

Adur & Worthing Growth Deal

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Summary

This Growth Deal sets out a joint commitment between Adur District Council, Worthing Borough and West Sussex County Council (WSCC) to align resources (both public and private sector) to deliver sustainable growth and unlock opportunities for new homes and new employment floorspace, preserving existing and creating new jobs. The Growth Deal priorities are:

- **Worthing Town Centre** - a comprehensive and coordinated regeneration programme with scope to secure new homes, new commercial, and leisure and retail floorspace achieved through bringing together the delivery of 6 key sites and 5 areas of public realm as identified within the Worthing Investment Prospectus. The investment package includes £5.6m of provisionally allocated Local Growth Funding 3 (LGF3) specifically to progress plans at Teville Gate House and Union Place.
- **East Worthing, Decoy Farm Site on the Dominion Way Business Park** - potential to attract enterprise and investment from London and the South East and accommodate the relocation of businesses supporting the regeneration of both Worthing Town Centre and Shoreham Harbour with scope to secure new employment space and support a range of business sectors. The investment package includes £4.84m of provisionally allocated LGF3 funding.
- **Lancing and Shoreham, development at new Monks Farm and Shoreham Airport** – securing the delivery of new homes and new commercial floorspace and improving the road network. The investment package includes £5.7m of provisionally allocated LGF3 funding.
- **Shoreham Harbour** – securing new homes and new modern employment floorspace on Western Harbour Arm. Short-term development intentions involve redeveloping the Free Wharf and providing flood defence works part funded by £3.5m of secured LGF funding.
- **West Sussex One Public Estate Partnership** - funding has been secured from the government's OPE Programme to support the development of feasibility work and drive delivery of the identified sites at Pond Road, Shoreham and Centenary House, Durrington, Worthing.
- **Gigabit Fibre Broadband across West Sussex** - ambitious plans are being explored with Adur and Worthing being a key location in getting initial projects underway.

The Growth Deal Principles

This Growth Deal builds upon the priorities identified within the Adur Place Plan and Worthing Place Plan (2016) which provide a joint growth narrative for Adur District Council, Worthing Borough Council and West Sussex County Council (the Councils).

More widely, the Growth Deal supports the delivery of Local Plans, the WSCC 'Future West Sussex Plan' (2015 to 2019) in 'Championing the West Sussex Economy' and the Adur and Worthing Councils 'Platforms for our Places' (2017 to 2020) which identifies that strong financial economies create jobs, create business opportunities, provide capital for investment and create new opportunities to learn, innovate and develop; and that, the delivery of physical infrastructure, i.e. roads, rail, broadband, housing, industrial and commercial sites provide a key contribution.

The Growth Deal strengthens accountability and identifies coherent ways of working together improving communication, co-operation and efficiency. The Councils have agreed to work cooperatively and in partnership to deliver specific growth priorities (set out in Appendix A).

The Councils will agree opportunities for aligning and prioritising funding from all available funding streams (e.g. Business Rates Retention Scheme, Local Growth Fund, etc.) to support the delivery of priorities identified within the Growth Deal. Opportunities arising from Devolution and changes to local government finance and governance (e.g. business rates and Combined Authorities) may influence how the Councils work together to align collective resources in order to secure future prosperity across Adur and Worthing.

The Growth Deal priorities will be delivered through a series of associated projects brought together and managed within an overall Growth Programme.

The focus of the Growth Deal is the development and delivery of priorities identified in a Growth Programme over the next 5 years (2017 to 2022). There will be other statutory processes (including Planning), programmes and projects, not covered by the Deal, where the Councils will work together to achieve the most effective outcomes for communities. The principles established in this Growth Deal may be helpful in developing working practices in other such areas in the future. The priorities and ways of working highlighted in this Growth Deal do not remove, or alter, the Councils statutory duties and do not suggest or represent any pre-determination with respect to planning issues – the statutory planning process will be progressed as required for all proposals identified in the Deal.

The Councils will ensure appropriate project management and quality management systems are in place to support the delivery of the Growth Deal priorities. Appropriate officer support will be assigned to the overall management of the Growth Programme to ensure that the close working relationship is monitored and regular progress reports are provided. Some issues/ items will be commercially and politically sensitive and in such instances, handled within each of the Councils established internal procedures.

The Councils will work together to horizon-scan and undertake pipe-line planning in relation to the development of business plans, programmes and projects to consider whether any exceptional issues should impact on the existing Growth Programme commitments and consider longer term opportunities that may support the delivery growth outcomes.

The Growth Deal will be reviewed initially after 6 months and then annually with any proposed amendments being agreed by the Leaders and Chief Executive Officers.

The Growth Deal Governance Framework

The Governance Framework will ensure that the Growth Deal principles are achieved and the Growth Deal priorities are effectively delivered.

The Adur & Worthing Growth Board

The Growth Board, comprising senior elected-members, nominated by the Leaders of the Councils, and officers of the Councils, meet quarterly to:

- Provide strategic leadership and direction to the Growth Programme.
- Ensure the alignment of investment to support delivery the Growth Programme.
- Monitor growth projects, considering progress made and if required agreeing remedial action to enhance delivery.
- Examine new opportunities to progress strategic growth projects, ensuring joint governance decisions and project initiation are taken as appropriate where projects involve a clear partnership approach.
- Be appraised of issues and obstacles affecting project delivery, agreeing action to boost progress where appropriate.
- Support the development of project teams to ensure the appropriate combination of officer input and expertise in key disciplines is achieved.

Adur Major Projects Board and Worthing Major Projects Boards

The Adur Major Projects Board and Worthing Major Projects Board, comprising the respective Cabinet Member for Regeneration and two nominated elected-members, senior officers and other officers of the Councils and a nominated elected-member of WSCC as appropriate, meet monthly and will:

- Consider the progress of projects across the Growth Programme to inform reporting to the Growth Board.
- Make recommendations to the Growth Board on investment options and also individual project teams in relation to proposals during the design and development stages to provide direction and extra impetus for individual projects.

(These activities form part of the wider remit of the Adur and Worthing Major Projects Boards.)

Individual Project Teams

The individual project teams will drive forward the delivery of the Growth Programme. The arrangements of individual project teams and project management techniques used will be fit for purpose and proportionate to the scale and complexity of the growth project. Project Teams will involve a lead officer and other officers providing technical input. Stakeholder engagement and communication, also proportionate to individual projects, will enable the effective communication, assist in timely decision making, support the Councils statutory, and input to other functions, where required.

Other Boards, Committees and Partnership Forums

A range of other wider Boards, Committees and Partnership Forums are likely to have an interest, function or involvement in the progression of the growth projects identified within the Growth Programme.

Resources will be focused on delivering the priorities identified within the Growth Programme and therefore support to other such boards etc. and governance structures will be limited to occasions where support is critical to progress the Growth Programme.

Both the Adur and the Worthing County Local Committees can play a key role in helping the delivery of projects. Elected-members and officers of the Councils will, have an opportunity to discuss the progress of joint projects in those committees and to monitor progress, identify and resolve cross authority issues and ensure risks are minimised.

The Growth Deal Priorities

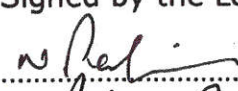
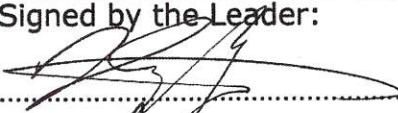
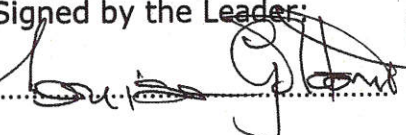
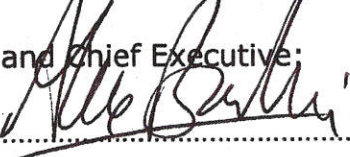

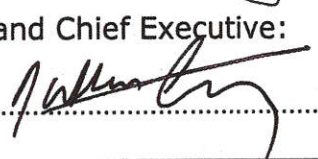
The Action Plan in Appendix A identifies key steps required to progress the priorities identified within this Growth Deal. The overall aims of each priority are outlined alongside the shared approach the Councils will take to manage and monitor the progression of associated projects. The 'Partnership Lead' will ensure the timely progression of work and that the scope of projects support the delivery of identified outcomes with other teams/ individuals identified as providing 'Subject Matter Expertise' either leading project delivery and/ or providing specific technical input. The Councils Legal and Finance Services will also be required to provide support to the progression of projects. The Action Plan identifies key decision points – projects will only be progressed beyond key decision points when the appropriate governance processes have been completed within each authority.

The Growth Priorities are:

- Delivering Growth in Worthing Town Centre - Delivering the Worthing Investment Prospectus.
- Delivering Growth at Decoy Farm, on Dominion Way Business Park, East Worthing.
- Delivering Growth at New Monks Farm & Shoreham Airport in Lancing and Shoreham.
- Delivering Growth in Shoreham Harbour with a focus on Western Harbour Arm.
- Making use of our public estate to pursue joint redevelopment opportunities - West Sussex One Public Estate Partnership.
- Gigabit West Sussex Fibre Broadband.

Growth Deal Agreement

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APPENDIX A - Adur and Worthing Growth Deal Action Plan

Priority: Delivering Growth in Worthing Town Centre - Delivering the Worthing Investment Prospectus - which identifies the benefits of bringing together 6 key redevelopment sites (Teville Gate Site, Union Place Site, Grafton Site, Stagecoach Site, Aquarena Site and the Civic Site) and a series of associated public realm enhancements.		
Key deliverables and activities:	Partnership Lead	Subject Matter Expertise
1. Assemble and maintain 'Economy Indicators' which enable benefits to be tracked as the work on this priority is progressed.	AWC: Head of Place & Investment.	AWC: Customer Insight Team. WSCC: Research & Enterprise Team.
2. Undertake a public realm and transport feasibility study to identify engineering solutions, costs and programming implications. (<i>Ensure consistency with the Town Centre and Seafront Plan</i>).	WSCC: Growth Lead.	AWC: Place & Investment Team. AWC: Major Projects Team. AWC: Engineering & Surveying. WSCC: Planning Services (Transport Policy). WSCC: Engineering Services (Major Projects Team). WSCC Highway Operations.
3. Engage elected-members and key stakeholder to establish support to the proposed phasing of public realm measures and identify preferred scheme option proposal for short-term progression.		AWC: Democratic Services. AWC: Planning Policy Team. WSCC: Democratic Services. WSCC: Planning Services (Transport Policy).
4. Develop and implement a governance process to ensure that public realm proposals are included in the Community Infrastructure Levy 123 List and future developer contributions are secured.		AWC: Planning Policy WSCC: Planning Services (Planning and Transport Policy).
5. Undertake a road space audit to consider active use of on-street road space for parking other uses.		AWC: Major Projects Team. AWC: Parking Services (Commercial/Strategy). WSCC: Parking Strategy Team.
6. Undertake a town centre car parking review to assess current and future off-street parking capacity and demand and implications.		AWC: Major Projects Team. AWC: Parking Services (Commercial/Strategy). WSCC: Parking Strategy Team.
7. Progress a detailed business case for WSCC capital investment for the public realm improvement proposal.		WSCC: Growth Lead WSCC: Legal Services WSCC: Financial Services.
Subject to governance decision to proceed		
8. Undertake detailed design of agreed WSCC funded public realm improvement proposals.		WSCC: Engineering Services (Major Projects Team).

9. On-site construction of WSCC funded public realm improvement scheme.		AWC: Major Projects Team. WSCC: Engineering Services (Major Projects Team).
10. Delivery of public realm schemes delivered through CIL funding and other funding sources.		AWC: Property & Regeneration Team. WSCC: Engineering Services (Major Projects Team).
<i>Actions 1 to 10 (above) support the planning, investment and delivery of public realm measures and will be progressed in parallel with actions 11 to 13 (below).</i>		
11. Facilitate planning and investment in key town centre sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Teville Gate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Facilitate comprehensive redevelopment linked to Teville Gate House. b. Worthing Central LGF3 Project: Union Place Site (and Teville Gate House): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Undertake feasibility studies. 2. Establish delivery route for proposed development. 3. Develop detailed business case to draw-down LGF3 funding. c. Grafton Site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Undertake feasibility studies. 2.Undertake site assembly. 3.Secure agreement on masterplan development option. 4.Prepare development brief. 5.Establish delivery route for proposed development. d. Stagecoach Site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Facilitate relocation to Decoy Farm. e. Aquarena Site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secure planning permission (resolution to grant subject to legal agreement). 2. Sale of site. 		AWC: Major Projects Team.
12. Assess planning application(s) for key town centre sites: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Teville Gate b. Worthing Central LGF3 Project: Union Place Site (and Teville Gate House) - assess planning application(s). c. Grafton site. d. Stagecoach site. e. Civic site. f. (see 11.e.1 for Aquarena site). 		AWC: Major Projects Team. WSCC: Planning Services (Highways Development Management).
13. Facilitate delivery of key redevelopment sites with associated developer funded public realm schemes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Teville Gate site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On-site construction. b. Worthing Central LGF3 Project: Union Place Site (and Teville Gate House): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On-site construction. c. Grafton site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On-site construction. d. Stagecoach Site: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. On-site construction. 2. Relocation business to Decoy Farm. 		AWC: Major Projects Team. WSCC: Planning Services (Highway Implementation: S.278/S.38 Agreements).

e. Aquarena Site: 1. On-site construction. f. Civic site (both phases): 1. On-site construction.		
Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Homes: 1,000. • New commercial, leisure and retail floorspace (including 34,000 sqm. currently identified to key sites). • New Jobs: 1,000. 		

Priority: Delivering Growth at Decoy Farm, on Dominion Way Business Park, East Worthing - up grading and developing the environmentally challenging site providing transport access measures and the promotion and creation of employment floorspace, which supports regeneration efforts within Worthing Town Centre and Shoreham Harbour and provides opportunities to expand and attract enterprise and investment from London and the South East.		
Key deliverables and activities:	Partnership Lead	Subject Matter Expertise
1. Undertake feasibility studies (e.g. on-site remediation and transport access and off-site mitigation).	AWC: Head of Planning & Development.	AWC: Major Projects Team.
2. Provide transport advice to support the development of feasibility studies.	WSCC: Growth Lead	WSCC: Planning Services (Transport Policy).
3. Secure development masterplan.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
4. Negotiate relocation of businesses to Decoy Farm from Worthing Town Centre and Shoreham Harbour.		AWC: Property and Regeneration Team.
5. Establish delivery route for proposed development.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
6. Develop detailed business case to draw-down LGF3 funding.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
7. Assess planning application(s).		AWC: Major Projects Team.
Subject to governance decision to proceed		
8. Deliver on-site remediation.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
9. Deliver off-site transport improvements.		AWC: Major Projects Team. WSCC: Planning Services (Highway Implementation: S.278/S.38 Agreements).
10. On-site construction of industrial units.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
11. Relocate businesses from Worthing Town Centre and Shoreham Harbour.	AWC: Major Projects Team	
Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Employment floorspace: 40,000 sqm.• Jobs: 2,300 jobs - incorporated benefits include the potential to support regeneration efforts in:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Worthing Town Centre – facilitate approximately 40 homes and leisure and retail uses.• Shoreham Harbour – facilitate more than 170 homes and 1,200 sqm employment floorspace and which will in turn remove an existing planning constraint resulting in the opportunity to deliver a further 350 homes and 2,500sqm of employment floorspace.		

Priority: Delivering Growth at New Monks Farm & Shoreham Airport in Lancing and Shoreham - supporting a new access on the A27 and wider transport mitigation measures, a site for a new primary school and on and off site drainage solutions.		
Key deliverables and activities:	Partnership Lead	Subject Matter Expertise
1. Resolve property position in relation to Withy Patch, Lancing associated with New Monks Farm development proposals.	AWC: Head of Planning & Development. WSCC: Growth Lead.	AWC: Major Projects Team. AWC: Property & Regeneration Team. WSCC: Valuation & Estates Team.
2. Secure solution in relation to primary school provision associated with New Monks Farm development proposal.		AWC: Major Projects Team. AWC: Property & Regeneration Team. WSCC: Valuation & Estates Team. WSCC: Capital Asset Management (Education).
3. Develop detailed business case to draw-down LGF3 funding associated with New Monks Farm development proposal.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
4. Assess planning application(s) associated with New Monks Farm development proposals.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
5. Assess planning application(s) associated with Shoreham Airport development proposals.		WSCC: Planning Services (Transport Policy/ Highways Development Management).
Subject to governance decision to proceed		
6. On-site construction of New A27 Junction Improvement associated with New Monks Farm development proposals.	AWC: Major Projects Team. AWC: Major Projects Team. WSCC: Planning Services (Highway Implementation: S.278/S.38 Agreements).	
7. On-site construction of residential phases & employment floorspace associated with New Monks Farm development proposals.		
8. On-site construction of employment floorspace associated with Shoreham Airport.		
Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Homes: 600 (NMF).Employment floorspace: 25,000 sqm.(10,000 sqm.NMF/ 15,000 sqm SA).Jobs: 2,000 (700 NMF & 1000 SA).		

Priority: Delivering Growth in Shoreham Harbour Regeneration with a focus of Western Harbour Arm - supporting the provision of flood protection measures, transport mitigation measures, a new primary school site and the possibility of making use of the Albion Street Lorry Park to support business relocation from elsewhere in the harbour.		
Key deliverables and activities:	Partnership Lead	Subject Matter Expertise
1. Development and Completion of the Shoreham Harbour Joint Area Action Plan.	AWC: Head of Planning & Development. WSCC: Growth Lead.	AWC: Planning Policy Team WSCC: Planning Services (Planning and Transport Policy).
2. Assess planning applications for Western Harbour Arm redevelopment sites (<i>Free Wharf Site anticipated for short-term delivery</i>).		AWC: Major Projects Team. WSCC: Planning Services (Planning and Transport Policy, Highways Development Management).
3. Negotiate business relocation opportunities from Shoreham Harbour to Decoy Farm in Worthing.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
4. Secure solution to Primary School provision for Shoreham Harbour and wider Shoreham area.		AWC: Major Projects Team. AWC: Property & Regeneration Team. WSCC: Valuation & Estates Team. WSCC: Capital Asset Management (Education).
5. Undertake options appraisal study for Albion Street Lorry Park in support of Shoreham Harbour Regeneration proposals.		AWC: Major Projects Team. AWC: Property & Regeneration Team. WSCC: Valuation & Estates Team.
6. Develop Shoreham Area Sustainable Transport Study, assess and plan for longer-term implications in relation to pursuing funding and delivering schemes.		WSCC: Planning Services (Transport Policy).
7. Coordinate design of Western Harbour Arm Flood Defence proposals.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
8. Input into initial design to support Western Harbour Arm Flood Defence proposals.		WSCC: Highway Operations (Southern Team) WSCC: Countryside Services (Public Rights of Way). WSCC: Planning Services (Transport Policy, Highways Development Management).
9. Land Assembly in relation to Western Harbour Arm Flood Defence proposal, including agreement to Sussex Yacht Club House relocation.		AWC: Major Projects Team.

10. Develop detailed business case, in relation to Western Harbour Arm Flood Defence proposal, to draw-down LGF3 funding and secure Environment Agency funding.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
Subject to governance decision to proceed		
11. On site construction of development proposals at Western Harbour Arm Sites (<i>Free Wharf Site anticipated for short-term delivery</i>).		AWC: Major Projects Team. WSCC: Planning Services (Highway Implementation: S.278/S.38 Agreements).
12. Relocate businesses from Shoreham Harbour to Decoy Farm.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
13. Pursue redevelopment of Albion Way Lorry Park.		WSCC: Valuation and Estates Team.
14. Undertake detailed design of Western Harbour Arm Flood Defence proposal.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
15. On-site construction of Western Harbour Arm Flood Defence proposal.		AWC: Major Projects Team. WSCC: Planning Services (Highway Implementation: S.278/S.38 Agreements).
16. On-site construction of new Sussex Yacht Club House.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
17. Ensure delivery of remaining sections of flood defence wall in association with development proposals.		AWC: Major Projects Team.
18. Delivery of Shoreham Area Sustainable Transport Package.		WSCC: Planning Services (Transport Policy). WSCC: Engineering Services (Major Projects Team).
Outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 970 new homes. • 16,000 sqm new employment floorspace. • 1,295 new jobs. 		

Priority: Making use of our public estate to pursue joint redevelopment opportunities through the West Sussex One Public Estate Partnership – supporting the building of new homes, new employment floorspace and preserving existing and creating new jobs.		
Key deliverables and activities:	Partnership Lead	Subject Matter Expertise
1. Undertake options appraisal study for Centenary House in Worthing.	AWC: Head of Planning & Development. WSCC: Growth Lead.	AWC: Major Projects Team. AWC: Property & Regeneration Team. WSCC: OPE Project Manager. WSCC: Planning Services (Planning & Transport Policy). WSCC: Other Services – as required.
2. Undertake options appraisal study for Pond Road in Shoreham.		
3. Identify masterplan development option for Centenary House in Worthing.		
4. Identify masterplan development option for Pond Road in Shoreham.		
5. Establish delivery route for development proposals at Centenary House in Worthing.		
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7. Procure development partner if appropriate for Centenary House in Worthing.		
8. Procure development partner if appropriate for Pond Road in Shoreham.		
9. Prepare planning application(s) for Centenary House in Worthing.		
10. Prepare planning application(s) for Pond Road in Shoreham.		
11. Assess planning application(s) for Centenary House in Worthing.		AWC: Major Projects Team. WSCC: Planning Services (Highways Development Management).
12. Assess planning application(s) for Pond Road in Shoreham.		
Subject to Governance Decision to proceed		
13. On-site construction of scheme for Centenary House in Worthing.		AWC: Major Projects Team. AWC: Property & Regeneration Team. WSCC: OPE Project Manager. WSCC: Planning Services (Highway Implementation: S.278/S.38 Agreements). WSCC: Other Services – as required.
14. On-site construction of scheme for Pond Road in Shoreham.		
Outcomes:		
Worthing – Centenary House:		
• New homes, employment floorspace and re-provision of facilities for WSCC, Police and new integrated facilities for Healthcare and social care staff alongside other customer-focused services.		
Shoreham – Pond Road:		
• New housing (including ExtraCare/supported housing), new multi-agency integrated Hub, re-provided library facilities, reduced public estate, more efficient delivery of public services, enhanced public realm.		

Priority: Gigabit West Sussex Fibre Broadband – By partnering with delivery

organisations barriers to high speed digital connectivity will be reduced. New companies will be attracted by the world-class connectivity offered and existing businesses will experience productivity gains and a boost to economic growth, delivering jobs, and driving up business rate income, with the network initially connecting local authority sites to provide benefit to all business in the area.

Key deliverables and activities:		Partnership Lead	Subject Matter Expertise
1. Undertake feasibility study in relation to digital infrastructure in the town centre (Wifi, Sensors and Software).	2. Progress business case to secure specialist support to develop scope of 'Gigabit West Sussex Fibre Broadband Project'.	AWC: Director for Digital & Resources.	AWC: Major Projects Team. WSCC: Commercial Services.
Subject to governance decision to proceed			
3. Creation of a procurement framework to deliver end-to-end gigabit fibre network across West Sussex available to all Local Authorities.	4. Implementation of the first network in Worthing/Lancing/Shoreham - network initially anticipated to connect local authority sites. 5. Development of schemes to enable businesses to enhance connectivity and growth.	WSCC: Growth Lead.	AWC: Major Projects Team. WSCC: Commercial Services.
Outcomes:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• New companies are attracted by the world-class connectivity offered.• Existing businesses experience productivity gains and a boost to economic growth, delivering jobs.• Driving up business rate income and satisfaction with West Sussex as a place to start a business and get a job.• Gigabit broadband will ensure that we attract and retain businesses within Adur & Worthing. As local authority funding moves towards full business rate retention the fibre broadband will contribute to a strong and stable council tax base for the Councils.• The ultrafast broadband cable network will ensure that the Councils buildings and premises have access to ultrafast broadband at an equivalent cost to the existing Wide Area Network.• The fibre network will be a strong value proposition for Councils as their relationship with businesses changes when business rates are fully retained by Local Authorities.			