-owned buildings, multiple other public sector buildings (WSCC, MoJ, NHS and Sussex Police) along with major development sites to switch to very low-carbon heat in a cost effective manner.

The report updated members that the funding application to the Heat Network Investment Programme (HNIP), submitted following the Joint Strategic Committee meeting in March, had been successful and that council had been awarded the following amounts:

- £950,000 grant funding for Commercialisation;
- £3.158m grant monies for Construction; plus
- £1.275m loan funding (at 0.01% interest) for construction.

Delegated authority had been given to the Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources to accept this funding in March 2021. Officers were currently working on finalising the Grant and Loan agreements ahead of officially accepting the award and drawing down the commercialisation funding.

The proposed next steps for this project were set out in the report with Members' continued endorsement being sought to the approach, ahead of a further report detailing the conclusion of the procurement process.

The recommendation was proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Kevin Jenkins and unanimously supported.

### **Decision**

The Joint Strategic Committee

1. noted the receipt of funding under a Grant Funding Agreement from HNIP, totalling £950,000 for the Commercialisation Phase of the Heat Network and, subject to Conditions set by HNIP being met during the Commercialisation phase, approved the further receipt of:
  - i. £3.158m grant monies for Construction; plus
  - ii. £1.275m loan funding (at 0.01% interest) for construction.
2. authorised the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources to enter into the HNIP Funding Agreements;
3. noted and endorsed the next steps for the Worthing Heat Network;



4. approved an amendment of the 2021/22 revenue budget by £950,000 to fund the commercialisation element of the project;
5. approved the amendment of the 2022/23 capital programme for a contribution of £4.433m towards the construction of a heat network;
6. authorised the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources to enter into any contracts for expenditure of HNIP funding to progress the two phases of the Heat Network delivery; and
7. requested that a further updating report be brought to the Committee prior to the commencement of the procurement process.

## **Local Government Act 1972**

### **Background papers**

Reports and Record of decisions of various are available on the Council's web site [www.adur-worthing.gov.uk](http://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk) or as indicated in each of the paragraphs above. Some of the reports may contain exempt information and not be fully published on the websites.

Councillor Neil Parkin  
Leader of the Council

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## ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Ward(s) Affected: All

### **Approval of Adur Memorial Recreation Ground and Southwick Green's annual accounts and annual report.**

#### **Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources**

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##### **Executive Summary**

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The report seeks approval for the 2020 Annual Accounts and Annual report of Adur Recreation Ground Trust.

#### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 The Council as Trustee of Adur Memorial Recreation Ground is recommended to approve the accounts of the Trust and the annual report of the Trustees.

#### **3. Context**

- 3.1. Adur Recreation Ground (charity number 271495) was gifted to Adur District Council by a Conveyance dated 11th August 1921. It was registered as a charity on 29th June 1976. Its charitable objects are:

“A recreation ground for use by the inhabitants of Shoreham by Sea”.

Adur District Council is the sole charity trustee.

- 3.2. Southwick Green was gifted to Adur District Council by a Conveyance dated 9th January 1902. It was registered as a Charity on 28th November 1984 under the name “The Green” (charity number 290683). Its charitable objects are:

“A recreational ground for the inhabitants of the said parish and district and for no other purpose”.

There is a Scheme in place in respect of The Green dated 13th February 1987.

Adur District Council is the sole charity trustee.

- 3.3. The Council maintains Adur recreation ground and Southwick Green on behalf of the Trusts which is shown within the Trusts’ accounts as a contribution in kind. The net cost of the maintenance is funded from within the Council's Parks and Open spaces budget.
- 3.4. Under the Scheme of Delegations for Officers the Council's Head of Environmental Services is authorised to act on behalf of Adur District Council as the sole charity Trustee of Adur Recreation Ground and Southwick Green in respect of all day-to-day management activities and administrative matters.
- 3.5. The financial returns are made to the Charity Commission on an annual basis detailing the contribution made to the charity by the Council. These accounts are now prepared on a simple receipts and payment basis. The Council on behalf of the Trusts and so a simple return has been provided annually to the Charities Commission on behalf of each Trust.
- 3.6. Under the revised governance arrangements approved by the Joint Governance Committee in 2019 the Council should also receive and approve the annual report of the activities of the Trust.

#### **4. Issues for consideration**

- 4.1. Attached at Appendix 1 is the Statement of Accounts and the Annual Report for Adur Recreation Ground Trust. The reports for Southwick Green can be found at Appendix 2. Members are asked to approve the Statement of Accounts and Annual Reports so that the annual returns can be submitted to the Charities Commission.

## **5. Engagement and Communication**

- 5.1. Officers and members of the Council have been consulted in the development of the report.

## **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1. The statement of accounts is included at Appendix 1 of the report.

Finance Officer: Sarah Gobey

Date: 13th October 2021

## **7. Legal Implications**

- 7.1. The report enables the Council to meet the approved governance arrangements regarding the trusts.

Legal Officer: Maria Memoli

Date: 19th October 2021

## **Background Papers**

- Governance Arrangements for Charitable Trusts in Adur and Worthing - Report to the Joint Governance Committee dated 26th November 2019.

## **Sustainability & Risk Assessment**

### **1. Economic**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **2. Social**

#### **2.1 Social Value**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

#### **2.2 Equality Issues**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

#### **2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

#### **2.4 Human Rights Issues**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **3. Environmental**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **4. Governance**

The approval of the annual accounts and report by the Trustees provides transparency around how the Council is managing the Trust.

**Annual Report of the Trustees of Adur Recreation Ground**  
**For the period 1st January 2020 - 31st December 2020**

Charity Name: Adur Recreation Ground

Charity Number: 271495

Charity's Principal Address: Adur District Council, % Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing, BN11 1HB

Charity Trustee: Adur District Council who has been the appointed trustee since 29th June 1976.

**1. Governance and management of the Trust:**

Adur Recreation Ground was gifted to Adur District Council by a Conveyance dated 11th August 1921. It was registered as a charity on 29th June 1976. Its charitable objects are:

“A recreation ground for use by the inhabitants of Shoreham by Sea”.

Adur District Council is the sole charity trustee however under the Council's constitution, the Joint Governance Committee is authorised to act on behalf of the Council as a trustee. This authority is limited to matters which do not require the Charity Commissioner's consent or where any formal notification to the Charity Commission may be required. In such circumstances a full report would need to be made to all Elected Members for a decision.

An annual report is also brought to all Members on the activities of the Charity and the Council in its capacity as the sole charity trustee.

In respect of the day-to-day management of the charity, these be delegated to the relevant Head of Service through the Officer Scheme of Delegations. Currently this is the Head of Environmental Services.

Any changes to the governance arrangements will require the full consent of the Council.

**2. Objectives and Activities**

Adur recreation ground is provided for use by the inhabitants of Shoreham by Sea.

To ensure that this objective is met, the Council ensures that the space is properly maintained for the benefit of the public. Within the park the following facilities may be found:

- Smaller children's play equipment for ages 2 -6;
- Older children's play equipment for 6 years and older;
- Adur Model Car Club

Adur Recreation Ground is well known locally for its popular Car Boot Sales held during the Spring and Summer season (April to September). In addition the site is also used to host circuses and fun fairs for the enjoyment of local residents.

### 3. Highlights for 2020

The pandemic affected the range of activities that could be held in the park, consequently there were few large scale events held within the park throughout 2020

### 4. Financial review

The cost of all maintenance and improvements to the recreation ground is fully funded by Adur District Council. The charity itself holds no funds.

Consequently there is no need for the charity to hold any reserves as the Council both employs staff to maintain the park and has assumed responsibility for the day to day administration of the area and nearby facilities.

In 2020 the Council spent the following amounts maintaining the park which was offset by income generated from car boot sales and other events. Unusually, the Council also received £45,000 easement payment and so the maintenance costs were fully funded in this year. The surplus funds will be held by the Council to fund future maintenance of the park.

#### Net expenditure and income incurred by Adur District Council in 2020:

	£
Expenditure	
Grounds Maintenance	19,530
Cleaving	4,940
Other expenditure	8,870
Total expenditure	<u>33,340</u>
Income	
Hire of ground	- 2,570
Easement	- 45,000
Total income	<u>-47,570</u>
Net income held on behalf of the Trust	<u>-14,230</u>



## **5. Declaration**

The report was considered by the Council as Trustee at its meeting of the 28th October 2021 where the annual accounts and report were approved by the members of the Council.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Councillor Stephen Chipp  
Chairman of Adur District Council

Date: 28th October 2021

## Adur Recreation Ground

### Statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	
	2020 £	2019 £
Receipts	0	0
Payments	0	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	0	0
Cash funds brought forward	0	0
Cash Funds carried forward	0	0

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash Funds	0	0
Other monetary assets Debtor - Adur District Council	14,230	0
Assets retained for the charity's own use Adur Recreation Ground	0	0

#### Notes to the accounts:

Adur District Council fully funds the maintenance of and any improvements to the recreation ground for the benefit of local residents.

The Council keeps any income generated from the site via the hire of facilities to offset any maintenance and management costs. If in any given year there is a surplus of income, this is retained to fund future maintenance costs. In the past two years the Council has supported the Trust as follows:

Adur District Council's Contribution in Kind:

	2020 £	2019 £
Expenditure	33,340	30,310
Less: Income	-47,570	-7,330
Contribution in kind / Funds held for future maintenance (-)	-14,230	22,890

**Annual Report of the Trustees of Southwick Green (“the Green”)**  
**For the period 1st January 2020 - 31st December 2020**

Charity Name: The Green

Charity Number: 290683

Charity’s Principal Address: Adur District Council, % Town Hall, Chapel Road, Worthing, BN11 1HB

Charity Trustee: Adur District Council who has been the appointed trustee since 28th November 1984.

**1. Governance and management of the Trust:**

Southwick Green was gifted to Adur District Council by a Conveyance dated 9th January 1902. It was registered as a Charity on 28th November 1984 under the name “The Green” (charity number 290683). Its charitable objects are:

“A recreational ground for the inhabitants of the said parish and district and for no other purpose”.

Adur District Council is the sole charity trustee however under the Council’s constitution, the Joint Governance Committee is authorised to act on behalf of the Council as a trustee. This authority is limited to matters which do not require the Charity Commissioner’s consent or where any formal notification to the Charity Commission may be required. In such circumstances a full report would need to be made to all Elected Members for a decision.

An annual report is also brought to all Members on the activities of the Charity and the Council in its capacity as the sole charity trustee.

In respect of the day-to-day management of the charity, these be delegated to the relevant Head of Service through the Officer Scheme of Delegations. Currently this is the Head of Environmental Services.

Any changes to the governance arrangements will require the full consent of the Council.

## **2. Objectives and Activities**

The Green is provided for use by the inhabitants of Southwick.

To ensure that this objective is met, the Council ensures that the space is properly maintained for the benefit of the public. Within the park the following facilities may be found:

- Smaller children's play equipment for ages 2 -6;
- Older children's play equipment for 6 years and older;

The Green operates as a community open space with north and south greens. A new playground was installed by Adur District Council in Spring 2015 and cost £84,000. Built with a maritime theme by Kompan, the Scandinavian play company, it features a large wooden pirate ship designed to develop co-operative play, together with picnic benches and a water fountain. The Southwick Green Community Group also installed a flock of wooden sheep to complete the scheme.

The south green is used by the local cricket team, the changing rooms are situated on the other side of the road.

The north green is used for community events and for the annual Southwick fair.

The south-east corner of Southwick Green is also the site of a local War Memorial.

## **3. Highlights for 2020**

The pandemic affected the range of activities that could be held in the park, consequently there were few large scale events held within the park throughout 2020

## **4. Financial review**

The cost of all maintenance and improvements to the recreation ground is fully funded by Adur District Council. The charity itself holds no funds.

Consequently there is no need for the charity to hold any reserves as the Council both employs staff to maintain the park and has assumed responsibility for the day to day administration of the area and nearby facilities.

In 2020 the Council spent the following amounts maintaining the park.

### **Expenditure incurred by Adur District Council in 2020:**

	£
Expenditure	
Grounds Maintenance	10,130
Cleansing	2,710
Other expenditure	3,620
Total expenditure	<u>16,460</u>

### **5. Declaration**

The report was considered by the Council as Trustee at its meeting of the 28th October 2021 where the annual accounts and report were approved by the members of the Council.

Signed on behalf of the Trustees:

Councillor Stephen Chipp  
Chairman of Adur District Council

Date: 28th October 2021

## The Green

### Statement of receipts and payments for the year ended 31st December 2020

	Unrestricted funds	
	2020 £	2019 £
Receipts	0	0
Payments	0	0
Net of receipts/(payments)	0	0
Cash funds brought forward	0	0
Cash Funds carried forward	0	0

### Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st December 2020

	2020 £	2019 £
Cash Funds	0	0
Other monetary assets	0	0
Assets retained for the charity's own use		
Southwick Green	0	0

#### Notes to the accounts:

Adur District Council fully funds the maintenance of and any improvements to the recreation ground for the benefit of local residents.

In the past two years the Council has supported the Trust as follows:

Adur District Council's Contribution in Kind:

	2020 £	2019 £
Expenditure	16,460	15,570

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## ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council  
28 October 2021

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

### Motions on Notice 1

### Report by the Director for Communities

### Executive Summary

#### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Gabe Crisp
- 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 Gabe Crisp, (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 District.

- 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 contains part of the subject matter that is within the remit of Joint Strategic Committee as defined in para 14.4.1 and 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules. The motion includes a proposal for the Council to take any substantive action (Para 14.4.4). 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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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## **Annex A**

### **Motion - A Partnership between Local Government and National Government to tackle Climate Change**

#### **Background**

In 2018, at COP24, the UK Government signed up to having ‘domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities’ so localities can play their part in delivering the UKs ‘Nationally Determined Contributions’ in the Paris Climate Agreement.

In July 2019 Adur District Council declared a Climate Emergency

In July 2021 the Sustainable AW 2021-23 plan was presented which states that: *To address the Climate Emergency, greater collaboration on climate action is proposed through enhanced engagement with community, business and public sector partners; developing joint ownership of a refined SustainableAW plan; and creating clearer methods of joint working.*

In May 2021 Alok Sharma MP, President of COP26 said Collaboration would be a key objective of the climate summit

*"Governments, business and civil society (sometimes called ‘non-state actors’ and including local government) need to work together to transform the ways we power our homes and businesses, grow our food, develop infrastructure and move ourselves and goods around"*

Despite these agreements and statements there is still no formal relationship allowing a joint partnership working between Local and National Government on climate action.

#### **This Council notes that**

- there has been a substantial shift in public opinion on the Climate Emergency and Biodiversity crisis during the last 3 years since COP24
- public opinion is strongly in favour of bold and decisive action at local, national and international level on the Climate Emergency
- this country is hosting COP26, the last chance to introduce the necessary substantial measures to halt global warming below 1.5 degrees C.

#### **This Council resolves to**

- in this year of COP26 add our voice to calls by the Local Government Association and the Association of Directors of Environment, Economy, Planning and Transport & others for a joint local & national government Task Force to plan action to reach ‘net zero’ emissions. Such a partnership can set appropriate regulations, benchmarks and targets and create the much needed long-term funding mechanisms to enable local communities and economies to decarbonise whilst remaining resilient and sustainable.

- write to Alok Sharma MP, President for COP26 , the Prime Minister and the Leadership Board of the LGA informing them of our support for a joint Local/National Government Climate Change Partnership Taskforce and asking for one to be established as soon as possible.

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## ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council  
28 October 2021

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

### Motions on Notice 2

### Report by the Director for Communities

### Executive Summary

#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Lee Cowen, Seconded by Councillor Debs Stainforth
- 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 Lee Cowen, (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 District.

- 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 contains part of the subject matter that is within the remit of Joint Strategic Committee as defined in para 14.4.1 and 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules. The motion includes a proposal for the Council to take any substantive action (Para 14.4.4). 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 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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## **Annex A**

### **Universal Credit motion**

4,912 people (and their families) in Adur have received the news that their Universal Credit will be cut by £20 a week, equating to £1040 per annum. People affected are not just those on out of work benefits but also people on low income and those on working tax credits. 45% of our claimants are already in work.

Many families have lost their jobs due to Covid and were forced to take poorer paid jobs through no fault of their own. We are seeing the use of foodbanks increase due to the rocketing supermarket and energy prices and charities warn it will push more families into poverty.

Business leaders say it will make it harder for local businesses to recover from losses during the pandemic because UC claimants will have even less to spend. Furthermore, there are plans to restart the migration to UC from legacy benefits which will reduce incomes for another group of vulnerable people.

This Council recognises the damaging impact of the cuts to Universal Credit and resolves to write to both Tim Loughton MP and the chancellor Rishi Sunak calling on them to reinstate the payments and by doing so show our support for families and local businesses who are facing hardship this winter.



## ADUR DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council  
28 October 2021

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

### Motions on Notice 3

### Report by the Director for Communities

### Executive Summary

#### 1. Purpose

- 1.1 The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Catherine Arnold and seconded by Councillor Jeremy Gardner
- 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 Catherine Arnold, (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 District.

- 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 contains part of the subject matter that is within the remit of Joint Strategic Committee as defined in para 14.4.1 and 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules. The motion includes a proposal for the Council to take substantive action (Para 14.4.4). 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.
- 3.5 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.
- 3.6 Where a motion has been referred by Full Council to the Joint Strategic Committee, the mover, or the seconder in the absence of the mover, shall be entitled to attend the relevant meeting and explain the motion.

#### **4. Issues for consideration**

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

#### **5. Financial Implications**

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

#### **6. Legal Implications**

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

### **Background Papers**

None

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This Council notes that

This summer Southern Water (SW) was fined a record £90m for deliberately dumping between 16 billion and 21 billion litres of raw sewage into the seas and rivers of Kent, Hampshire and Sussex (including Chichester Harbour) between 2010 and 2015

The judge summed up “each of the 51 offences seen in isolation shows a shocking and wholesale disregard for the environment, for the precious and delicate ecosystems along the North Kent and Solent coastlines, for human health, and for the fisheries and other legitimate businesses that depend on the vitality of the coastal waters”

This criminal activity has put the health of residents and visitors to Adur and Worthing at risk through the contamination of the seas of the Sussex coastline and contamination of local sea food, damaged the reputation of local beaches and the local environment and threatens local businesses, particularly the Shoreham Port Authority and anyone involved with the harvesting of sea food.

Just days after the £90m fine Peacehaven treatment works carried out an “emergency arrangements release” of raw sewage into the sea after a build up of disposable items. Let us also not forget of late, the forced closure of beaches from Lancing to Ferring for six days.

Furthermore, raw sewage threatens the council's seabed lease initiative to boost marine conservation and to help in the council's bid towards carbon neutrality by 2030.

The water industry has accumulated debts of £48billion since 1989 which cost £1.3billion in annual interest. In that time the industry has paid £57billion in shareholder dividends, while customer bills have increased by 40% above inflation.

It further notes that

A number of incidents have taken place during the summer along the Adur and Worthing coast involving the release of raw sewage which emphasise the need for urgent investment in the area's wastewater treatment facilities.

The Council resolves to:

Write to the Chief Executive and Director of the Environment at SW insisting that they meet with the Council to account for the impact of SW's behaviour on local communities, to give a clear picture of the current inadequacies of the waste water infrastructure servicing in West Sussex and to lay out their plans for how they will remedy the situation...demanding that Southern Water make the investment needed to:

- ensure that local water treatment works are functioning legally and safely and that our rivers, streams and shoreline are not affected by serious pollution incidents in the future
- improve the capacity and effectiveness of the local waste water infrastructure so that sewage is not discharged into the River Adur and the sea

Write to local MP's and the Department of the Environment asking for:

- The Environment Agency be given more power and resources to fine water companies, acting as an incentive to radically invest in their water treatment plants
- That fine income be used to support improvements in the regulatory arrangements for water companies and to provide compensation to local authorities and local businesses that have suffered from the criminal activities of SW.
- That the current management arrangements for the water industry are revised so that private companies like SW cannot secretly pursue criminal activities over many years in order to avoid financial penalties and the cost of upgrading infrastructure.

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