



WORTHING BOROUGH
C O U N C I L

18 February 2020

**Worthing Council Meeting
18 February 2020**

Council Chamber
Town Hall, Chapel Road,
Worthing

6.30 pm

Agenda

10 February 2020

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

Part A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Members and Officers must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in relation to any business on the agenda. Declarations should also be made at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting.

If in doubt contact the Legal or Democratic Services representative for this meeting.

3. Confirmation of Minutes

To approve the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2019 and the Special Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17 December 2019, copies of which have been previously circulated.

Copies are available to view at [Council Minutes](#) & [Special Council Minutes](#)

4. Questions from the Public

To receive any questions from members of the public addressed to Member of the Executive in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11. There is up to 5 minutes for each question, one supplementary question may be asked arising from the original question.

Director for Communities:
Mary D'Arcy
Adur & Worthing Councils,
Town Hall, Chapel Road,
Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1HA

Questions must relate to any matter the Council has power or which affects the Borough, except no questions may be asked in relation to

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

Public question time will last up to 30 minutes; questions will be taken in the order of receipt. The deadline for submission of questions is **Friday 14 February 2020 at 12 noon**.

Questions to be submitted to democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk

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

6. Items raised under Urgency Provisions

To consider any items the Mayor has agreed are urgent.

7. Recommendations from the Executive and Committees to Council (Pages 1 - 18)

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

	Executive / Committee	Date	Item
A	Joint Strategic Committee	14 January 2020	i) JSC/079/19-20 Council Tax Support Schemes for 2020/21 ii) JSC/080/19-20 Council Tax “long term empty” premium and discounts
B	Joint Governance Committee	28 January 2020	i) JGC/059/19-20 Review of the Code of Conduct for Members
C	Worthing Executive	3 February 2020	i) Budget Estimates 2020/21 and Setting of 2020/21 Council Tax
D	Joint Strategic Committee	11 February 2020	i) Delivering our Housing Strategy - Adur and Worthing Councils’ Housing Allocations Policies ii) Joint Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23, Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council

8. Council Tax 2020/21

To consider and set the Council Tax for 2020/21.

A separate budget pack, produced by the Director for Digital and Resources, shall be circulated as items 8(a) and 8(b), and the recommendation from Worthing Executive, at item 7C(i), will also be considered as part of this item.

9. Report of the Leader on Decisions taken by the Executive (Pages 19 - 22)

To receive a report from the Leader as item 9. The report contains decisions taken by the Executive, Executive Members and the Joint Strategic Committee since the last Council meeting.

There will be up to 15 minutes for Executive Members to make any statements on the report. There will also be up to 15 minutes for Executive Members to respond to questions on the report. These questions will not be the same as any to be asked under Item 11.

(**Note:** Papers relating to items under 7 and 9 have been previously circulated and can be viewed here on the Council's website

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

10. Schedule of Meetings 2020/21 (Pages 23 - 24)

To receive from the Proper Officer, the Director for Communities, the schedule of meetings for the Council and other meetings in the next Municipal Year. A copy of the schedule is attached as item 10.

The Council is invited to formally approve the dates for its meetings and to note the proposed meeting dates for Committees.

11. Members Questions under Council Procedure Rule 12

Members question time will last up to 30 minutes, with questions being taken in the order of receipt and in rotation from each political group on the Council. The deadline for submission of questions is Friday 14 February 2020 at 12 noon.

Questions to be submitted to democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk

Questions can be asked of the following:

- a) The Mayor
- b) A Member of the Executive
- c) The Chairman of any Committee
- d) The Council's representative on any outside body

Questions cannot be asked in relation to the following:

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

12. Motion on Notice (Pages 25 - 28)

Motion from Councillor Martin McCabe - *Chat Benches*

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

13. Motion on Notice (Pages 29 - 32)

Motion from Councillor Sean McDonald - *Definition of Anti-semitism*

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

14. Motion on Notice (Pages 33 - 36)

Motion from Councillor Bob Smytherman - *EU Citizens*

To consider a Motion on Notice, submitted by the Proper Officer on behalf of Councillor Bob Smytherman, detailed as item 14.

Part B - Not for Publication - Exempt information Reports

None.



Director for Communities

Recording of this meeting

The Council will be voice recording the meeting, including public question time. The 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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Agenda Item 7

Recommendations from Committees and the Executive

JSC/079/19-20	<u>Council Tax Support Schemes for 2020/21</u>
JSC/080/19-20	<u>Council Tax “long-term empty” premium and discounts</u>
JGC/059/19-20	<u>Review of the Code of Conduct for Members</u>
W EX/004/19-20	<u>Budget Estimates 2020/21 and setting of the 2020/21 Council Tax</u>
JSC/XX/19-20	<u>Delivering our Housing Strategy - Adur and Worthing Councils’ Housing Allocations Policies</u>
JSC/XX/19-20	<u>Joint Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23, Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council</u>

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Extract from Joint Strategic Committee - 14 January 2020

JSC/079/19-20 Council Tax Support Schemes for 2020/21

Summary of discussion

Members were asked to recommend to their respective Full Councils the Council Tax Support Schemes in respect of 2020/21.

Decision,

The Joint Strategic Committee

- 1) noted the contents of the report;
- 2) recommended to Adur District Council that the Council Tax Support scheme for Adur District Council in respect of working age customers for 2020/21
 - a) should be based upon the scheme for 2019/20 with no restrictions; and
 - b) no other changes should be made beyond necessary technical amendments required to keep the scheme consistent with the national rules in respect of Housing Benefit
- 3) **recommended to Worthing Borough Council that the Council Tax Support scheme for Worthing Borough Council in respect of working age customers for 2020/21**
 - a) **should be based upon the scheme for 2019/20 with the £5.00 weekly restriction retained; and**
 - b) **that the discretionary budget to support those in severe financial difficulties should be retained; and**

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

Extract from Joint Strategic Committee - 14 January 2020

JSC/080/19-20 Council Tax “long-term empty” premium and discounts

Summary of discussion

It was noted that the Joint Strategic Committee had considered a report on 10 September 2019 and agreed that a public consultation should be conducted about possible changes to the “long-term empty premium” and two locally-determined discounts in respect of periods when no Council Tax was payable for properties that were either

- unoccupied and unfurnished; or,
- undergoing or requiring structural alteration or major repair.

The report set out the outcomes of the public consultation and invited Members to consider whether they wished to increase the “long-term empty premium” and the two local discounts.

Members sought clarification regarding the definition of furnished properties and the situation with properties affected by probate.

The Committee considered and debated the merits of

- reducing, retaining or abolishing the two local discounts in respect of unoccupied and unfurnished properties and properties undergoing or requiring structural alteration or major repairs; and
- increasing the long-term empty premium and whether a discretionary policy should be introduced.

Decision,

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- 1) noted the content of the report;
- 2) recommended to Adur District Council

- a) that the “long-term empty premium” should be increased in accordance with the maximum figures detailed in paragraph 3.5;
- b) that a discretionary policy should not be introduced;
- c) that the local discount in respect of unoccupied properties undergoing structural alterations should be abolished with effect from 1 April 2020;
- d) that the local discount in respect of unoccupied and unfurnished properties should be abolished with effect from 1 April 2020.

3) recommended to Worthing Borough Council

- a) that the “long-term empty premium” should be increased in accordance with the maximum figures detailed in paragraph 3.5;**
- b) that a discretionary policy should no be introduced;**
- c) that the local discount in respect of unoccupied properties undergoing structural alterations should be abolished with effect from 1 April 2020;**
- d) that the local discount in respect of unoccupied and unfurnished properties should be retained as is with effect from 1 April 2020.**

Extract from Joint Governance Committee - 28 January 2020

JGC/059/19-20 Review of the Code of Conduct for Members

Summary of discussion

The Committee was asked to consider proposed revisions to the Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council Code of Conduct for Members.

Officers advised that there was a correlation between complaints received in relation to conduct and attendance at code of conduct training sessions. It was suggested that Members attend at least training sessions in a term of office i.e. once every two years and it was agreed that the codes be amended to reflect this change.

A Member questioned whether the revised codes would be adopted by the Parish Councils. Officers advised that they were happy to give advice and share the code but each Parish Council would need to decide whether to adopt or not.

Decision,

The Joint Governance Committee noted the proposed revised Code of Conduct for Members attached to the report as Appendix 1 and recommended its adoption to both Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council, as amended.

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Extract from Worthing Executive - 3 February 2020

W EX/004/19-20 Budget Estimates 2020/21 and setting of 2020/21 Council Tax

Summary of discussion

The report was the final budget report of the year, the culmination of the annual budgeting exercise, and asked members to consider:

- The final revenue estimates for 2020/21 including any adjustments arising from settlement;
- An updated outline 5-year forecast; and
- The provisional level of Council Tax for 2020/21, prior to its submission to the Council for approval on the 18 February 2020. This would be subject to any proposals to change the draft revenue budget following the consideration of the budget by the Executive.

The report outlined the medium term financial challenge through to 2024/25, and set out performance in the key strategic areas of commercialisation, digital transformation and strategic property investment. The current budget strategy was having a significant effect on how the Councils would be funded in the future with increasing income generated from commercial income and rents. However, following the delay to the fairer funding review, the challenge still remained significant for 2021/22, with the early identification of initiatives to bridge the emerging budget gap a priority.

These budgets reflected the Councils' ambitions set out in *Platforms for our Places*, and agreed savings proposals contributing to the financial sustainability of the Councils. The report also updated members about the impact of the draft 2020/21 settlement.

The key points raised within the report included:

- A full update on the impact of settlement. The Council should prepare itself for a continuation of the reduction in Government resources for 2021/22 and

beyond (paragraph 4.2);

- Highlighted the proposed funding for initiatives to support the Councils' ambitions set out in *Platforms for our Places - Going Further*;
- The proposals to invest in services outlined in Appendix 2;
- The Executive was asked to consider whether to increase Council Tax by 2.0% or by a lower amount (paragraph 5.11).

The budget was analysed by the Executive Member portfolio. In addition, the draft estimates for 2020/21 had been prepared, in accordance with the requirements of the Service Reporting Code of Practice for Local Authorities (except in relation to pension costs adjustments that did not impact either on the Budget Requirement or the Council Tax Requirement).

The draft Local Government Settlement allowed Councils to increase core Council Tax by up to 2% in addition to the 2% Council Tax increase permitted specifically to support adult social care services (subject to a maximum increase for social care of 6% in the period 2017/18 to 2019/20). Therefore a maximum Council Tax increase of 4% for Councils with social care responsibilities was allowed.

The precept for West Sussex County Council had not yet been finalised and would not be confirmed until 14 February 2019. The formal detailed resolution setting the overall Council Tax for next year would be presented direct to the Council Meeting on 18 February 2020.

The Director for Digital and Resources introduced the report thanking all Officers who had contributed to the proposals. It was noted that both Councils had been successful in meeting financial challenges over recent years, developing strategies to reshape how they were funded. There remained challenges ahead with continuing pressures anticipated in

2021/22 and the Council awaited the 4 year Local Government Funding Settlement later in the year.

The Head of Financial Services explained that the draft settlement had been received and it confirmed that the assumptions that were made in the Autumn. Principally that the fairer funding review and the reform of business rates would be delayed by a year until 2021. The implications for the Council was a continuation of no revenue support grant. However, the Council would be retaining 100% share of its growth in business rates. It had previously been assumed that this would be phased out as part of the reset of the business rates system. Homelessness grant would also continue in its current form for another year. Settlement did confirm that New Homes Bonus would be phased out in its current form, as previously assumed. However, the Council would get one more year of additional New Homes Bonus which, it was proposed, would be set aside for future projects to deliver the Council's aspirations as set out in Platforms.

It was noted that the Council was in a strong position to set a balanced budget and that there were resources in hand to invest in priority services that needed commitments.

Members were asked to consider the growth proposals outlined in appendix 2 and depending on their decision, what level of Council Tax to set for the forthcoming financial year. This needed to be set in the context of the relatively small proportion that the Council actually billed and the small impact an increase would have upon residents.

The Council had just received notification from the Police and Crime Commissioner of their precept. The PCC was proposing to put up a band D by £10 which was equivalent to a 5.2% increase.

Looking ahead the deferral of the fairer funding review, moved the financial challenge to 2021/22. Officers did not know how much funding would be allocated to local government as a whole. The chancellor was due to present the budget on 11 March 2020 and a comprehensive spending review was expected in the summer.

The Leader of Worthing Borough Council asked whether there were any comments from JOSC, following consideration of the budget proposals at a meeting on 30 January. Officers advised that JOSC was broadly supportive of the budget itself but made no comments in relation to Council Tax.

The Executive Member for Resources thanked Officers for their considerable work in preparing the budget report. It was acknowledged that government resources continued to reduce and the Council had to plan ahead for 2020/21 and beyond.

The Council had to become self funding, not only to provide services to Worthing residents but also to fund its own ambitions. There were 3 key strategic areas of performance:

1. Commercialisation;
2. Digital Transformation; and
3. Strategic Property Investment

The government's fairer funding review had been delayed until 2021/22 which gave the Council some breathing space but put further pressure on the medium term financial strategy going forward.

The report set out the financial implications of a Council Tax increase over the coming year and looking ahead. It was important to have a gradual Council Tax increase in order to achieve a balanced and prudent strategy. The Council had an ambitious programme in Platforms for our Places and needed to be able to fund it.

The government said that the Council could raise taxes in 2020/21 by a maximum of 2% or £5 per annum, whichever was greater. A 2% rise reflected an increase of £4.77 per annum for a Band D household, not the maximum increase permissible.

Therefore, it was recommended that the Worthing Borough Council share of Council Tax be increased by 2.0% which would increase the annual cost of a band D to £242.55.

The table in paragraph 5.11.5 of the report showed how important the cumulative increases were over the next 5 years, providing the potential to invest an additional £500k.

It was also important to transfer money into reserves and the budget strategy provided for this. The General Fund working balance was currently at 6.3% of net revenue expenditure which fell between policy guidelines. The estimated balance of general fund earmarked reserves was planned to increase as and when opportunities arose. Further reserves were set aside for any potential voids or refurbishments needed for properties purchased under the strategic property investment fund. It was hoped to increase this from £250k to £650k over the next 5 years.

The Executive Member for Resources supported the recommended proposals to invest in services outlined in appendix 2 and the draft budget for 2020/21. In respect of Council Tax, it was noted that a 2% rise in Council Tax was a third lower than in recent years. Over the last 10 years, Council Tax had increased by 12.8% compared to 24.5% in CPI inflation. The cumulative effect of modest council tax increases would enable the Council to deliver its ambitious programme amidst ongoing uncertainty. The investment proposals were closely aligned to the strategic priorities and would provide critical resources to drive forward the Council's ambitions. The Executive Member was mindful of the financial pressures facing Worthing residents and therefore recommended an increase of 2%, which was lower than the £5 per annum permitted, and would result in an annual charge of £242.55 for Band D.

The Executive Member for Resources proposed recommendations 2.2 (a) and 2.2 (b) as set out in the report and for 2.2. (c) recommended an increase in Council Tax of 2% for the 2020/21 financial year.

The Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing seconded the proposal.

Decision

The Executive

- (a) approved the proposals to invest in services outlined in Appendix 2;

- (b) recommended to Council the draft budgets for 2020/21 at Appendix 5 as submitted in Executive Member Portfolio order, and the transfer to Reserves leading to a net budget requirement of £13,357,910, subject to any amendments agreed above;
- (c) recommended to Council an increase of 2% in Council Tax, making Band D for Worthing Borough Council's requirements in 2020/21 as set out in paragraph 5.11 of £242.55 per annum; and
- (d) approved the Council Tax base of 39,269.50 for 2020/21 as set out in paragraph 12.3.

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Extract from the - Joint Strategic Committee - 11 February 2020

**JSC/XX/19-20 Delivering our Housing Strategy - Adur and Worthing
Councils' Housing Allocations Policies**

*Recommendations will be published following publication of the record of decisions
of the Joint Strategic Committee of the 11 February 2020*

Summary of discussion:

Decision:

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Extract from the - Joint Strategic Committee - 11 February 2020

**JSC/XX/19-20 Joint Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual
Investment Strategy 2020/21 to 2022/23, Adur District
Council and Worthing Borough Council**

*Recommendations will be published following publication of the record of decisions
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Summary of discussion:

Decision:

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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

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Executive Member for Regeneration

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Executive Member for Resources

W/LDR/RES/010/19-20 Strategic Property Investment Fund budget

Executive Member for Customer Services

JAW/026/19-20 West Sussex Disabled Facilities Grants Policy 2020-2024

JAW/028/19-20 Entering into Contract for the Conversion of Property at 151

Rowlands Road, Worthing BN11 3LE for use as Temporary Accommodation

Executive Member for Digital and Environmental Services

JAW/023/19-20 IT Procurement for The Supply, Implementation and Maintenance of an Environmental Health, Private Sector Housing and Licensing IT Solution

JAW/025/19-20 Award of Contract - Highdown Gardens

Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing

JAW/022/19-20 Eastbrook Manor and Sussex Community Development Association

- Underwriting of TUPE costs

JAW/024/19-20 Food Service Delivery Plan for 2019-20

B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 14.01.2020

Items related to Adur District Council are not reproduced on this agenda.

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

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

JSC/081/19-20 A Climate Assembly for Adur & Worthing

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Digital & Resources, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as Item 8.

The report set out Adur & Worthing Councils' strong commitment to tackling climate change locally, outlining progress so far, including community engagement activities

It proposed the establishment of a Climate Assembly in 2020/21, to create a robust, independent and representative engagement approach with our local communities on climate change and ecological issues.

Members gave consideration to the cost of facilitating the proposed Climate Assembly, the procurement process for including the number of interested parties and who would sit on the assembly.

The Committee expressed support for the proposals and welcomed the progress made so far. It was also noted that the assembly was not just about climate change, but how the community got involved with Adur and Worthing Councils decision-making.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

1. noted the strong progress made with the climate change agenda;
2. agreed to establish a Climate Assembly in 2020/21, funded from the Business Development budget at a cost of £42,000 for Worthing Borough Council and £28,000 for Adur District Council.

JSC/082/19-20 Preventing anti-social behaviour: Trialling the extension of Community Protection Notice powers with Worthing Homes

Before the Committee was a report by the 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 9.

It was noted that Community Protection Notices were part of the legal remedies available to the Councils to address anti-social behaviour and were used as an early intervention warning and enforcement measure.

The report considered a request to extend those powers to Worthing Homes for a one year pilot, as an early intervention measure with tenants that were involved in anti-social behaviour.

A Member sought clarification regarding the compliance rates following Community Protection Warnings set out in paragraph 3.7 of the report. Officers confirmed that there was compliance of 72% following the issue of Community Protection Warnings and compliance of 96% following the issue of a notice.

The Committee welcomed the proposals, acknowledging the importance of joined up working in relation to this issue.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee

- 1) noted the background to Community Protection Notices as an early intervention approach for anti-social behaviour;
- 2) considered the proposals set out in the report and agreed to delegate authority to Worthing Homes for issuing Community Protection Warnings and Notices for a pilot period of one year;
- 3) noted that the pilot, if agreed, would be subject to review meetings and monitoring of these measures.

JSC/083/19-20 Creation of a new Trust for Highdown Gardens

Before the Committee was a report by the 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 10.

The report sought authority to set up a new Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to act as an independent development trust charity to raise future funds for Highdown Gardens, following the successful application for funding to the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), in order to form part of the long term business plan for the sustainability of the Gardens.

The report provided the background to the recommendations and a number of options that had been considered as part of the process, including information on the legal status of Highdown Gardens, which were bequeathed to the Council in Trust,

by Lady Stern in 1968. The existing Charitable Trust was set up in 1968 in response to this bequest, with the Council being the sole Trustee.

Decision:

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- i) approved the establishment of an independent development trust charity (CIO), whose sole aim was to raise funds for Highdown Gardens;
- ii) approved the appointment of the Head of Environmental Services to the Board of Directors of the new CIO;
- iii) delegated authority to the Director for Communities to appoint the trustees of the new CIO in consultation with the Worthing Borough Council Executive Member for Digital & Environmental Services;
- iv) approved the objectives of the CIO as set out in Appendix 1 to the report;
- v) approved the Director of Communities registering the new CIO with the Charity Commission.

C. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 11.02.2020

Items related to Adur District Council are not reproduced on this agenda.

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

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

Recommendations will be published following publication of the record of decisions of the Joint Strategic Committee of the 11 February 2020

Reports and decisions are available on the Council's web site adur-worthing.gov.uk or as indicated in each of the paragraphs above. Some of the reports contain exempt information and not fully published on the websites.

Councillor Daniel Humphreys
Leader of the Council

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June	1	2	3	4	5	8	*JSC	10	11	12	15	16	17	18	19	22	23	24 PC	25 JOSC	26	29 LCC	30 LGA			
July			1 LGA	2 LGA	3	6	*JSC	8	9	10	13	14 C	15	16	17	20	21	22 PC	23 JOSC	24	27	28	29	30 JGC	31
Aug	3	4	5	6	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21	24	25	26 PC	27	28	31 B/H				
Sept		1	2	3	4	7	*JSC	9	10	11	14	15	16	17 JOSC	18	21	22 JGC	23 PC	24	25	28 LCC	29	30		
Oct				1	2	5	*JSC	7	8	9	12	13	14	15 JOSC	16	19	20 C	21 PC	22	23	26	27	28	29	30
Nov	2	3 JSC	4	5	6	9	10	11	12	13	16	17	18	19	20	23	24 *JGC	25 PC	26 *JOSC	27	30				
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Jan 2021					1 B/H	4	5	6	7	8	11	12 JSC	13	14	15	18	19	20 PC	21	22	25 LCC	26 *JGC	27	28 *JOSC	29
Feb	1 Exec	2	3	4	5	8	9 JSC	10	11	12	15	16	17 PC	18	19	22	23 C(TS)	24	25	26					
March	1	2 JSC	3	4	5	8	9	10	11	12	15	16	17	18 *JOSC	19	22	23 *JGC	24 PC	25	26	29 LCC	30 JSC	31		
April				1	2 B/H	5 B/H	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	19	20 C	21 PC	22 C	23	26	27	28	29	30
May	3 B/H	4	5	6 E	7	10	11	12	13	14	17	18	19	20	21 C(A)	24	25	26	27 JGC	28	31 B/H				

Worthing Borough Council Meetings (6.30pm)		Joint Meetings (6.30pm)	
C	Council (A = Annual, TS = Tax Setting)	Adur District and Worthing Borough Councils:	
Exec	Executive	JOSC	Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
PC	Planning Committee	JSC	Joint Strategic Committee
LCC	Licensing Control Committee	JGC	Joint Governance Committee
		JSfC	Joint Staff Committee
		JSSC	Joint Senior Staff Committee
E	Elections - Polling Day		
B/H	Bank Holiday		LGA Annual Conference
			School & Bank Holidays

* = Joint Meetings Held at Worthing Borough Council

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WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Agenda Item 12

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Motions on Notice

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Martin McCabe which has been seconded by Councillor Bob Smytherman.
- 1.2. Council is asked to deal with the motion under provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules (under part 4 of the Council Constitution - Rules of Procedure).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. 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 Martin McCabe, (attached as Annex A).
- 3.2 The content of the motion is relevant to a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties and which affects the Borough.
- 3.3 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 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it shall be moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Committee for consideration and determination.
- 3.4 If a motion on the agenda at Full Council is to be referred automatically to the Executive, a Regulatory Committee or another Council Committee, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.4, the proposer of the motion will confirm to the Chairperson their proposal of the motion as set out in the report before Council **without** a speech.
- 3.5 Where a motion has been referred by Full Council to the Joint Strategic Committee, the mover, or the seconder in the absence of the mover, shall be entitled to attend the relevant meeting and explain the motion.

4. Issues for consideration

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

5. Financial Implications

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

6. Legal Implications

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

Background Papers

None

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Council notes the benefits of Chat Benches.

These include better mental health, community spirit and tackling loneliness.

Council commits to establishing a Chat Bench scheme in Worthing.

Council asks our Officers to review how best to implement a Chat Bench scheme and publish the findings.

Proposed by Cllr Martin McCabe
Seconded by Cllr Bob Smytherman



WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council
18 February 2020
Agenda Item 13

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Motion on Notice

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Sean McDonald which has been seconded by Councillor Lionel Harman.
- 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 Council determine the motion as set out in annex A to this report.

3. Context

- 3.1. A motion on notice has been received from Councillor Sean McDonald, (attached as Annex A).
- 3.2. The content of the motion is relevant to a matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties and which affects the Borough.

- 3.3. There is nothing substantive within the motion that would cause its rejection under the terms of the Constitution.
- 3.4. The motion before Council is declaratory in nature, as defined in para 14.4.4 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it may be considered and debated by the Full Council without being automatically referred to a future meeting of Full Council, as defined in para 14.4.5 of the Council's Procedure Rules, or, being referred to the Executive or Committee without debate, as defined in paragraphs 14.4.1, 14.4.2 and 14.4.3 of the Council's Procedure Rules.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1. Motions considered by Full Council are done so under part 14 of the Council's Procedure Rules and are debated under rules set out under part 16 of the Council procedure rules and the Council is asked to debate the motion under these rules accordingly.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The motion is declaratory in nature and therefore there are no direct financial implications.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1. As the motion is declaratory in nature, there are no direct legal implications arising from it.

Background Papers

None.

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Annex A

This Council condemns all forms of anti-semitism.

Worthing Borough Council will adopt the following definition of anti-semitism developed by The International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance.

“Antisemitism is a certain perception of Jews, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jews. Rhetorical and physical manifestations of antisemitism are directed toward Jewish or non-Jewish individuals and/or their property, toward Jewish community institutions and religious facilities.”

**Proposed by Councillor Sean McDonald
Seconded by Councillor Lionel Harman**

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WORTHING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Council
18 February 2020
Agenda Item 14

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Motions on Notice

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The report before Council sets out a motion received from Councillor Bob Smytherman which has been seconded by Councillor Martin McCabe.
- 1.2. Council is asked to deal with the motion under provisions set out in paragraph 14 of the Council Procedure Rules (under part 4 of the Council Constitution - Rules of Procedure).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. 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 Bob Smytherman, (attached as Annex A).
- 3.2 The content of the motion is relevant to a matter which affects the Borough.
- 3.3 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 of the Council's Procedure Rules. Therefore, it shall be moved and seconded, immediately noted by the Council and referred without debate to the Joint Strategic Committee for consideration and determination.
- 3.4 If a motion on the agenda at Full Council is to be referred automatically to the Executive, a Regulatory Committee or another Council Committee, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 14.4, the proposer of the motion will confirm to the Chairperson their proposal of the motion as set out in the report before Council **without** a speech.
- 3.5 Where a motion has been referred by Full Council to the Joint Strategic Committee, the mover, or the seconder in the absence of the mover, shall be entitled to attend the relevant meeting and explain the motion.

4. Issues for consideration

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

5. Financial Implications

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

6. Legal Implications

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

Background Papers

None

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Worthing Borough Council Notes:

1. That the current rights of EU citizens living in Worthing should always be fully protected no matter what the outcome of the ongoing UK - EU27 negotiations and council recognizes the invaluable contribution made by EU nationals living and working in the borough of Worthing.
2. That support and protection should be provided for all EU citizens who live or work in Worthing, throughout and after the Brexit process;

Full council resolves to:

Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister to publicly thank all EU Citizens living and working in Worthing to recognise the invaluable contribution they have made in the borough and to see their status safeguarded and offer assistance gaining settled status should this wish to.

This could be accompanied with an online campaign and an article in Worthing news publications to reach as many residents as possible.

Ask the council officers to explore ways in which they can help EU citizens in Worthing during the transition period.

Proposed by Cllr Bob Smytherman
Seconded by Cllr Martin McCabe