



**Extract from the minutes of the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee - 8th November 2022**

**JSS-C(W)/031/22-23      Worthing Local Plan**

The Sub-Committee noted that Worthing Borough Council had to prepare a Local Plan to establish local planning policies for the Borough. After a number of years of preparation the Worthing Local Plan was entering the final stages towards adoption.

The Local Plan was Submitted for Examination in June 2021, the Hearing Sessions were held in November 2021 and a Schedule of Modifications was consulted on earlier this year

The Local Plan Inspector had now issued his Report to the Council.

The report to the Worthing Joint strategic Sub-Committee summarised the Inspector's key findings and his conclusion that the Plan, as modified, was sound and legally compliant. It also set out the steps required to formally adopt the Local Plan.

The Sub-Committee wished to place on record its thanks to former Regeneration Portfolio holders Nicky Waight and Kevin Jenkins, former Planning Committee Chairman Paul High and Planning Officers James Appleton and Ian Moody for all of their associated work in preparing and progressing the plan.

The recommendations in the report were proposed by Councillor Martin McCabe, seconded by Councillor Vicki Wells and unanimously supported.

**Resolved**

That the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee

- (a) noted the Inspector's Report containing the Inspector's main modifications to be made to the submitted Worthing Local Plan in order for it to be found sound;
- (b) noted the process of Sustainability Appraisal that had been followed and the likely significant effects of the Local Plan (together with Main Modifications);

- (c) noted the schedule of Main Modifications to the Worthing Local Plan;
- (d) recommended to Full Council the adoption of the Worthing Local Plan and Policies Map including main modifications and additional modifications relating to presentational improvements, factual updates, grammatical and typographical corrections;**
- (e) noted that if the Local Plan was adopted, a copy of the Final Sustainability Appraisal report, including a Sustainability Appraisal Post-Adoption Statement, would be made available for inspection alongside the Local Plan; and
- (f) approved use of the Capacity Issues reserve to fund the additional £15,000 cost of the examination.

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee - 8 November 2022](#))

**Extract from the minutes of the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 24  
November 2022**

**JOSC/015/22-23 JOSC Work Programme Review - Including items for  
forthcoming meetings**

The Scrutiny Officer introduced the report to the Committee and set out changes and matters for determination.

Members noted the report and in particular discussed how missed Cabinet interviews should be considered. They also discussed how to manage the potential effect of changes to the constitution.

**Resolved -**

The Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee

- 1) Noted the status of the work programme and agreed to refer the work programme to the council meetings in December**
- 2) Noted the changes that have been made to the Work Programme since it was agreed by both Councils in April.
- 3) Agreed to defer the interview with the Worthing Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing to the JOSC meeting in February
- 4) Agreed to defer the interview with the Adur Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources to the meeting in March.
- 5) Considered if any amendments were required to the Work Programme
- 6) To monitor the effect on its work programme arising from the changes to the Constitution as set out at Paragraph 4.5

(Link to the report on the website e.g. [Worthing Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee - 24 November 2022 / Appendix](#))



**Extract from the minutes of the Joint Audit and Governance Committee - 29 November 2022**

**JGC/042/22-23 Members Allowances 2022/23**

The report provided details of the Officers' National Joint Council (NJC) pay bargaining agreement for 2022/23 and requests that the Joint Audit & Governance Committee consider the percentage rise to be applied to Members Allowances for 2022/23.

The Committee was asked to consider recommending to Adur and Worthing Councils an increase in the basic allowance of either:

- 5.82% in line with the median average of the NJC pay bargaining agreement for 2022/23; or
- 2% in line with the amount that was budgeted for in the 2022/23 budget.

Members sought clarification in regards to the two options proposed in the report; when the increase would be implemented; whether the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel (JIRP) had been consulted; whether different recommendations could be made to the respective councils and whether the recommendations were binding or subject to a vote at the full council meetings. Officers confirmed that the increases would be back paid from May 2022. The JIRP Chairman had been consulted and was supportive of the proposal to increase allowances by 5.82% in line with the weighted average of the NJC pay bargaining agreement for 2022/23. It was also noted that different recommendations could be made to the respective sovereign councils.

Members debated the proposals whilst acknowledging that the earlier recommendations from the Joint Independent Remuneration Panel and decisions by both Councils were for an increase in allowances in line with the NJC settlement.

The Committee noted that the financial situation had changed since April 2022 and that Members could choose to refuse or take a reduced allowance on an individual basis.

The committee agreed to vote on a separate recommendation to each council.

A proposal from Cllr Boram, that Adur Allowances be increased by 5.82%, was seconded by Cllr McGregor and supported by the Committee following a vote.

A proposal from Cllr James, that Worthing Allowances be increased by 5.82%. The motion was seconded by Cllr White and supported by the Committee following a vote.

### **Resolved**

The Joint Audit & Governance Committee recommended to Adur and Worthing Councils that Members Allowances for 2022/23 be increased by 5.82% in line with the weighted average of the NJC pay bargaining agreement for 2022/23.

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**WJSSC/00x/22-23 2023/24 Budget Update**

*Details to follow the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee meeting on the 5th  
December*

**Resolved**

The Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee:

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December 2022**

**WJSSC/00x/22-23 Outcome of the public consultation in respect of the working  
age Council Tax Support Scheme for Worthing Borough  
Council in respect of 2023/24**

*Details to follow the Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee meeting on the 5th  
December*

**Resolved**

The Worthing Joint Strategic Sub-Committee:

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