



**Extract from the minutes of the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee - 6
March 2023**

JSS-C(W)/070/22-23 Worthing Heat Network : Letting of contract to design, build, fund, operate and maintain a low carbon heat network for Worthing Town Centre and agreement to enter into heat supply and connection agreements for WBC estate

The report updated members on work undertaken since March 2022 on the Worthing Heat Network, during which time the procurement exercise has been completed that has identified Pinnacle Power as the preferred organisation to become the council's concessionaire partner.

Subject to approval, Pinnacle Power would fund, design, build, operate and maintain a new, low carbon heat network for Worthing Town Centre that is estimated to save 55,000 tonnes of CO2 within the first fifteen years of operation.

The report set out information about:

- the procurement exercise
- the preferred bidder's solution
- the contractual elements of the procurement
- funding arrangements
- next steps

Additionally, the report outlined a successful Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme bid for £2.47m that will support the council in delivering enabling works to its estate in order to ensure that its town centre estate connects to the heat network efficiently.

Members discussed the report and congratulated officers on the work undertaken in connection with the report. The position of the Borough as a golden shareholder was highlighted to members of the sub-committee

Decision

That the Worthing Sub Committee of the Joint Strategic Committee

i) Noted the progress in the report;

ii) Delegated authority to the Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Members for Resources and the Climate Emergency to:

- Negotiate final terms and enter into the Concession Agreement on behalf of Worthing Borough Council
- Negotiate and enter into the Connection Agreement and Heat Supply Agreement for all Worthing Borough Council buildings listed at Section 4.25
- Negotiate and let any contracts associated with the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funded programme of works, providing the same are within the approved budget.

iv) recommended to Council approve an amendment to the General Fund capital programme budget of £7,454,490 funded as follows:

- **£2,449,200 from the Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme;**
- **£5,005,230 from additional prudential borrowing;**

iii) approved a budget virement of £255,000 HNIP funding. As outlined at 6.2, this will be used to support the procurement and contract work associated with the project;

iv) approved and authorised the appointment of Worthing Borough Council as the golden shareholder in the Special Purpose Vehicle as set out in this report and to authorise the Chief Executive Officer or their delegated nominee, in consultation with the Leader of the Council to take all actions and make all decisions required of the golden shareholder under the contractual arrangements with the appointed concessionaire.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee - 6 March 2023](#))



**Extract from the minutes of the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 16
March 2023**

JOSC/xxx/22-23

JOSC Work Programme setting 2023/24

Members discussed the process for reviewing scrutiny through a workshop group before putting together a working group. It was clarified that no decisions were to be made at this meeting as to the future of JOSC and that Members were currently being presented with a possible roadmap for improving how Scrutiny was conducted. Members discussed the 23/24 schedule and voted unanimously to bring the Our Plan item forward to the July meeting.

As part of the discussion on the Work Programme it was accepted that the work of the JOSC Working Group (Adur Homes Repairs and Maintenance) would need to be paused pending the outcomes of the Adur Homes referral to the Housing Regulator. It was also accepted that the JOSC Working Group (review of policy for housing vulnerable people in accommodation outside of Council areas) could continue its work as it was not an area of focus for the Housing Regulator but that some adjustments and input could be required by the Regulator in the coming months which might impact on the work of that review.

Resolved

The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

(1) Noted the progress in delivering the JOSC Work Programme for 2022/23

(2) Amended the draft JOSC Work Programme for 2023/24 to bring Our Plan forward to the July meeting and agreed that the amended Work Programme be submitted to the Adur and Worthing Full Council meetings in April 2023 for approval.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 16 March 2023](#) & [Appendix A](#))