

**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 dispatch 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**

JAW/032/19-20 Worthing Civic Quarter Heat Network Funding Approval

**Executive Member for Resources**

W/RES/011/19-20 Irrecoverable Debts - Overpaid Housing Benefits  
JAW/029/19-20 Parks & Open Spaces Service Redesign  
JAW/030/19-20 Irrecoverable Debts

**Executive Member for Customer Services**

**Executive Member for Digital and Environmental Services**

JAW/033/19-20 Field Place Tennis Court Reconstruction Tender Award

**Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing**

JAW/031/19-20 Adur Community Grants Sign Off  
JAW/034/19-20 Going Local - a prescription of a different kind

**B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 10.03.2020**

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

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The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

### **JSC/101/19-20      3rd Quarter Revenue Budget Monitoring 2019/20**

The report updated the Joint Strategic Committee with the latest expenditure and income projections for each Council in the current financial year 2019/20, compared to the Revenue Budget approved by both Councils in February. Whilst the 'spend to date' would be the position as at 31 December 2019, the forecast position reflected the latest information available to ensure an up-to-date forecast was presented.

The Councils had positioned themselves to manage risk and contribute to reserves for the future. After allowing for the initiatives undertaken to enable this and for the revision of project delivery into the future, the operational over/underspends were projected to be an underspend of £96,000 in Adur and an overspend of £94,000 in Worthing.

During consideration of the item, Members sought clarification regarding utilities billing, the income from Worthing Car Parks, contaminated waste costs and fleet maintenance. Officers advised that utilities usage was looked at in detail with all relevant budget holders and that the Councils had mitigated risks associated with gas & electricity. Worthing Car Parks were under budget as Officers had been expecting the Teville Gate surface car park would open earlier in the year. The amount of recycling credit income per tonne from WSCC was estimated to be lower than budgeted in part due to an uncommunicated WSCC deduction for contamination of £80k. The deduction was being queried with the County Council.

Officers agreed to investigate the overspend associated with fleet maintenance and report back following the meeting.

#### **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/102/19-20      3rd Quarter Capital Investment Programme & Projects Monitoring 2019/20**

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 7.

The report updated the Joint Strategic Committee on the progress made on the 2019/20 Capital Investment Programmes for Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council. The programmes included schemes which supported the delivery of services by the Joint Strategic Committee.

## **Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

### **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 virement to fund the overspend on the purchase of wheeled bins for the new alternate weekly collection service and approve the funding as detailed in paragraph 7.1.2;
- iii) agreed to increase the budget for the Extended Ultrafast Network Fibre Network by £800,000 to £3.3m funded by a combination of the Local Growth Fund Grant funding of £676,500 and a contribution from the WSCC Business Rate Pool of £1,250,000 as detailed in paragraph 7.1.3. The Worthing Borough Council share of this scheme was £424,000;
- v) approved the increase in the Disabled Facilities Grant Budget by £204,240 funded by Better Care Fund Grant as detailed in paragraph 7.3.2.

### **JSC/104/19-20      Enabling our Communities to Thrive - Southdown Leisure Five Year Strategy 2020 - 2025**

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.

The report updated members of the Joint Strategic Committee on the progress and performance of South Downs Leisure which was formed in 2015 following agreement to spin out a separate trust from Worthing Borough Council to manage the Council owned leisure assets and provide a comprehensive, cost effective, community based leisure offer for the residents and visitors to Worthing.

The report also provided information on the new five year business strategy which had been agreed as part of the Council's ongoing relationship with South Downs Leisure.

The Committee commended South Downs Leisure for the progress made over the last 5 years in a number of areas which vindicated the approach taken by Worthing Borough Council.

A Member requested that childhood obesity be a priority target with more work being done with schools. It was noted that a lot had already been done in this direction and it was very much on the agenda moving forwards.

**Decision:**

That the Joint Strategic Committee;

- a) granted authority to the Director for the Economy to manage all aspects of the relationship between Worthing Borough Council and South Down Leisure on the terms set out in the existing Funding and Management Agreement between SDL and the Council dated 1st May 2015, and to negotiate the additional terms for managing the football pitch at Durrington Community Centre;
- b) granted authority to the Director for the Economy to vary the terms of the Funding and Management Agreement to incorporate the agreed additional terms; and
- c) noted the contents of the report and requested an update at a future date.

Reports and decisions are available on the Council's web site [adur-worthing.gov.uk](http://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.

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