

Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 3 December 2019

JSC/071/19-20 JSC Financially Sustainable Councils: Update to the 2020/21 - 2024/25 budget forecast and savings proposals for 2020/21

Summary of discussion:

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 11.

The report provided an overview of the delivery of our sustainable councils financial strategy for 2020/21, along with details of the proposals that would help deliver a balanced budget for the next financial year and beyond.

The report outlined the medium term financial challenge through to 2024/25, and set out performance in the key strategic areas of commercialisation, service and digital transformation, affordable housing and strategic property investment.

Contained within the report were specific proposals to increase income, deliver efficiency, and other savings initiatives for 2020/21. The Committee was asked to support the savings proposals.

Members welcomed the report and thanked officers for their work.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee

- (i) noted the current 5 year forecast;
- (ii) noted the committed growth items as set out in appendix 2;
- (iii) approved the proposed savings as set out in appendix 3;
- (iv) **Recommended that both Adur and Worthing Councils approve the use of capital flexibilities to fund the costs associated with delivering the initiatives outlined in Appendix 4.**