



Report of the Leader on Decisions taken by Cabinet Members, the Joint Strategic Committee and the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee since the last meeting of Council

A Decisions Taken by Individual Cabinet Members

Listed below is a summary of decisions taken by the individual Cabinet Members since the dispatch of the agenda for the last Ordinary Council Meeting. Details can be found on the Cabinet Members Decisions webpage.

Leader

None

Deputy Leader

None

Cabinet Member for Regeneration

* JAW/010/23-24 *Conservation Area Character Appraisal Reviews*
JAW/011/23-24 *Worthing Conservation Area Reviews*
JAW/013/23-24 *Joint Draft Statement of Community Involvement*
JAW/015/23-24 *BEACH bid*

Cabinet Member for Resources

JAW/012/23-24 *Application for Voluntary Redundancy*
* JAW/014/23-24 *Strategic Property Investment Fund Refurbishment Contract Award - Eskan Court, Milton Keynes*

Cabinet Member for Housing & Citizen Services

None

Cabinet Member for the Environment

None

Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing

None

Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure

None

Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency

None

** The Worthing Cabinet Member abstained as this was a matter relating to Adur District Council*

B. Decisions taken by the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee on 9 November 2023

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

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

JSS-C(W)/031/23-24 Greening Principles - Approach to greening our spaces

The purpose of the report was to outline the Council's approach to greening our spaces and to deliver the headline principles that guide the approach. The key pillars of the Council's support of greening, across the borough, were taken from the administration's values to be Fair, Green and Local.

In recognising the breadth and passion of local residents, Friends of, and environmental associations and in understanding the administration's vision to be a 'Council for the Community' and in light of the Council's commitment to the climate and ecological emergencies, the report outlined the need for wider community participation and stewardship of our green spaces.

Decision

1. That the emerging Greening Principles for Worthing and their adoption for use across the council's practice be affirmed.
2. That the authority embeds the emerging Greening Principles as foundation values within the new Parks & Open Spaces Management and Town Centre Management Plans.
3. That the Greening Principles be used as core to the Greening Guide.
4. That the Greening Principles, as pivotal policy in all aspects of environmental growth and development, be endorsed.
5. That the authority promotes the Greening Principles as a way to harness community power and engagement in the fight against climate change and the ecological emergency.

JSS-C(W)/032/23-24**Carbon Emissions 2022/23**

The report updated the Sub-Committee on the progress made on the delivery of the 2023/24 Capital Investment Programme for Worthing Borough Council. The programme included schemes which supported the delivery of services by the Joint Services Committee

Worthing Borough Council declared a Climate Emergency in July 2019. As part of the declaration, Members committed to work towards becoming carbon neutral by 2030. The report before members presented the fourth annual update on progress towards that target.

Since the previous report, the council had completed a number of decarbonisation projects that had significantly decreased gas consumption across the councils' property portfolio. As a result, reported emissions for 22-23 decreased by 5.4% when compared to the previous year.

Members were given an update on carbon reduction projects and were told that a fleet strategy would be introduced in the following year.

Members discussed the report and noted that the update presented part of the council's work. There was other work ongoing towards the climate emergency that would involve other stakeholders within the community.

Decision

- 1) That the councils' current carbon emissions and carbon reduction work programme be noted; and
- 2) That it be noted that further funding bids may 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.

JSS-C(W)/033/23-24**Marketing of Grafton Multi-Storey Car Park**

The report before members advised members of the proposed marketing of the Grafton Multi-Storey car park (GMSCP) and adjoining council owned properties and sought the Committee's approval of the assessment criteria for those bids received.

Decision

1. That the contents of the report be noted and that the key development priorities for the site be agreed.
2. That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director, Regenerative Development to:

- a. Proceed with the marketing of Grafton Multi-Storey car park and adjoining council owned properties.
 - b. Present a report back to the Joint Strategic Sub-Committee following the outcome of the marketing process (set out in pages 5 to 6).
3. That authority was delegated to the Cabinet Member for Regeneration to approve the Marketing Brochure.

C. Decisions taken by the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee on 5 December 2023

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

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

Details to follow the meeting of the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee meeting on the 5 December 2023.

D. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 7 December 2023

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

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

Details to follow the meeting of the Joint Strategic Committee meeting on the 7 December 2023.

E. Urgent Decisions taken by the Cabinet

Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2000 (as amended).

None.

Local Government Act 1972

Background papers

None.

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