



## **Extract from the minutes of the Joint Strategic Committee - 11 October 2022**

### **JSC/023/22-23 Our Plan - The new corporate plan for Adur & Worthing Councils**

The Committee noted that Adur & Worthing Councils' previous corporate plan, Platforms for Our Places: Going Further (2020-22), had now reached the end of its delivery period.

Since that plan was adopted much had changed and the councils had taken the opportunity to review the challenges and opportunities ahead. Through this process a new plan for Adur & Worthing, covering the next three years, had been drafted called 'Our Plan'.

'Our Plan' will enable the successful delivery of Adur District and Worthing Borough Council's priorities by effectively supporting the work of each individual council, and where appropriate, both councils together through the shared partnership agreement.

The plan would inform the budget setting work of both councils and would direct overall organisational service planning and performance management.

Members welcomed the report and the digestibility of 'Our Plan'. A number of key themes running through the plan were also acknowledged.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Angus Dunn, seconded by Councillor Carl Walker and unanimously supported.

### **Decision**

The Joint Strategic Committee

- 1. considered the draft 'Our Plan' and recommended its approval to both Councils as a core strategic document for the next three years;**
2. invited the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review 'Our Plan' and review subsequent progress reports.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Joint Strategic Committee - 11 October 2022](#))



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**JSC/024/22-23      Investing for our future - Capital Strategy 2023/26**

The report sought the approval of the Council's Capital Strategy for 2023/26. The Strategy outlined the Council's approach to capital investment and how the Council ensured that capital investment was directed to the Council's Priorities.

This year's strategy was set against an environment of high inflation and increasing interest rates which were having a significant impact on the Council's finances and the affordability of the Council's investment programmes.

The Committee was pleased to receive the report, noting that things were understandably more constrained than Members would like them to be. It was stated that the Councils had done exceptionally well to deliver what they had over the past couple of years and that the proposed Capital Strategy for 2023/26 was the right way forward.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Carson Albury, seconded by Councillor Carl Walker and unanimously supported.

**Decision**

The Joint Strategic Committee recommended to both Adur and Worthing Councils that the Capital Strategy for 2023/26 be approved.

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**WJSS-C/022/22-23                      Public Space Protection Orders - Dog Control**

The report outlined the findings of a public consultation to renew the current Dog Control Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) including some variations.

Members were asked to approve the amendments to the PSPO and renew for a further 3 years.

A Councillor sought clarification regarding the consultation. In particular, a change midway through the consultation regarding dogs being kept on leads at Beach House Park, which was changed to Beach House Park being made an off-lead space. Was the Sub-Committee satisfied that the legal process had been followed for this consultation?

*\* The meeting was adjourned at 7.42pm and reconvened at 7.45pm.*

In addition, it was highlighted that this was a joint Adur and Worthing consultation and therefore residents in Adur had commented on Worthing PSPOs. The Councillor asked whether this should have been a Worthing only consultation. If it was, could the validity of a joint consultation be challenged?

*\* The meeting was adjourned at 7.48pm and reconvened at 7.50pm.*

Officers agreed to provide a written response to the questions asked by the Councillor. However, in order to progress this matter to Full Council, the Sub-Committee was advised to debate the issue, before making recommendations subject to the satisfactory answering by the Monitoring Officer of the technical questions.

The Councillor asked a further question regarding the framing of the questions in the consultation. In the absence of correspondence from the public, what was the wording of the questions based upon and was the Sub-Committee satisfied that the questions were open? It was noted that the framing of questions was derived from feedback received via the Parks Service, including feedback from Park Rangers regarding day to day use and comments received from customers.

The Committee was advised that recommendation 2.2 be amended to say:-

'subject to the Monitoring Officer responding to the questions raised during consideration of the item and to the Monitoring Officer being satisfied that the PSPO may lawfully be made, refer the recommendations to Full Council for approval.

The recommendations, as amended, were proposed by Councillor Helen Silman, seconded by Councillor Vicki Wells and unanimously supported.

### **Decision**

That the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee

1. considered the findings of the Public Consultation and approved the proposed amendments to the PSPO as detailed in section 6.1 through to 6.6; and
2. subject to the Monitoring Officer responding to the questions raised during consideration of the item and to the Monitoring Officer being satisfied that the PSPO may lawfully be made, refer the recommendations to Full Council for approval'.

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