



## **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**

W/LDR/007/19-20 Non Qualifying Petition: Speeding Cyclists, Monocycles and Scooters

#### **Executive Member for Regeneration**

JAW/001/20-21 Contract for Services - Buckingham Road MSCP

JAW/003/20-21 External Grant Funding to develop a business case for the development of a district heat network serving development at Shoreham Town and the Harbour

*(The Worthing Executive Member for Regeneration agreed to abstain from the above decision as it was an Adur matter)*

#### **Executive Member for Resources**

JAW/035/19-20 Redundancies

JAW/002/20-21 Commercial Rents

#### **Executive Member for Customer Services**

#### **Executive Member for Digital and Environmental Services**

#### **Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing**

JAW/027/19-20 Infrastructure Support Services for the third sector

JAW/036/19-20 2020/21 Adur Community Grants

*(The Worthing Executive Member for Health & Wellbeing agreed to abstain from the above decision as it was an Adur matter)*

## **B. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 9 June 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/006/20-21 Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan - establishing the network of the future through consultation**

The report sought approval to adopt the final version of the Adur & Worthing Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP): a high level, strategic network plan for safe and accessible future cycling and walking infrastructure provision.

The report outlined recently published government guidance for walking and cycling provision relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and sought member approval for urgent work with West Sussex County Council on local improvements in line with the Adur & Worthing LCWIP.

It was noted that a Draft version of the LCWIP had been presented to the Joint Strategic Committee on 7th November 2019, where Members approved the draft version being taken through Public Consultation between November 2019 and January 2020.

The report outlined the outcomes of the public consultation, in particular, the overwhelming support for improved cycling and walking infrastructure provision (see section 4). It sought approval for amendments made to the Plan as a result of the consultation responses.

The Committee noted that the Plan had been produced with the consistent support and input from the Adur & Worthing Cycling & Walking Group; and oversight and support from West Sussex County Council.

A Member sought clarification regarding the timeline for delivery of the cycle route between George V to Sea Lane 'the Goring Cycleway'. Officers agreed to provide a written response to the question.

During discussion on this item, Members considered a number of issues including:-

- Incentive schemes for getting people out of cars and onto bikes;
- The maintenance of cycling infrastructure;
- WSCC's ability to deliver on a number of ambitious schemes;
- The security of bike stores.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Neil Parkin and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

## **Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee

- (a) In relation to the Adur & Worthing LCWIP:
- (i) noted the outcomes of the Public Consultation;
  - (ii) approved the amendments made to the cycling network routes and walking zones listed at paragraph 4.7 (Worthing) and 4.8 (Adur) in response to the consultation; and
  - (iii) approved the formal adoption of the Final LCWIP and the utilisation of the document to support funding or investment opportunities on the network; and
  - (iv) delegated authority to the Director for the Economy in consultation with the relevant Executive Member to make minor design amendments to the Plan prior to publication.

In relation to the COVID-19 guidance from government for interventions on the traffic network and in public spaces to allow for social distancing and active travel:

- (v) delegated authority to the Director for the Economy, in consultation with the Leaders of Adur District and Worthing Borough Councils to:
- Work with, agree proposals and submit representations to West Sussex County Council for the implementation of emergency interventions on the road networks to include emergency traffic regulation and road closure orders.
  - Develop proposals for 'safer public spaces', working with West Sussex County Council where their involvement is required; and also
  - Allocate finance secured through the Business Rate Pool for these interventions in anticipation of the distribution of the £250m government finance allocated for these emergency measures.

### **JSC/007/20-21      Collaboration with West Sussex County Council on Procurement of a Countywide Electric Vehicle Charging Points Network**

Ruth O'Brien, West Sussex County Council Sustainability Team, was in attendance at the meeting during the consideration of this item.

In December 2019, West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) adopted their Electric Vehicle (EV) Strategy setting out an ambitious vision for EV take up across the county.

The Strategy set out the intention to procure a supplier to deliver, on a concessionary basis, one consistent, affordable, easy to use, reliable, widely accessible and recognisable charging network across the county. The aim was to provide renewable energy charging primarily for those residents who did not have access to off road parking and would be unable to switch to EV without public charging.

Adur & Worthing Councils, along with the other Districts and Boroughs across West Sussex, had been invited to collaborate with WSCC on this scheme to develop an extensive county-wide network, by nominating and providing potential sites in council ownership to be part of the EV charging network.

The WSCC EV network solution would improve and expand significantly the provision of electric vehicle charging infrastructure across the Borough and District to meet existing and future demand and encourage the shift away from petrol and diesel vehicles.

Subject to Member approval, Adur & Worthing Councils (A&WCs) participation in the procurement of an EV network would assist in meeting council commitments to reduce transport carbon emissions, increase EV charging infrastructure and improve air quality, reducing the resources required to achieve these ends.

A Member questioned whether charging points in residential areas would be included in the network. Officers advised that WSCC would explore opportunities for street locations when designing the network plan.

The Committee highlighted the need for competitive charging rates and sought clarification regarding the number of partners in the network.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Neil Parkin and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

### **Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

- (i) noted the work undertaken by Officers with WSCC to date, in developing a potential site list in the Adur and Worthing areas for the installation of EV points, and authorises the Councils to enter into an Inter-Authority Agreement with West Sussex County Council to install electric vehicle charging points across the county of West Sussex, on Council owned property; and
- (ii) delegated authority to the Director for Digital and Resources in consultation with the Leaders, to commit Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council to a joint procurement for a concessionaire to deliver a rapid and cash payment free roll out of an extensive EV

charging network across Worthing Borough and Adur District and to enter into a contractual arrangement with the preferred concessionaire as a result of the WSCC procurement process and;

- (iii) delegated authority to the Director for Digital and Resources in consultation with the Leaders, to enter into a contract and required leases with the successful concessionaire to enable delivery of the charging points and to commit such non cash resources by the Councils as shall reasonably be required by WSCC from time to time under the Inter Authority Agreement.

## **JSC/008/20-21      Moving Forward with Citizen Wifi**

The report provided an update on the progress made to deliver next generation digital infrastructure across Adur and Worthing council areas - providing widespread ultrafast internet access to homes, businesses and public spaces, creating the most digitally connected places in the south east.

The commercial roll out of fibre to homes and businesses by Cityfibre was progressing well and was on schedule with more than 3,000 homes passed to date.

The report focused on the next stage in the programme which was to provide free Citizen WiFi and an “internet of things” (IoT) network. These were key deliverables in Platforms for our Places and had even greater importance for the post COVID-19 world, where digital connectivity would play a greater part in everyone's lives.

Providing council-run Citizen WiFi to residents and visitors in key public places would put Adur and Worthing in a really strong position to innovate in high street renewal, tourism, creative and digital arts, local business growth and to provide essential access to the digitally excluded. The Councils had become regional leaders in digital infrastructure and with Citizen Wifi and IoT networks, they would add two new highly valuable layers to the civic digital platform.

The Committee welcomed the report and expressed their support for the proposals.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Edward Crouch and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

### **Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee:

- i) approved a revised capital budget of £3.7m, the increase being funded through external funding, the revenue consequences of which could be accommodated within the existing budgets;

- ii) noted that a procurement for Citizen Wi-Fi would be undertaken once the design lab (see 1.5) was complete;
- iii) approved a budget of £25k in 2020-21, funded from the inflation budget, which would enable the Councils to exploit opportunities in 2020-21 to commence design and pilot testing of Citizen Wi-Fi. This approval would be on the basis that the Councils' return to the Joint Strategic Committee in 2021-22 to update on the progress and status of network consolidation to reduce costs, and revenue generating activities that aimed to address the revenue impact of Citizen WiFi expansion from 2022-23 onwards;
- iv) approved the release of £300k in the period 2021/22 - 2024/25, noting that this would commit the Council to additional £75,000 funding in 2021/22 as previously outlined in the report to members on the 2020/21 budget which would enable the contract to progress.

### **JSC/009/20-21      Asset Management Plan**

The Committee noted that separate to the Councils strategic investment portfolio, there were 939 land and building assets which were managed by the council's estates team.

The report outlined a new strategy for the better management of these assets, focussed on supporting Platforms for our Places: Going Further and to consider how the Councils could best use its assets to meet its communities prosperity and wellbeing.

The new strategy set out a policy approach to the Councils assets and a series of performance indicators for the review of the estate. Following a review, the policy would introduce new processes and a series of tasks to put the Councils in a better position for the management of their assets.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes, seconded by Councillor Angus Dunn and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

#### **Decision:**

That the Joint Strategic Committee approved the Property Asset Management Plan and agreed the adoption of the policy.

**JSC/010/20-21      Adur and Worthing Gypsy & Traveller Encampments - response to the recommendations from the JOSC working group**

The report provided a response and recommendations to the Joint Strategic Committee on the recommendations contained within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny working group review of 'Adur and Worthing Gypsy & Traveller Encampments', initially presented to this committee in November 2019.

It was suggested by a councillor that a member of the traveller community be invited to participate in the councillor awareness training. Officers welcomed the suggestion.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Brian Boggis, seconded by Councillor Heather Mercer and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

**Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee

- (i) agreed that a review of the impact and value of the West Sussex Transit agreement is brought before the JSC on a 3 yearly basis, with the next formal review being in 2022;
- (ii) endorsed the plan to source member training on these matters to include a refresher on current processes; and
- (iii) agreed that litter bins are not provided at encampment sites.

**JSC/012/20-21      Worthing Community Infrastructure Levy - Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP)**

Worthing Borough Council had introduced a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) to allow funds to be raised from developers to pay for infrastructure that was needed to support growth. The Council adopted the Charging Schedule for CIL in February 2015 and implementation of the levy commenced in October 2015. The Council had overarching responsibility for the allocation of CIL monies and reporting the amount of money collected and spent.

The report provided an update on progress made by the Joint Officer and Member Board (JOMB) for CIL Governance and:

- provided an update on the current level of CIL funding collected;
- set out the Infrastructure Investment Plan (formerly called the Infrastructure Business Plan) which would set out priorities for the spending of CIL; and
- set out the need for a formal review of the CIL charging schedule based on the recent recommendations of the Council's Consultants.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Kevin Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Val Turner and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

**Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee

- I. noted the progress made by the Joint Officer and Member Board in relation to governance arrangements for overseeing the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL);
- II. agreed the Infrastructure Investment Plan (IIP) which set out the priorities of infrastructure projects to receive CIL funding over the next three years; and
- III. agreed the formal revised draft CIL Charging Schedule prior to undertaking a public consultation exercise.

**JSC/013/20-21 Procurement Approach for Worthing Integrated Care Centre (WICC) Development**

The report updated the committee on progress to procure a construction firm for the Worthing Integrated Care Centre and recommended that the Committee:-

- agree the preferred procurement route for the development stage of the project;
- delegate authority to the appropriate officers to make appointments for the necessary professional and consultancy support services required to support the procurement exercise and oversee the construction of the development; and
- subject to further due diligence and legal advice, delegate authority to the Head of Major Projects & Investment, in consultation with the Executive Member for Resources, to enter into a contract with West Sussex Estate Partnership as the preferred procurement route for the project.

A Member highlighted the consultant fee percentage outlined in the report and sought clarification regarding a cap being imposed on the fee. Officers advised that they were confident that consultants were working to reduce fees but would raise the inclusion of a cap.

The Committee welcomed the direction and pace the project was travelling in.



The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Kevin Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Val Turner and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

**Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee

- 1) agreed to the preferred procurement route as detailed in Section 4 of the report;
- 2) delegated authority to the Head of Major Projects and Investment in consultation with the Executive Members for Resources to:-
  - agree the terms of a detailed Project Agreement with West Sussex Estates Partnership and;
  - to enter into a contract to deliver the project on the terms set out in the Project Agreement and the LIFTCO Strategic Partnership Agreement which creates a Framework Agreement for the delivery of the project;such authority to be granted subject to the requirements set out in paragraph 4.9 which includes compliance with all necessary due diligence.

**JSC/014/20-21      Worthing Public Realm - Delivering enhancements at Portland Road**

The report updated Members on the Portland Road scheme and sought authority for Worthing Borough Council (WBC) to act as the lead authority for West Sussex County Council (WSCC) and the delivery body for Coast to Capital LEP (C2C) on the terms set out.

The rationale for WBC delivering the project and the parallel approach being undertaken by WSCC in order for the monies to be used by WBC for the purposes of Portland Road were outlined.

The Committee noted that WSCC would continue to design and deliver the public realm works at Railway Approach (Teville Gate) in consultation with WBC.

In addition, the report confirmed that WBC had been offered external funding through Local Growth Funding (LGF) of £697,000 from the Coast to Capital LEP (C2C) to support the costs of the Portland Road scheme.

The Committee acknowledged the work undertaken by Worthing Members of West Sussex County Council.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Kevin Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Elizabeth Sparkes and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

**Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee

- (i) agreed to WBC taking on the project management and delivery responsibility of Portland Road Public Realm work, supported by WSCC (both financially and by its officer time);
- (ii) delegated authority to the Director for the Economy to approve a direct award under the Eastern Shires Purchasing Organisation (ESPO) framework to award a contract to Project Centre Consultants, to act as the project manager for WBC to deliver the public realm works at Portland Road on behalf of the Growth Board;
- (iii) delegated authority to the Director for the Economy, in consultation with the Executive Member for Regeneration and WSCC, to approve and award a contract for the construction work required to deliver the public realm project subject to the development of a procurement strategy and the outcome of a compliant procurement process;
- (iv) delegated authority to the Director for the Economy to enter into the C2C Funding Agreement; and
- (v) approved the creation of a budget of £3.697m (to include the WSCC funding and the C2C funding) within the capital programme fully funded by external grants and contributions.

**JSC/015/20-21      Unlocking Development at Decoy Farm**

The report updated Members on the progress made towards the remediation of the former landfill site. The remediation (and decontamination) of Decoy Farm would ensure that the money funded by the Local Enterprise Partnership was spent by the March 2020 deadline.

The Committee was informed of the timetable for remediation works commencing on site including the procurement of a specialist remediation contractor.

The report also sought delegation of authority for the Director for the Economy to award the required remediation contract to enable the works to be carried out subject to a compliant procurement process.

It was noted that a further report would be brought to the Committee, in due course, outlining a strategy with future ambitions for the site.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, seconded by Councillor Kevin Jenkins and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

**Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee authorised the Director for the Economy to undertake the procurement for the remediation contractor and to award that contract and any recommended contracts arising from the works as necessary to support and enable the remediation works at Decoy Farm, the costs for which, shall be met from the budgets set out in the report.

**JSC/016/20-21      Buckingham Multi-Storey Car Park Regeneration Scheme**

The report requested that Members agree to the recommended virement to enable the re-profiling of the programme of works for Buckingham and High Street Multi-Storey Car Park refurbishment projects, allowing capital funds of £800,000 to be brought forward for use into the 2020/21 budget year.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Kevin Jenkins, seconded by Councillor Daniel Humphreys and unanimously agreed by the Committee.

**Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee agreed a budget virement of £800,000 from the capital allocation for High Street MSCP to the Buckingham MSCP project budget. This would enable the regenerative benefits and improvement options identified, to be incorporated into the Buckingham MSCP scheme.

**JSC/017/20-21      Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council**

Councillor Martin McCabe, the proposer of the motion, attended the meeting to explain the motion and answer questions from the Committee.

The report set out a motion regarding Chat Benches (attached as Appendix 1), referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on 18 February 2020.

Members of the Joint Strategic committee were asked to consider and determine the Motion. The Committee could either support the motion and ask for further work to be carried out in this regard, or, could reject the motion.

The Committee acknowledged the idea but raised concerns about the suitability of the scheme in the current climate.

It was proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, second by Councillor Val Turner and unanimously approved that the motion be rejected.

**Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee agreed to reject the motion.

**JSC/018/20-21 Referral of Motion on Notice from Worthing Borough Council**

Councillor Bob Smytherman, the proposer of the motion, attended the meeting to explain the motion and answer questions from the Committee.

The report set out a motion regarding EU Citizens (attached as Appendix 1), referred from the meeting of Worthing Borough Council on 18 February 2020.

Members of the Joint Strategic committee were asked to consider and determine the Motion. The Committee could either support the motion and ask for further work to be carried out in this regard, or, could reject the motion.

The Committee acknowledged the sentiment of the motion but questioned whether this was in the remit of Worthing Borough Council.

It was proposed by Councillor Daniel Humphreys, second by Councillor Kevin Jenkins and unanimously approved that the motion be rejected.

**Decision:**

The Joint Strategic Committee agreed to reject the motion.

**C. Decisions taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 7 July 2020**

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The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

***(information to follow the JSC meeting on the 7 July 2020)***

**D. Urgent Decisions taken by the Executive**

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

There are no decisions to be reported to Council.

## **Local Government Act 1972**

### **Background papers**

Reports and decisions are available on the Council's website or as indicated in each of the paragraphs above. Some of the reports contain exempt information and therefore are not fully published on the website.

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