



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 despatch of the agenda for the last ordinary Council Meeting. Full details can be found on the [Executive Members Decisions webpage](#) .

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Executive Member for Regeneration

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Executive Member for Resources

JAW/021/21-22 Renewal of Google Licences

Executive Member for Customer Services

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Executive Member for the Environment

JAW/019/21-22 Self-Management of Adur and Worthing Allotments

Executive Member for Health and Wellbeing

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B. Decisions Taken by the Joint Strategic Committee on 16 March 2022

Full details can be found by clicking on this [link](#)

The matters not appearing elsewhere on the agenda:-

JSC/094/21-22 3rd Revenue Budget Monitoring Report (Q3)

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and 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 5.

The report updated the Joint Strategic Committee with the latest expenditure and income projections for each Council in the current financial year 2021/22, compared with the Revenue Budget approved by both Councils in February. Whilst the 'spend to date' was the position as at the 31st December 2021, the forecast position reflected the latest information available to ensure an up-to-date forecast was presented.

As at quarter 2, the current projection for the 2021/22 financial year were net operational budget overspends of £585k in Adur and £1.56m in Worthing. Government funding in the form of grants and the Income Guarantee Scheme would offset this and it was currently estimated that the outturn position would be net overspends of £47k in Adur and £14k in Worthing. A breakdown was set out in section 4.4 of the report.

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 (as set out in Appendices 1b and 2b).

JSC/095/21-22 3rd Quarter Capital Investment Programme & Projects Monitoring 2021/22

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and 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 6.

The report updated the Joint Strategic Committee on the progress made with the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programmes for Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council. The programmes included schemes which supported the delivery of services by the Joint Services Committee.

A Member sought clarification in relation to paragraph 7.3 in the report which stated that due to the effective scheme management of Teville Gate, there was an underspend, some of which would be going to a tenant in Montague Place and improvements to railway approach. Officers advised that this related to the partnership working with West Sussex County Council on the railway approach public realm project. It was important that the Council provided a very clear audit trail for where these monies were spent. It was noted that the Council had both the Portland Road scheme and now the Railway Approach scheme which was directly attached to the wider Teville Gate project.

Another Member asked a question in relation to the external works to Bushby Close which had been delayed by variations to the contract which had extended the completion to March 2022. What were the variations? In addition, following a complaint from a resident, the Council had been made aware of poor quality work being undertaken and he asked whether this matter had been addressed. Officers agreed to provide a written response to councillors following the meeting.

Decision

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

(a) With respect to the Capital Investment Programme of Adur District Council

- i) noted the reprofiling of the Adur District Council capital schemes as advised in paragraphs 7.2.1 and Appendix 3;
- ii) approved the funding of the overspend incurred in the replacement of the HR / Payroll system as detailed in paragraph 7.1.1;
- iii) approved the increase in the Disabled Facilities Budget in line with the forecast expenditure funded from Better Care Fund Grant as detailed in paragraph 7.2.2; and
- iv) approved the transfer of Disability Discrimination Adaptations Budget to fund Adur District Council's contribution to the Adur and Worthing Workspaces Project as detailed in paragraph 7.2.3.

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 funding of the overspend incurred in the replacement of the HR / Payroll system as detailed in paragraph 7.1.1;
- iii) approved the addition of the Worthing Public Realm Project to the 2021/22 Capital Investment Programme as detailed in paragraph 7.3.3;
- iv) approved the transfer of Disability Discrimination Adaptations Budget to the Adur and Worthing Workspaces Project as detailed in paragraph 7.3.4; and
- v) noted the receipt of the Pocket Parks Grant funding of £24,030 to support communities to provide new or renovated parks and approve the use of the funding to create a community garden in Beach House Park as detailed in paragraph 7.3.5.

Local Government Act 1972

Background papers

(Reports and Record of decisions are available on the Council's web site www.adur-worthing.gov.uk or as indicated in each of the paragraphs above. Some of the reports may contain exempt information and not be fully published on the websites.)

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Leader of the Council