



Minutes of the meeting of the **Council** held in East Pallant House on Tuesday 24 July 2018 at 14:00

Members Present

Mrs E Hamilton, Mrs N Graves (Vice-Chairman), Mrs C Apel, Mr G Barrett, Mr R Barrow, Mr J Brown, Mr P Budge, Mr J Connor, Mr A Collins, Mr T Dempster, Mr A Dignum, Mrs P Dignum, Mrs J Duncton, Mr J F Elliott, Mr N Galloway, Mr M Hall, Mrs P Hardwick, Mr R Hayes, Mr G Hicks, Mr F Hobbs, Mrs J Kilby, Mrs E Lintill, Mr S Lloyd-Williams, Mr L Macey, Mr K Martin, Mr G McAra, Mr S Morley, Caroline Neville, Mr S Oakley, Mr C Page, Mrs P Plant, Mrs C Purnell, Mr J Ridd, Mr A Shaxson, Mrs S Taylor, Mr N Thomas, Mrs P Tull, Mr D Wakeham and Mr P Wilding

Members Absent

Mr M Dunn, Mr J W Elliott, Mr L Hixson, Mr A Moss, Dr K O'Kelly, Mr R Plowman, Mr H Potter, Mr J Ransley and Mrs J Tassell

Officers Present

Mrs J Dodsworth (Director of Residents' Services), Mr A Frost (Director of Planning and Environment), Mr D Henly (Senior Engineer (Coast and Water Management)), Mrs J Hotchkiss (Director of Growth and Place), Mr P E Over (Executive Director), Mrs L Rudziak (Director of Housing and Communities), Mrs D Shepherd (Chief Executive), Mr G Thrussell (Legal and Democratic Services Officer) and Mr J Ward (Director of Corporate Services)

7 Approval of Minutes

The Chairman welcomed everyone present and she explained the emergency evacuation procedure.

The Council formally received the minutes of its two previous meetings, namely the Annual Council meeting on Tuesday 22 May 2018 and its special meeting on Friday 8 June 2018, a copy of each which had been circulated with the agenda for this meeting.

There were no proposed changes to either set of minutes.

Mrs Hamilton sought and obtained for each set of minutes in turn the Council's approval for her to sign and date them as a correct record.

Decision

The Council voted unanimously on a show of hands to make the resolution below.

RESOLVED

That the minutes of (a) the meeting of the Annual Council on Tuesday 22 May 2018 and (b) the Council's special meeting on Friday 8 June 2018 each be approved as a correct record.

Mrs Hamilton then duly signed and dated as a correct record (a) the final (eighteenth) page of the official version of the minutes of the Annual Council meeting and (b) the final (eighteenth) page of the official version of the minutes of the Council's special meeting.

[Note This para and paras 8 to 21 below summarise the consideration of and conclusion to agenda items 1 to 15 inclusive but for full details of the matters summarised hereunder (save for item 14 which was a Part II confidential exempt matter) reference should be made to the audio recording facility via the link below.

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[Note Hereafter in these minutes Chichester District Council is denoted by CDC]

8 Late Items

The Chairman announced that there was one late item for consideration at the meeting. The details were contained in the agenda supplement which had been published on Thursday 19 July 2018. This related to a recommendation in respect of a Part II matter (Award of a Services Concessions Contract) which was made by the Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday 3 July 2018. The matter would be considered at agenda item 14 (a) (Late Items) subject to a resolution having first been passed to exclude the press and the public.

9 Declarations of Interests

Declarations of personal interests were made by the undermentioned members in respect of the stated agenda items:

- Mr McAra declared a personal interest in respect of agenda item 12 (Selsey and Midhurst Visions) as a member of Midhurst Town Council.
- Mr Morley declared a personal interest in respect of agenda item 12 (Selsey and Midhurst Visions) as a member of Midhurst Town Council.
- Mrs Purnell declared a personal interest in respect of agenda item 12 (Selsey and Midhurst Visions) as a member of Selsey Town Council.

10 Chairman's Announcements

The Chairman said that the following apologies for absence had been received:

Mr J W Elliott (Selsey South), Mr L Hixson (Chichester East), Mr A Moss (Fishbourne), Dr K O'Kelly (Rogate), Mr R Plowman (Chichester West), Mr H Potter (Bury), Mr J Ransley (Wisborough Green) and Mrs J Tassell (Funtington).

The Chairman made the following specific announcements:

- (1) After this meeting there would be a CDC member visit to the Pallant House Gallery to hear of its community work and future plans and view the Virginia Woolf exhibition.
- (2) Mrs Hamilton had received a letter dated 4 July 2018 from Kensington Palace in which the Private Secretary to the Duke and Duchess of Sussex thanked on their behalf the members and staff of CDC for the kind congratulations for their wedding, which they much appreciated. They in turn expressed their good wishes. The royal couple hoped to visit Chichester at some time in the future. Mrs Hamilton trusted that there would be a suitable event to which the Duke and Duchess could be invited in due course.
- (3) On Friday 20 July 2018 members and officers had been the guests of Southern Water for a guided tour of the Tangmere Wastewater Treatment Works, where they were updated on the progress being made with upgrading the facility to connect it to new developments such as the West of Chichester strategic development site. She expressed her gratitude to Southern Water for hosting the event.
- (4) The MADhurst 2018 Music, Arts and Drama Festival would take place from 18 to 27 August 2018. This annual festival, now in its ninth year, was even more packed with activities than ever before and offered ten days of musical entertainment including classical, swing, folk and rock, dance shows, comedy acts and an art trail. The grand finale day coincided this year with the late summer public holiday.
- (5) On Monday 16 July 2018 Mrs Hamilton had officially opened the new affordable housing development in North Mundham. Built by Stonewater, Stoney Meadow was an exclusively affordable housing development of 25 properties, located near to the local primary school. She commended it as being the finest example of social housing which she had yet seen and encouraged members to visit it.

The Chairman said that she had acceded to a request by Mr J Ridd (Donnington) to comment in his capacity as CDC's Military Champion on parish events commemorating the centenary of the end of World War 1, otherwise known as 'Battle's Over'.

Mr Ridd first of all summarised the nature and purpose of the important Armed Forces Covenant (AFC), which CDC had signed in 2014 with the Ministry of Defence (represented by the Royal Artillery from Thorney Island). Its aim was to recognise the contribution made by the armed forces past and present and to ensure that neither present nor past serving soldiers or their families were discriminated against on account of their status when applying to CDC for assistance from one of its services or appropriate support. CDC had improved working relationships with Thorney Island staff and collaborated closely with other organisations including West Sussex County Council so that all relevant services could be offered in a complementary way to those who needed them. The AFC was not limited to Thorney Island personnel and extended for example to army and air force cadets. He was hopeful that CDC's incoming Rough Sleepers Outreach Worker would be able to assist any ex-service person who was facing homelessness. He gave examples of those who had been assisted. CDC played its full part in this important work and he acknowledged and paid tribute to the commitment and support shown by staff, notably Mrs Shepherd (Chief Executive) and Mr D Hyland (Community and Partnerships Support Manager). The AFC had had a very beneficial impact within Chichester District and he hoped that this would long be the case.

The AFC also encouraged civic appreciation for the role of the armed forces, both current and historic. As to the forthcoming country-wide centenary celebrations to mark the end of World War I, parishes were being strongly encouraged to observe this momentous occasion through a scheme known as 'Battle's Over', with beacons and bonfires being set across the country on 11 November 2018. CDC was making £250 available to each parish for suitable local activity, to be listed on CDC's website. He asked members to encourage their parishes to participate in this scheme, although he was aware that many had already committed themselves to do so.

11 **Public Question Time**

No public questions had been submitted for this meeting.

12 **Section 106 Community Facilities - Westhampnett Community Hall**

The Council considered the recommendation made to it by the Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday 5 June 2018, as set out in the Cabinet report (pages 22 to 25 of the Cabinet agenda) and its confidential Part II exempt appendix circulated to members and relevant officers only (page 26).

Mrs E Lintill (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Community Services) formally moved the Cabinet's recommendation and this was seconded by Mrs J Kilby (Cabinet Member for Housing Services).

Mrs Lintill presented the Cabinet's recommendation by summarising sections 3 and 5 of the Cabinet agenda report.

Mr M Hall (Lavant) spoke in favour of the recommendation, saying that this was a much-needed community facility in view of the increasing local population through housing development.

Mr S Oakley (Tangmere) expressed satisfaction about the accrued interest being included in the sum to be released to Westhampnett Parish Council.

Decision

On a show of hands the members voted unanimously in favour of the Cabinet's recommendation with no votes against and no abstentions.

RESOLVED

That the release of £98,712 section 106 community facilities monies plus interest accrued to the date of release to Westhampnett Parish Council for the construction of Westhampnett Community Hall be approved.

13 **Chichester District Council Annual Report 2017-2018**

The Council considered the recommendation made to it by the Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday 3 July 2018, as set out in the Cabinet report (pages 17 to 18 of the Cabinet agenda) and its appendix (pages 1 to 42 in the Cabinet agenda supplement).

Mr A Dignum (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Growth and Place) formally moved the Cabinet's recommendation and this was seconded by Mrs E Lintill (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Community Services).

Mr Dignum presented the Cabinet's recommendation as follows.

The Annual Report was a summary of the key achievements and progress made by CDC during 2017-2018 towards the objectives set out in the Corporate Plan (CP). It included outlines of the plans developed during that period for implementation in 2018-2019. The report was only a summary of CDC's work of delivering over 80 services to Chichester District's residents at a cost of just £3 per week for the average Band D council tax payer. Further details of all the services were available on CDC's website. The CP's key objectives were cited and exemplified as follows:

(1) Managing our built and natural environments Environmental concerns had been at the forefront during the year: (a) a new Litter and Fly Tip Strategy was developed and implemented; (b) a litter enforcement trial (to be reviewed in 2018) used staff from East Hampshire District Council to issue fixed penalty notices to those caught littering or failing to clean up after their dogs; (c) a wide-reaching campaign against litter, to which many local businesses and community groups had pledged their support through the Adopt-an-Area initiative, had now been short-listed for a national award; (d) action to eliminate the use of single-use plastics in Chichester District, including within CDC; (e) air quality improvement measures had included (i) the start of an ongoing installation programme of charge points for electric vehicles in CDC car parks, (ii) further steps to measure air quality in key areas and (iii) producing a refresh of the Air Quality Action Plan; and (f) the current detailed review of the Chichester Local Plan in readiness for adoption by 2020

(2) Improving and supporting our economy (a) a major contribution towards this objective was the opening of the new Enterprise Centre (EC) in Terminus Road Chichester on 1 March 2018, providing modern, flexible spaces for small businesses to grow and flourish, so helping to create new, high quality jobs for local people, and which had already attracted 25 businesses to operate from the EC; (b) after extensive public consultation and work with partners, the Chichester Vision (CV) was adopted in July 2017 and the delivery of the CV projects were now being led by the Chichester Vision Steering Group representing all the city's major stakeholders, with the focus on large projects such as Southern Gateway and also smaller projects which sought to make the city more attractive to users of all ages; (c) the Masterplan to guide development in the 30-acre Southern Gateway area of Chichester was formally adopted in November 2017 and the focus was now directed to implementation of the project: £5 m in Local Enterprise Partnership funding had been secured and current priorities were to (i) arrange the relocation of Stagecoach and Royal Mail, (ii) devise a development brief and then secure a development partner and (iii) bid for more public sector funding; (d) the refresh of Visions for Selsey and Midhurst was underway with local partners to improve the two towns' economies; (e) the continuation of support for independent businesses throughout Chichester District, to include for the coming year funding to deliver a programme of specialist retail training courses and awarding grants for external improvements to retail premises.

(3) Supporting our communities The particular emphasis was to help the most vulnerable with the development of new projects such as: (a) social prescribing (to be realised via partnership agreements and funding), which would place community referrers into GP

practices across Chichester District to work with people who had non-medical issues and required community-based solutions to enhance individuals' physical and mental health and reduce pressures on GPs and A&E; and (b) the Council Tax Reduction Scheme: funded by CDC, it enabled the giving of discounts on council tax according to income and unlike most other local authorities CDC's scheme had not been made less generous than the national scheme operating up to 2012.

(4) Improving the provision of and access to suitable housing CDC's housing team continued to support those with a local connection to Chichester District who were or were at risk of becoming homeless: (a) the team had expanded and changed the way it worked in order to cope with the anticipated increase in the number of residents seeking advice and assistance following the introduction of Universal Credit and the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017, which would extend CDC's duties in respect of potentially homeless people; (b) the provision of temporary accommodation for homeless households at two sites in Chichester: Westward House and the purchase in 2017 of an empty property in Freeland Close; and (c) promoting community land trusts as a possible solution to the problem in some communities of a combination of high house prices and comparatively low wages, making it hard for people to stay living in the area in which they had grown up from childhood and CDC was now supporting eight community-led housing groups.

(5) Managing Chichester District Council's finances prudently and effectively (a) each year CDC updated a five-year financial strategy for a balanced budget, making savings as needed with modest council tax increases and parking charges to ensure services were delivered to the standards expected by residents; (b) developing a portfolio of investments in bonds and local property which yielded a significant income that contributed to meeting the cost of CDC services; and (c) reviews of many of CDC's support services whereby annual savings of £400,000 were achieved while still ensuring performance standards remained at the expected high level.

He concluded by saying that CDC was entitled to look back on a year of substantial achievement towards its five CP objectives and the development of well-thought-out plans for 2018-2019 and beyond.

Mr Dignum thanked Mr J Mildred (Divisional Manager Business Support), Mr A Buckley (Corporate Improvement and Facilities Manager) and Mrs J Westbrook (Corporate Improvement Officer) for compiling the Annual Report.

Mr S Oakley (Tangmere) referred to the Planning Services section of the Annual Report (pages 34 to 37 of the Cabinet's agenda supplement) and queried the absence of any performance indicators (PI) for Planning Policy compared with several for Development Management.

Mrs S Taylor (Cabinet Member for Planning Services) said that the Local Plan Review PI appeared in CDC's annual Authority's Monitoring Report and its production was the main target to achieve via an extensive evidence-based gathering exercise. Mrs D Shepherd (Chief Executive) remarked that the need for the inclusion of such a PI in the CDC Annual Report could be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee next year and she added that management targets across all services were regularly reviewed. Mr Dignum said that Mr Oakley had made a good point and that such a PI should feature in the Annual Report from 2018-2019 onwards.

Mr R Hayes (Southbourne) commended the continuation of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme and the ongoing assistance being given to those (a) who were or might become homeless and (b) those who wished to remain living in Chichester District despite high house prices and comparatively low wages. These were matters of which CDC ought to be rightly proud.

Decision

On a show of hands the members voted unanimously in favour of the Cabinet's recommendation with no votes against and no abstentions.

RESOLVED

That the Chichester District Council Annual Report 2017-2018 be received.

14 Housing Grants and Resources

The Council considered the recommendation made to it by the Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday 3 July 2018, as set out in the Cabinet report (pages 19 to 22 of the Cabinet agenda).

Mrs J Kilby (Cabinet Member for Housing Services) formally moved the Cabinet's recommendation and this was seconded by Mrs E Lintill (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Community Services).

Mrs Kilby presented the Cabinet's recommendation by summarising the two aspects of the report (sections 3 and 5) relating to the proposed use of (a) the Flexible Homelessness Support Grant and the Homelessness Reduction Act New Burdens Grant and (b) the additional income received from the licensing of houses in multiple occupation.

There was no discussion of this item.

Decision

On a show of hands the members voted unanimously in favour of the Cabinet's recommendation with no votes against and no abstentions.

RESOLVED

- (1) That delegated authority be given to the Director of Housing and Communities, following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Housing Services, to spend the Flexible Homelessness Support Grant set out in para 3.2 of the agenda report and the Homelessness Reduction Act New Burdens Grant set out in para 3.3 of the agenda report in line with the government guidance issued with the notification of the grants.
- (2) That the additional income received from the licencing of Houses in Multiple Occupation be used to fund the additional staffing and IT resources required to implement the new government regulations as set out in para 5.2 of the agenda report.

15 **Making the Petworth Neighbourhood Development Plan**

The Council considered the recommendation made to it by the Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday 3 July 2018, as set out in the Cabinet report (pages 23 to 25 of the Cabinet agenda).

Mrs S Taylor (Cabinet Member for Planning Services) formally moved the Cabinet's recommendation and this was seconded by Mrs E Lintill (Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Community Services).

Mrs Taylor presented the Cabinet's recommendation. She summarised section 3 of the report and gave the headline figures for voting and the overall referendum result (para 3.3) for the Petworth Neighbourhood Development Plan (PNDP). She advised that the turnout for the referendum on 7 June 2018 had been 36% with 77% voting in favour of the PNDP.

There was no discussion of this item.

Decision

On a show of hands the members voted unanimously in favour of the Cabinet's recommendation with no votes against and no abstentions.

RESOLVED

That the Petworth Neighbourhood Development Plan be made part of the Development Plan for Chichester District (excluding the area within the South Downs National Park).

16 **Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2017-2018 Annual Report**

The Council considered the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's (OSC) annual report for 2017-2018, which had been circulated at pages 37 to 42 of the Council agenda.

Mrs C Apel (Chichester West and the Chairman of the OSC) formally moved the recommendation in the agenda report and this was seconded by Mrs N Graves (Fernhurst and the Vice-Chairman of the OSC).

Mrs Apel said that this self-explanatory report demonstrated the amount of work undertaken by the OSC in 2017-2018. She drew attention to the mention made in the fifth para of the report (page 37) of the great benefits of scrutiny to the efficiency of a local authority where it is supported and well run. She thanked Mrs B Jones (recently retired Principal Scrutiny Officer), Mr D Hyland (Community and Partnerships Support Manager) and the late Mr S Hansford (Assistant Director of Community Services) for all of their invaluable and unstinting support of the OSC's work programme and meetings.

There was no discussion of this item.

Decision

On a show of hands the members voted unanimously in favour of the Cabinet's recommendation with no votes against and no abstentions.

RESOLVED

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report for 2016-2017 be noted.

17 Questions to the Executive

The questions to the executive asked by members and the responses given were as follows:

Question: The number of homeless people who are in employment

Mrs C Apel (Chichester West) asked for details of the number of homeless people including those with families who were nonetheless in employment on low wages but unable to afford the high rents in the private sector.

Response

Mrs J Kilby (Cabinet Member for Housing Services) said that she did not have the available figures but undertook to make enquiries and provide a written answer.

Question: Implications for Chichester District of the proposed changes by West Sussex County Council for household waste site management arrangements

Mr J Brown (Southbourne) referred to proposals by West Sussex County Council (WSSCC) to introduce a new scheme to regulate and charge for household waste at its collection sites. He wished to know what implications there might be for Chichester District residents in terms of increased costs and also fly-tipping incidents.

Response

Mr R Barrow (Cabinet Member for Residents Services) and **Mrs J Dodsworth** (Director of Residents Services) said that there were as yet no details of what WSSCC was proposing and enquiries would be made. **Mr Barrow** said that an opportunity to do so would be at the next Waste and Recycling Panel meeting on Monday 30 July 2018 when Steve Read (Director of Energy, Waste and Environment WSSCC) would be in attendance.

Question: Target date for eliminating homelessness

Mr S Lloyd-Williams (Chichester North) referred to the approval by the Council earlier in the meeting for additional funding to address homelessness in Chichester District (minute para 14) and asked the Cabinet Member for Housing Services to reconsider her comment a while ago that no date would or could be set for the elimination of homelessness in this area.

Response

Mrs J Kilby (Cabinet Member for Housing Services) said that there was no final target date. Homelessness was a country-wide problem which was receiving national and local attention. The aim was to achieve a reduction in homelessness.

Question: Loss of bank facilities in rural areas

Mrs L Purnell (Selsey North) referred to the number of bank closures within Chichester District, which reflected a national situation. She was concerned about the impact of such closures on rural areas and their local economies, such as the Manhood Peninsula and also areas around Midhurst and Petworth. She hoped that representations by CDC's political leaders could be made to Gillian Keegan MP to inform the government that this was an unacceptable situation.

Response

Mr A Dignum (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Growth and Place) acknowledged the point and said that he would write a letter on behalf of CDC's party group leaders to the MP. He requested members to e-mail facts to him for inclusion in the letter.

Question: Velo South cyclist event on Sunday 23 September 2018

Mr A Shaxson (Harting) had previously raised this subject at the Annual Council meeting. The outstanding issue to address was the appalling lack of communication which had occurred. He said that whilst it had been said that CDC had only a peripheral role, a very recent note published by West Sussex County Council indicated that there were regular meetings to which CDC had been invited and moreover fortnightly updates were released. He said that that information should have been made available to members and asked that they be sent copies of recent and all future updates.

Response

Mrs D Shepherd (Chief Executive) said that information had appeared in the monthly *Members Bulletin* and that further details arising from those meetings could be sent to members. She invited members to send her specific issues, points and questions which she could raise on their behalf at the next meeting later in the week.

Question: The need to increase open space and play area provision

Mr S Oakley (Tangmere) emphasised the public health benefits of public open spaces, play areas etc and he hoped that the Local Plan Review process would achieve an increase and not a decrease in open space development.

Response

Mrs S Taylor (Cabinet Member for Planning Services) referred to the recent Local Plan Review member briefing on Tuesday 17 July 2017 on open spaces, built facilities and playing pitch strategy and pointed out that the policy was still being formulated and no final decisions had yet been made.

Question: How homelessness can affect people on all income levels

Mr R Hayes (Southbourne) alluded to a BBC Radio 4 report which he had heard earlier in the day which revealed that homelessness affected not only low-paid workers but also those in the professions. He recommended members to listen to it.

Response

Mrs J Kilby (Cabinet Member for Housing Services) said that she would make sure she heard that programme. She in turn recommended the Channel 4 *Dispatches* programme which had been broadcast the previous evening. Its filming within two homeless shelters had revealed the growing number of people who were in work but homeless because they could not afford expensive private rents in a low-wage economy.

Question: An Enterprise Centre for Midhurst

Mr G McAra (Midhurst) said that at the opening of the Enterprise Centre in Terminus Road Chichester earlier in the year he had suggested to the Leader of the Council and Gillian Keegan MP that something similar was needed for Midhurst and Petworth. He asked if the Midhurst Vision Steering Group (MVSG) could consider having a workshop in the town eg on the former brickworks site.

Response

Mr A Dignum (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Growth and Place) referred to the table in section 7.1 of the Midhurst Vision project initiation document which the Council would be considering in the next agenda item (pages 59 to 60 of the Council agenda). The seventh entry in that table was a feasibility study to consider the potential to develop an Arts Centre/Creation space. He said that **Mr S Hill** (Rural Towns Co-ordinator) could discuss **Mr McAra's** point with the MVSG.

[Note End of Questions to the Executive]

18 **Selsey and Midhurst Visions**

The Council considered the report and its two appendices for this item which had been circulated at pages 43 to 63 of the Council agenda.

Mr A Dignum (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Growth and Place) formally moved the recommendation in the agenda report and this was seconded by Mr J Connor (Cabinet Member for Environment Services).

Mr Dignum first of all explained the urgent need to authorise the allocated budgets for the Selsey and Midhurst Visions and approve their respective project initiation documents (PID) to enable the necessary works to proceed during summer 2018. It was for this reason that the decision had been brought to the Council to make now rather than wait until the next Cabinet meeting in early September 2018.

Mr Connor commented on the Selsey Vision aspect of the report and the appended PID (pages 45 to 54), which set out in some detail what the Selsey Vision aspired to achieve and how that would be implemented. The release of the funding would give an impetus to realise the Vision. Moreover, following the decision not to proceed with the Selsey Haven project, the Vision's outputs were intended to reflect and achieve the recommendations of the Marshall Regen 2017 economic report on Selsey Haven. It was very important to be seen to deliver the Vision in a permanent, substantive and tangible manner eg via the wayfinding projects. He commended to the Council approval of the funding.

Mr Dignum commented on the Midhurst Vision aspect of the report and the appended PID (pages 55 to 63), which set out in some detail what the Midhurst Vision aspired to achieve and how that would be implemented. As with the Selsey Vision, this was a refresh of the current Vision. The project delivery costs were set out on pages 59 to 60 of the agenda papers. In order to facilitate the progress of the Vision as soon as possible, he commended to the Council approval of the funding.

During the discussion members spoke enthusiastically in support of the two Visions.

Mr Dignum responded where appropriate to members' questions and comments on points of detail with regard to (a) consideration being given by the Midhurst Vision Steering Group (MVSG) to providing a suitable meeting place for young people in Midhurst or some similar facility, although funds were limited; (b) as the Visions were being implemented and their benefits delivered, due account should be taken of local built-up areas and smaller settlements near to the two towns, for example the MVSG could bear in mind Easebourne; (c) the £50,000 allocated for Visions could be utilised to support other Visions in due course, for example Petworth; (d) the importance of seeking local people's views on the Visions; (e) taking the opportunity to publicise and promote in the Midhurst Vision local features of interest such as the South Downs National Park Authority's interesting display in the town about the local area; and (f) the desirability to retain flexibility in the sums allocated in the PIDs to particular projects, reassigning part of them to another project if appropriate.

Decision

On a show of hands the members voted unanimously in favour of the resolution set out below with no votes against and no abstentions.

RESOLVED

That (1) the release of £23,000 from general fund reserves to support the Selsey and Midhurst Vision projects be approved and (2) the Project Initiation Documents attached to the agenda report be approved.

19 Selsey Bathing Water Enhancement Project Funding

The Council considered the report and its appendix for this item which had been circulated at pages 64 to 69 of the Council agenda.

Mr J Connor (Cabinet Member for Environment Services) formally moved the recommendation in the agenda report and this was seconded by Mr R Barrow (Cabinet Member for Residents Services).

Mr Connor presented the agenda report. He said that the project had been developed by CDC's Selsey Bathing Water Enhancement Project Working Group (SBWEPWG). He had chaired its meeting during the past 18 months, which were attended by CDC members and officers, and representatives of Selsey Town Council and Southern Water (SW). SW updated SBWEPWG on the nature and sources of contamination of the bathing waters at East Beach. As a result SW was now rectifying a large number of pollution sources across the entire East Beach area. Whereas it had been relatively easy albeit costly to deal with built-environment pollution sources, it was more challenging to address pollution emanating from human or animal activity. The SBWEPWG had identified a range of positive actions to address those issues eg litter and the measures would be implemented

during the remainder of the 2018 bathing season (hence the need to bring this report urgently to the Council meeting now rather than await the next Cabinet meeting in early September 2018) and then in 2019. It was hoped that once the pollution causes were addressed and drawn to the public's attention, a future recurrence could be avoided. He commended to the Council approval of the funding.

During the discussion members spoke in support of the project.

Mr Connor and Mr D Henly (Senior Engineer) responded where appropriate to members' questions and comments on points of detail with regard to (a) confirming that the funding for the project was for 2018-2019 and a need to carry out further work in the future if required would have to be the subject of a separate agreement but SW would continue to test the water quality periodically; (b) the control of sea birds as a pollutant source was not easy to achieve; (c) the need for people to be vigilant and act responsibly with regard to dog fouling; (d) what were appropriate bird deterrent measures; and (e) how the project would sit well alongside CDC's anti-litter campaign.

Decision

On a show of hands the members voted unanimously in favour of the resolution set out below with no votes against and no abstentions.

RESOLVED

That the Selsey Bathing Water Enhancement Project be approved and authority be delegated to the Divisional Manager for Environmental Protection to approve the detailed spend of the grant awarded by Southern Water.

20 Late Items

As stated by the Chairman during agenda item 2, there was one late item of business (Award of a Services Concession Contract) which was set out in the agenda supplement. This was a recommendation made by the Cabinet at its meeting on Tuesday 3 July 2018. As it was Part II matter, a resolution needed first to be passed to exclude the press and the public, the details of which were set out in the agenda supplement and which she read out in full.

The Part II resolution was formally proposed by Mrs E Lintill (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Community Services) and seconded by Mr A Dignum (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Growth and Place).

Decision

On a show of hands the members voted unanimously in favour of the resolution set out below with no votes against and no abstentions.

RESOLVED

That in accordance with section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (the Act) the public and the press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of agenda item 14 (a), Award of a Services Concessions Contract, for the reason that it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted that there would be disclosure to the public of 'exempt information', being information of the nature described in Paragraphs 1

(information relating to an individual) and 3 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act and because in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Council received and considered the confidential Part II exempt agenda report (Award of a Services Concessions Contract) and its appendix, which had been circulated as part of the agenda for the aforementioned Cabinet meeting to members and relevant officers only.

The recommendation in the report was formally proposed by Mrs E Lintill (Cabinet Member for Community Services) and seconded by Mr A Dignum (Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member for Growth and Place).

The report was presented by Mrs Lintill.

After Mrs Lintill's introduction, an officer commented on the report and its recommendation.

The matter was discussed by members and their questions and comments were answered by the relevant director.

Decision

The Council voted unanimously on a show of hands with none against and no abstentions to make the resolution set out below.

RESOLVED

That the Director of Residents Services be given delegated powers to agree the terms of the proposal outlined in section 5 of the agenda report following consultation with the Cabinet Member for Community Services.

21 Exclusion of the Press and the Public

The agenda stated there were no restricted items for consideration at this meeting. Save for the aforementioned late item of business in minute para 20, which in the event required the passing of a Part II resolution, there was no other business which necessitated the exclusion of the press and the public.

[Note The meeting ended at 15:57]

CHAIRMAN

DATE