

Cabinet Report: Current and recent Business – Supplementary

The Economy

Louise Goldsmith Economy



24 Worthing & Adur Growth Deal

The County Council, working in partnership with Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council, has agreed the Adur and Worthing Growth Deal. This is the third Growth Deal that has been put in place following Crawley in December and Mid Sussex last month. This Growth Deal sets out a joint commitment to align resources to deliver sustainable growth and unlock opportunities for new homes and new employment floor space, preserving existing and creating new jobs. The Councils have agreed to work co-operatively and in partnership to deliver a set of growth priorities for the area. These include the regeneration of Worthing town centre, development of homes and commercial floor space at New Monks Farm and Shoreham Airport and the exploration of gigabit fibre broadband. The growth deals support the delivery of the Future West Sussex Plan and through working in partnership help to create a thriving West Sussex Economy. Work is ongoing to explore growth deals for other areas of the county.

25 Local Enterprise Partnership Local Growth Fund allocation

The Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) has awarded £3.66m towards the County Council's acquisition of the Novartis site in Horsham. The County Council purchased the site in November 2016 to provide a significant boost to the West Sussex economy by creating a quality employment and residential development. As part of the application to the LEP for funding, the County Council committed to create jobs and new commercial floor space at the site. Work is ongoing with commercial advisors to finalise the vision and proposition for the site and establish the right mix of residential, business, and start-up space.

Stronger Communities

Christine Field Community Wellbeing



26 Childhood Obesity

The Childhood Obesity Executive Task and Finish Group (TFG) has agreed its recommendations. Set up by the Cabinet Member to determine opportunities to prevent and address childhood obesity in West Sussex, the Group had its final meeting on 10 March. It considered latest research and national strategies to understand the evidence base for childhood obesity, looked at support currently provided by the County Council to prevent and address childhood obesity, gaps in support and opportunities for the council and its partners to take a joint approach to address the issue. The final recommendations include:

- development of a County Council Charter supporting sign-up to a national healthy rating of schools scheme which is currently being created by the Department of Health and the Department of Education, to include a local award scheme to encompass all West Sussex nurseries, schools (including special schools), children and family centres and leisure centres where appropriate;
- closer working with district and borough Planning Departments to influence the appropriate siting of fast food outlets, ensuring where possible these are not in close proximity of schools;
- testing of electronic apps by a group of young people to support healthy eating habits and physical activity. This will feed into an evaluation of whether one of the apps should be recommended to West Sussex Schools; and
- support to increase take-up for Level 3 Bikeability Courses.

A report will be provided to the West Sussex Health and Wellbeing Board in summer 2018, setting out work undertaken and the outcomes achieved as a result of the recommendations of the TFG.

Effective Council

Jeremy Hunt Finance



27 Adult Social Care Grant

The County Council welcomes the additional £2bn Adult Social Care Grant announced by the Chancellor in the Spring Budget. The County Council's share is £25.3m spread over three years; £11.4m in 2017/18, £9.3m in 2018/19 and £4.7m in 2019/20. The County Council awaits further guidance from the Department for Communities and Local Government on the conditions that might be attached to the funding. It is expected that these conditions might include addressing such areas as unmet social care, assisting the NHS, stabilising the market and reducing delayed hospital discharges. The Government has indicated that performance measures and reporting requirements will be clarified in the forthcoming guidance. The £3.3m Adult Social Care Support Grant announced in the Finance Settlement in December will be invested in Focus on Prevention initiatives such as improved technology to help residents stay at home and improving the County Council's locality offer as part of its new operating model.

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Background Papers

None