

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXECUTIVE - 29 NOVEMBER 2022

SUBMITTED TO THE COUNCIL MEETING – 21 MARCH 2023

(To be read in conjunction with the Agenda for the Meeting)

Present

Cllr Paul Follows (Chair)
Cllr Andy MacLeod
Cllr Penny Marriott
Cllr Mark Merryweather
Cllr Kika Mirylees

Cllr Nick Palmer
Cllr Paul Rivers
Cllr Liz Townsend
Cllr Steve Williams

Apologies

Cllr Peter Clark

Also Present

Councillor Stephen Mulliner and Councillor Peter Marriott

EXE 51/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Agenda item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Clark.

EXE 52/22 MINUTES (Agenda item 2)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 1 November 2022 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

EXE 53/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS (Agenda item 3)

There were no declarations of interest raised under this heading.

EXE 54/22 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC (Agenda item 4)

The Executive received the following question(s) in accordance with Part 4.9 (Public Speaking Procedure Rules).

(i) From Mr Chris Whitley of Witley the Jewellers

“Would the Council agree with the many shop keepers and businesses in the High Street and Church Street that the removal of most of the public spaces from Crown Court car park would be disastrous for their survival and the centre of Godalming as a whole?

Would they also agree that the siting of a large multi storey car park on the edge of town and opposite the Llamas lands, would be less easy and convenient to use, would create an eyesore and would be a place that would attract anti-social behaviour?”

Response from Councillor Mary Merryweather, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Assets

“Can I thank Mr Whitley for his question and in fact we’re grateful to all of the businesses, groups, organisations and residents who’ve engaged with us constructively on the engagement on this project since this preliminary round of the engagement started.

Firstly, I should note that I can only respond to Mr Whitley’s question on behalf of the Executive and not for the whole Council, and I’ll also be updating members more broadly on the raw data generated from the engagement slightly later on in this meeting.

We’ve stressed at every opportunity that we’ve been engaging only on in-principle concepts and of those only ones that address our critical success factors which include no net loss to public car parking in the town centre. This is precisely because we at least also recognised, from the outset, that a net reduction of public parking spaces in the town centre could be harmful and especially so to the regeneration of the high street. And that is precisely why we’ve only engaged on options that maintain the number of spaces in the town centre.

There are good reasons for, and many elements to this project across all 3 sites, but specific to just the Crown Court car park the concepts we’ve engaged on envisage retaining about 1/3 of the existing spaces and repositioning the others to a low-profile decked car park which could be built to replace the existing north-western wing of the current Council office building about 100 yards away.

There are no definite plans, let alone designs, for any multi-deck car park at this stage so there’s nothing to definitively prejudge how it may or may not look or be secured. We’ve heard a range of opinions as to convenience among other things and I’ll be updating members on that feedback a little later in this meeting.

Thank you.”

EXE 55/22 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL (Agenda item 5)

The Executive received the following question(s) in accordance with Procedure Rule 11:

- (i) From Councillor Jenny Else

“I would like to know WHY the name of the proposal for changes to Crown Car Park and the Burys site was changed from "The Burys Project" to "Godalming regeneration" when it is not a 'regeneration' of Godalming at all?

Was it anything to do with the criteria to validate a potential application for a government loan, to implement the project.?”

Response from Councillor Mark Merryweather, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Assets

“Can I thank Cllr Else for this question but for the record can I also note that the correct name of this project is the *Central* Godalming Regeneration Project and is not about any regeneration of the whole town in its entirety.

So, Members will recall that in 2019 we inherited a project from the last Conservative administration which had, amongst other things, commissioned and scoped a *Council Office Accommodation Strategy & Options Evaluation* report from Lambert Smith Hampton that was the subject of a detailed response that I gave to a question from Kathy Smyth at the Executive on 1 November.

Back then the project was referred to as The Burys Accommodation Project or just The Burys Project for short. But, as we assessed this work in the context of our own priorities it also became clear that it contained two very different workstreams that needed to be considered independently and so the so-called “where work happens” stream was spun-off which, with the onset of the Covid lockdown, turned out to be doubly helpful.

While the remaining stream did continue to be referred to as The Burys Project for a while, as we scoped Phase 1 it became clear that our priorities were so different from those we’d inherited that a change of name would be appropriate in order to record the clear distinctions between the two, and I’ve previously referred to some of these, including:

- Ruling out the sale of the Council’s land, including Burys Field;
- The protection of car parking spaces in the town centre, and
- The provision, by us, of genuinely affordable housing.

So it was that when we commissioned our own Phase 1 study we adopted the name “Burys Development Project” in July 2020. But, as the most viable concepts and options emerged from this and the deeper Phase 2 studies, it became clearer still that this name didn’t adequately capture the balance of the project’s elements beyond just the development of the Council offices and so, as we prepared for the presentation of the Phase 2 outcomes to residents in the public engagement in preparation for Phase 3, we felt that the name of the project should also evolve to reflect this, which was done at the same time in July of this year.

Of course it’s not only the Public Works Loan Board criteria that have changed since the last Conservative administration realised that this Council faced long-term structural inequalities in its funding even before the Covid and the current Inflation crises, and I’ll come back to that later in this meeting in my remarks on the Medium Term Financial Plan.

Thank you.”

(ii) From councillor Brian Edmonds

“With reference to the difficulty in recruiting a health and safety officer it would be helpful to confirm that the current health and safety management arrangements fulfil Waverley BC legal obligations under the Health and Safety Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999.

The selected Local Government Association - Health and safety in the Council Councillor workbook references outline the elected members responsibilities and

requirement for their engagement in this issue. The Guide also advises the serious consequences of failure to manage health and safety.

The elected member's role in health and safety "It is important to understand that elected members are not expected to be health and safety experts. The council is legally required to appoint competent health and safety advisors to help managers and members understand the technical and legal issues. The role and level of responsibility will also depend upon position held by the elected member."

"The council through the leader and cabinet will set the direction for health and safety, through its strategy and policy, and allocate resources to make the strategy a reality. The strategy and policy will be implemented by officers and overseen by the chief executive as head of paid service and the senior management board made up of departmental directors. The chief executive and council leader will provide overall leadership on health and safety for the council and will sign off the health and safety policy statement."

"There are serious consequences for both organisations and individuals when health and safety management falls below the required standard. Breaches of the Health and Safety at Work etc Act 1974 and associated regulations and non-compliance with enforcement notices can result in substantial fines and imprisonment."

Waverley BC has the obligation to ensure suitable and sufficient health and safety assistance through "the number of persons appointed the time available for them to fulfil their functions and the means at their disposal are adequate having regard to the size of his undertaking, the risks to which his employees are exposed and the distribution of those risks throughout the undertaking." With the Leader's agreement it would be helpful to learn of the current status of the health and safety department at the next Executive Meeting."

Response from Councillor Paul Follows, Leader of the Council

"The Council remains committed to ensuring it meets its obligations under the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974 and the Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999; and that its health and safety management arrangements fulfil those legal obligations.

The Council has robust Health and Safety Governance arrangements, and these are set out in the Health and Safety Policy. For convenience a schematic of these arrangements is included in the report to Councillor Edmonds

These arrangements seek to embed Health and Safety across the local authority and are not reliant on a single member of staff and the council remains confident that in spite of the current vacancy, there are suitable and sufficient persons in post and that they have sufficient time and resources to fulfil their functions.

The roles and responsibilities of council officers in respect of health and safety are detailed in the Health and Safety Policy which is attached to the report to Councillor Edmonds.

The Leader and Portfolio Holders gave brief updates on current issues not reported elsewhere on the agenda:

- Councillor MacLeod gave an update on enforcement issues and advised that a new Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy would be brought to the Executive. This would also cover housing associations and was relevant due to the sad news of the death of a young child in Rotherham due to the conditions he was living in. Public Space Protection Orders would also be reviewed, and this covered dog fouling and dog controls. Parking income had returned to approximately 80% of pre-Covid levels, mainly in the larger central car parks. The bring areas had been removed from some of the central car parks due to fly tipping and the space would be returned to car parking. There had been a number of complaints about Crest Nicholson contractors working on the Brightwells development parking in the sports centre car park and this would be raised with them at the Brightwells board meeting and an alternative would be considered.
- Councillor Penny Marriott gave an update on the monitoring of the implementation of the corporate equality objectives action plan by the Corporate Equalities group. Further initiatives would be brought to the Executive for consideration. The Safer Waverley Partnership Plan had been reviewed by Overview and Scrutiny and would be considered again by the Safer Waverley Partnership Executive.
- Councillor Merryweather asked the Council's Development Programme Manager to give a presentation on the responses received in the public engagement on the Central Godalming Regeneration Project, the slides of which are attached to these minutes and the video would be available on the Council's website. He thanked the officers for their work in collating and analysing the responses and concluded by highlighting the financial pressures that the Council was under that necessitated considering this type of project. The Leader thanked officers for their work and reminded the meeting that the engagement carried out was not statutory consultation, rather the Executive were keen to engage with residents as much as possible. The designs and concepts would be considered in light of both feedback received and the economic climate.
- Councillor Mirylees updated on the leisure centre procurement. Bids had been received which would be scrutinised and negotiations would begin in late December. Leisure centres were being used as warm hubs for residents to access during the winter.
- Councillor Paul Rivers updated on the work being carried out in the Housing Service in response to the Secretary of State's letter following the death of a two year old in Rotherham due to mould in his family home. All social landlords would have to submit evidence that they have appropriate controls in place to deal with this issue and officers were reviewing their processes with a report to the Landlord Services Advisory Board in February.
- Councillor Liz Townsend advised that the economic development team had been working with high streets to support them with top-up funds for festive activities to improve footfall. A joint Guildford and Waverley question time event would be held on 12 December at Charterhouse for businesses. The planning team were continuing to determine applications on time, despite a peak in applications and thanked the hard work of officers.

- Councillor Williams thanked GMB and Biffa for their hard work in resolving their dispute and thanked officers for their work on contingency planning during the short strike.
- The Leader asked the Joint Chief Executive to provide an update on the savings as follows:
 - The council agreed last year to share a senior management team with Guildford Borough Council. The senior team took office on 1 October.
 - The new team comprises 16 senior managers, the cost of which is shared with Guildford. The previous Waverley-only structure had 11 senior managers. Taking into account some investment in executive support, the Waverley share of the annual ongoing saving from the restructure was expected to be £438,000.
 - Given that this had taken effect half-way through this financial year, the in-year saving of £219,000 still exceeded this year's financial target of £150,000.
 - There were also some one-off costs associated with the termination of roles, which were allocated according to the inter-authority agreement agreed by the council in April. The Waverley share of this was £221,000. This was within the separate transformation budget and was not assigned to the collaboration target. Nevertheless, bringing the savings and costs together, pay-back was about 6 months, and then the annual saving of over £400,000 would take effect.
 - In addition, the collaboration had brought other benefits, such as some modest savings of sharing a Section 151 Officer and a Borough Solicitor earlier in the year, some smoothing of capacity in a few areas that are recorded and charged across to the partner council, and the reduction in duplication at wider meetings.
 - The Joint Management Team had now been tasked with bringing forward proposal for further collaboration and a clear methodology would be developed for doing this, which would come forward in the next few months for consideration.

The Leader advised that item 10 would be taken immediately after item 8 as both related to the Housing Revenue Account. For ease of reference, the items appear below in the order in which they appeared on the agenda.

EXE 57/22 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (MTFP) MID-YEAR REVIEW 2022/23 (Agenda item 7)

Councillor Merryweather, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Assets presented the report which set out the current position with the General Fund and the result of the Medium Term Financial Plan mid-year review. The report was presented in the context of the financial pressures on the Council and the financial projections had been updated to reflect the rises in inflation. The Council had limited ability to increase income and therefore the Council had to choose whether to cut services or pass the cost on to residents. It was noted that the Government had increased the amount by which local authorities could raise council tax, however what was needed was a fully funded financial settlement from the Government.

The Leader thanked the officers involved and urged the Government to provide local authorities with financial certainty. Councillor Mulliner spoke on this item,

expressing concern over the question marks in the report and seeking clarification on the impact of energy costs on leisure centres. In response, Councillor Merryweather agreed that the uncertainty was not helpful and looked forward to receiving clarification from the Government.

RESOLVED that

- 1. the 2022/23 forecast position General Fund be noted;**
- 2. the emerging pressures and risks set out in the report be noted; and**
- 3. the position regarding the General Fund capital programme and individual capital projects be noted.**

Reason:

The annual General Fund budget is a major decision for the Council and setting a balanced budget is a statutory requirement. The worsening economic climate necessitates a review of the MTFP in the light of its financial impacts on the council: the Council must act quickly to ensure the risk of a net budget shortfall is addressed so that the Council can continue to function.

This report follows up on actions identified in the outturn report agreed by Executive in July. Scrutiny of this MTFP through a Mid-Year Review demonstrates transparency and good governance.

EXE 58/22 HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT BUSINESS PLAN STRATEGIC REVIEW
(Agenda item 8)

Councillor Merryweather, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Assets presented the report which set out the current position with the Housing Revenue Account. The report set out the same structural and economic risks as the previous report on the agenda. The Government had announced a cap on the amount by which social rent could be raised at 7%, however the Council's intention would be to shield its tenants from a big rise in rents and limit any increase to 4%. He thanked the officers involved for their work; and the members of the Landlord Services Advisory Board and the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Leader echoed the thanks and welcomed the constructive engagement with the tenants.

Councillor Mulliner spoke on the report, highlighting that it would have been helpful to see the inflationary pressures spelled out in the report in terms of the impact on current costs. If rents were only increased by 4% it would reduce the ability of the HRA to fund itself and not rely on future borrowing. He suggested a simpler way of explaining the financial analysis.

The Leader voiced concern over the restrictions placed on local government by central government in respect of building social housing. He thanked the officers in the Housing team for their work.

In response, Councillor Merryweather clarified that the rents received were ringfenced for the operation, building and maintenance of new social housing. The cost of decarbonisation existing social housing would also need to be resolved. The Leader advised that he and Councillor Williams had written to the Government to seek clarification on how local authorities will fund the work required to meet Government targets on energy efficiency.

RESOLVED that the Executive, after considering the comments from the Landlord Services Advisory Board and Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee, recommends to Council:

- 1. To approve the revised HRA business plan strategy set out in this report.**
- 2. To approve the proposed movements, restrictions and purposes of reserves as set out in annexe 2.**

Reason:

To provide the resources to fund Waverley Borough Council's Landlord Services operations, maintenance programme, zero carbon commitments and building new affordable homes on a long-term financially sustainable basis.

EXE 59/22 ADDENDUM TO DISCRETIONARY ENERGY REBATE SCHEME (Agenda item 9)

Councillor Merryweather, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Assets presented the report which set out a proposal to amend the Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme which would release £114,600 to be passed on to vulnerable households, which would otherwise have to be returned to the Government.

Councillor Hyman spoke on this item expressing concern over giving away public money. In response, the Leader welcomed the opportunity to redistribute money on behalf of the Government. Councillor Palmer welcomed the opportunity to help vulnerable residents. Councillor Merryweather welcomed the proposals.

RESOLVED that an addendum to the Discretionary Energy Rebate Scheme under the eligibility criteria be approved as follows:

The fund can also be used to give an award to any pensioners who are in receipt of Council Tax Support without the need for an application process. This will result in 2,000 awards of £55, to each pensioner.

Reason:

Waverley has been allocated discretionary funding of £216,600 to support those suffering financial hardship as a result of the rising energy cost. In the event of an overspend, no additional funding will be provided from government. Therefore, the discretionary scheme criteria was set to support the most vulnerable that has not had a payment from the main scheme. The remaining funding can now be targeted to pensioners as a small topup without the need for an application process.

The scheme is widely published and available on the Waverley website. It is promoted by officers from Council Tax, Benefits, Housing, Communication and by local charities and councillors.

EXE 60/22 HRA BUSINESS PLAN REVIEW - NEW BUILD HOUSING DELIVERY (Agenda item 10)

Councillor Palmer, Co-Portfolio Holder for Housing (Delivery) presented the report which set out detailed proposals for a number of new build housing schemes. A number of assumptions had been made, including that right to buy would reduce

the long term assets created by the construction. All proposals were financially viable and met the Council's strategic priority to provide affordable homes.

Councillor Mulliner spoke on this item, including the way in which these projects were presented and wondered whether the assumptions were sufficiently cautious.

In response, Councillor Palmer advised that a balance had to be struck between what could realistically be achieved and the reserves which would be retained. It was felt that the assumptions were appropriate and he welcomed future monitoring of the position.

Councillor Williams welcomed the proposals which would provide genuinely affordable and energy efficient homes for those in need. The Leader echoed the comments and welcomed the proposals.

RESOLVED that the Executive recommends to Council

- 1. the following be approved as set out in business cases in Annexe 1 of the report and summarised in Annexe 2:**
 - Annexe 1a - Site C Ockford Ridge, Godalming – members previously approved budgets for the scheme in annual Budget Council Meeting for the delivery of 30 new homes and retrospective approval is sought for transparency of the total scheme cost (full cost not previously reported) supported by the viability assessment and net revenue impact in the business case**
 - Annexe 1b - Aarons Hill, Godalming – members approve the delivery of 4 new homes and scheme costs**
 - Annexe 1c - Hartsgrove, Chiddingfold – members approve the delivery of 5 new homes and scheme costs**
 - Annexe 1d - Pathfield, Chiddingfold – members approve the delivery of 11 new homes and scheme costs**
 - Annexe 1e - Queens Mead, Chiddingfold – members approve the delivery of 8 new homes and scheme costs**
 - Annexe 1f -Turners Mead, Chiddingfold – members approve the delivery of 2 new homes and scheme costs**
 - Annexe 1g - Riverside Court, Farnham – members approve the delivery of 2 new homes and the scheme cost**
 - Annexe 1h – Woodside Park, Cattershall Lane – members approve the delivery of 12 new homes and scheme costs.**
- 2. the budgets for each scheme totalling £21,252,208m be approved as set out in Annexe 2.**

Reason:

To seek Full Council approval for the development projects described in this report and Annexe 1 a–h as part of the council's new affordable homes programme financed in compliance with the HRA Business Plan Strategic Review report.

Councillor Merryweather, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Assets presented the report which set out lease proposals for the property and thanked the officers involved for their work in securing a sustainable long-term outcome for the property.

Councillor Hyman welcomed the solution proposal although expressed concern over the cost and he requested a discussion in an exempt session. The Leader advised that he intended to discuss the item in public and suggested that Councillor Hyman discuss any queries with the Portfolio Holder after the meeting.

Councillor Mulliner asked a question on the following item which would be dealt with under that item.

RESOLVED that

- 1. The new lease proposals to be approved under the Scheme of Delegation by the Executive Head of Assets and Property be noted;**
- 2. further funding be approved as detailed in exempt annexe 1; and**
- 3. authority be delegated to the Executive Head of Assets and Property the tendering and entering into contract and associated agreements for the delivery of the works required.**

Reason:

The reason is set out in the exempt annexe 1.

EXE 62/22 69 HIGH STREET PROJECT INITIATION DOCUMENT (Agenda item 12)

Councillor Merryweather, Portfolio Holder for Finance, Commercial and Assets presented the report which set out an update on the project for development of 69 High Street, Godalming. The inflation figure in the document would be updated to reflect current inflation assumptions.

Councillor Mulliner welcomed the correction of the figure.

RESOLVED that the Project Initiation Document (PID) be noted.

Reason:

To comply with approval and governance arrangements as defined within the PID.

EXE 63/22 LOCAL PLAN PART 2 UPDATE (Agenda item 13)

Councillor Liz Townsend, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Economic Development presented the report, which provided an update on the Local Plan Part 2 examination. The Inspector was largely content with the schedule of main modifications in Annexe 1, nor had any concerns been raised with legal compliance. Although the Inspector's final report was awaited, it was not expected that any additional sites would be required to be identified. Officers hoped that the main modifications would strengthen and enhance Local Plan Part 2 and consultation would take place on those between 9 December and 27 January 2023. The Inspector's final report was expected in February and would be considered by

Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Executive before being adopted by the Council.

The Leader welcomed the report and thanked officers for their work.

Councillor Hyman spoke on the report and the requirement for an appropriate assessment.

In response, the Leader advised that the Inspector had been very clear in his response and what his expectations were in terms of information to be provided and the planning policy team would be carrying out that work.

Councillor Townsend reiterated that the sustainability assessment and habitats appraisal would be prepared and would form part of the consultation and Councillors would have every opportunity to comment on those and all comments would be considered by the Inspector.

RESOLVED that the draft schedule of Main Modifications (MMs) at Annexe 1 and the indicative timetable for finalising LPP2 in section 5 of the report be noted.

Reason:

To alert the Executive to the Main Modifications that the Inspector currently considers necessary to make LPP2 sound and/or legally compliant and to enable the planning policy team to prioritise work on the final stages of preparing LPP2.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 7.35 pm

Chairman

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Central Godalming Regeneration Project

Public Engagement Update

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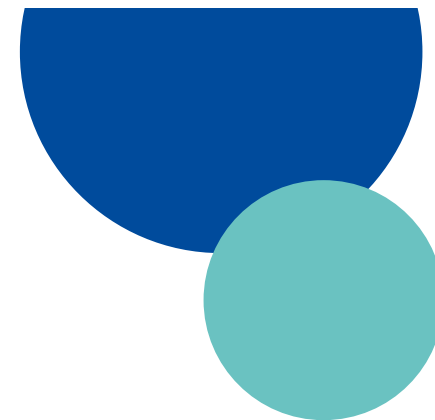


Executive Portfolio Holder's update – 29th November

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Minute Item EXE 56/22

Engagement activities



Information Boards – at The Burys offices and on-line

Survey

Website / Frequently Asked Questions page

Information email address

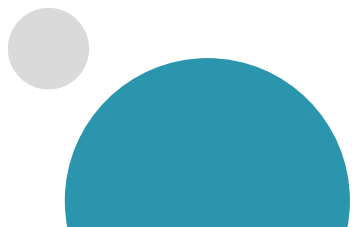
Engagement event - Staff

Engagement events – Public x 3

Meetings with local education providers and Chambers

Webinar

Social Media – posts and video



Themes of early engagement

- **Objectives for the sites**
 - Utilisation of Council owned assets
 - Desire for housing
 - Deal with urgent issues with the Burys building
 - Maintain Council's public car parking provision

Themes of early engagement

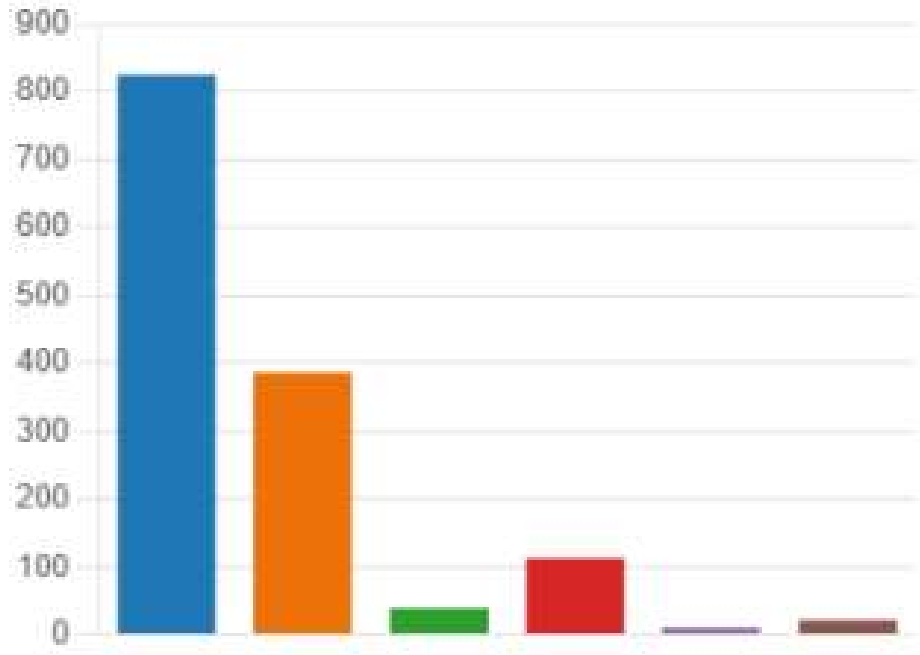
- Constraints of sites and work done so far
- Climate emergency and sustainability
- Principle of housing on Crown Court and the Wharf Rd car park
- A mixed use site and home for the Council at the Burys with maximised car park for town centre users
- No detailed designs as this is early engagement

Focus on Questionnaire

- 1st August – 31st October 2022
- 994 responses

1. Are you: (tick all that apply)

- A resident of Godalming 824
- A resident of Waverley 386
- Own a business in Godalming 40
- Work in Godalming 114
- None of the above 11
- Other 22








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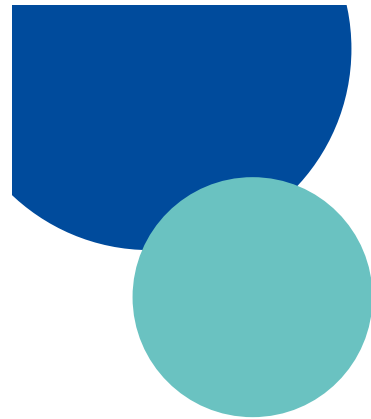
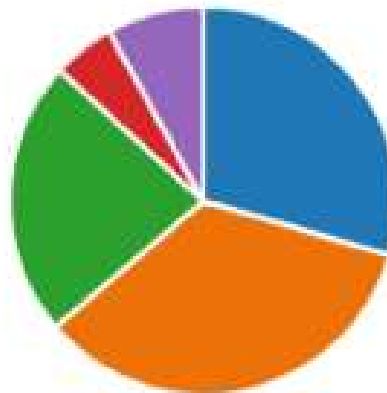
2. How often do you visit Godalming Town Centre?

- Once a month 69
- Once a week 223
- More than once a week 702









3. Why do you visit? (tick all that apply)

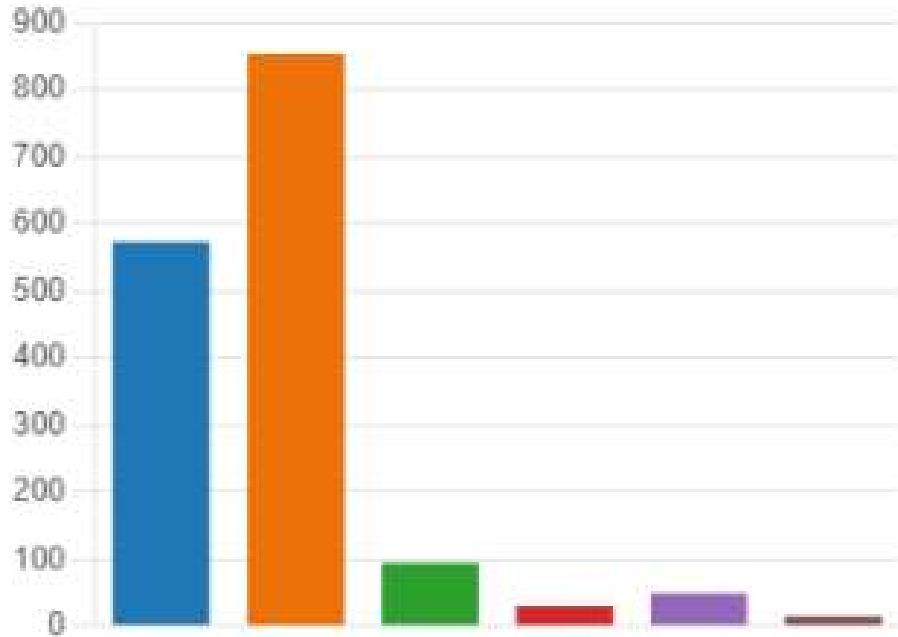
	To shop at a supermarket	763
	To shop on the high street	885
	To go for a meal	593
	To go to work	134
	Other	209



4. How do you travel to Godalming when you visit?

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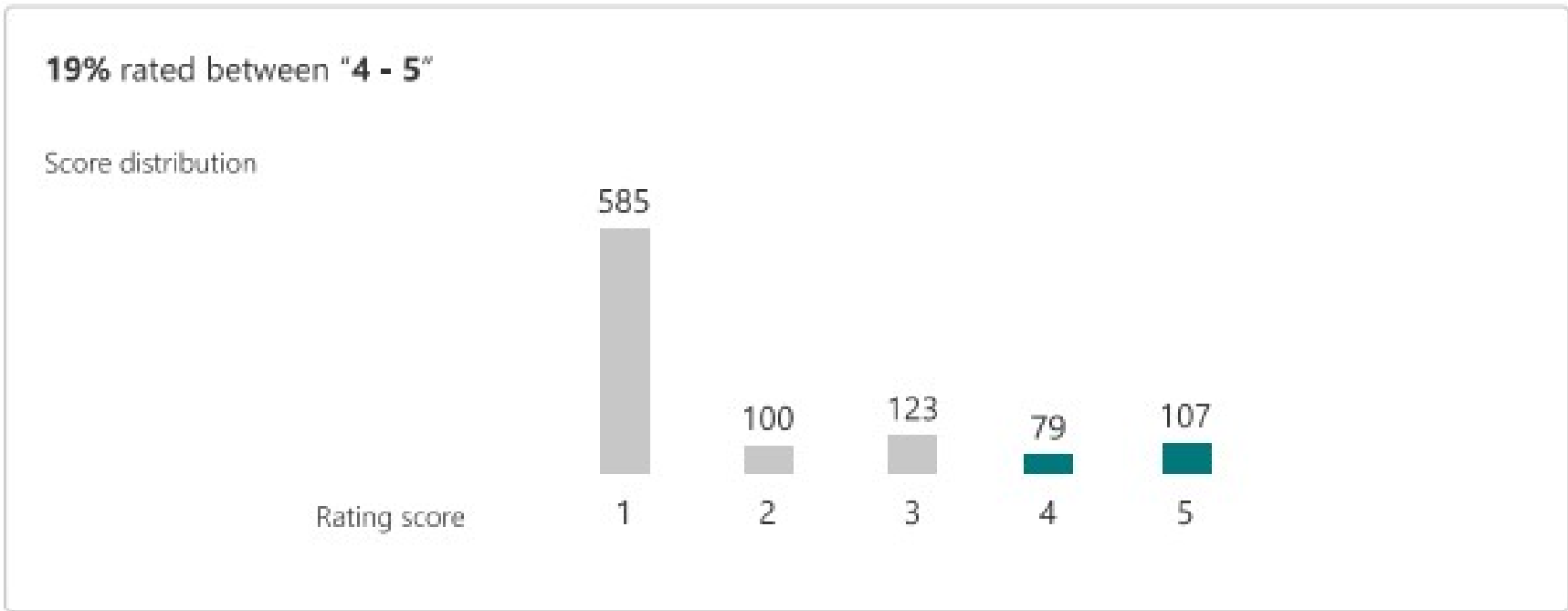
	Walk	573
	Car	854
	Bicycle	94
	Train	31
	Bus	49
	Other	15



5. Almost £3m worth of repairs and maintenance will be required just to keep our office building useable over the next 10 years. Currently we have no identified funding for these costs and doing nothing is no longer an option. Given the urgency of addressing this issue, how do you generally feel about the proposals to develop Waverley owned assets to maximise their value and fund regeneration in the town centre?

On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being very opposed and 5 totally supportive of the proposals.

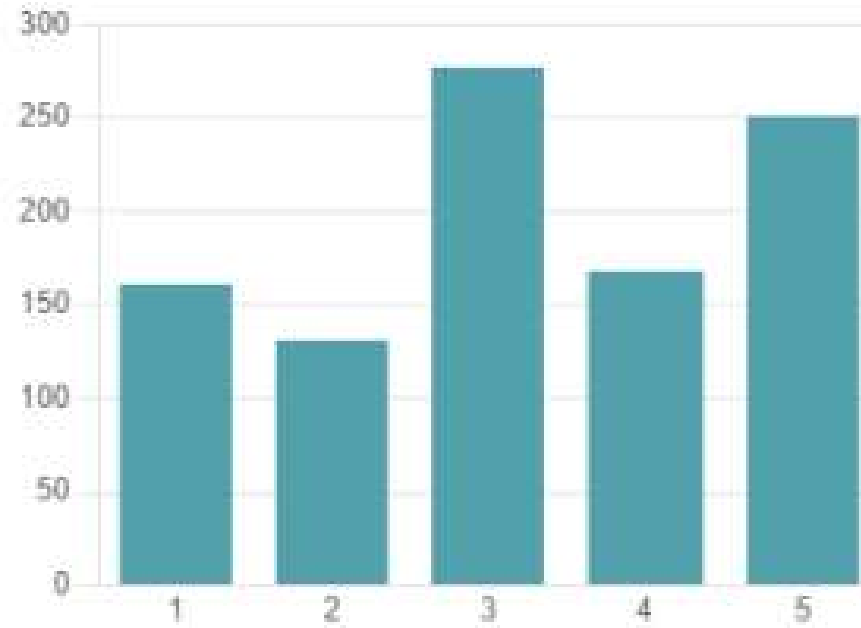
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6. Do you have concerns about a lack of affordable housing in Godalming?

On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being extremely worried and 5 completely unconcerned.

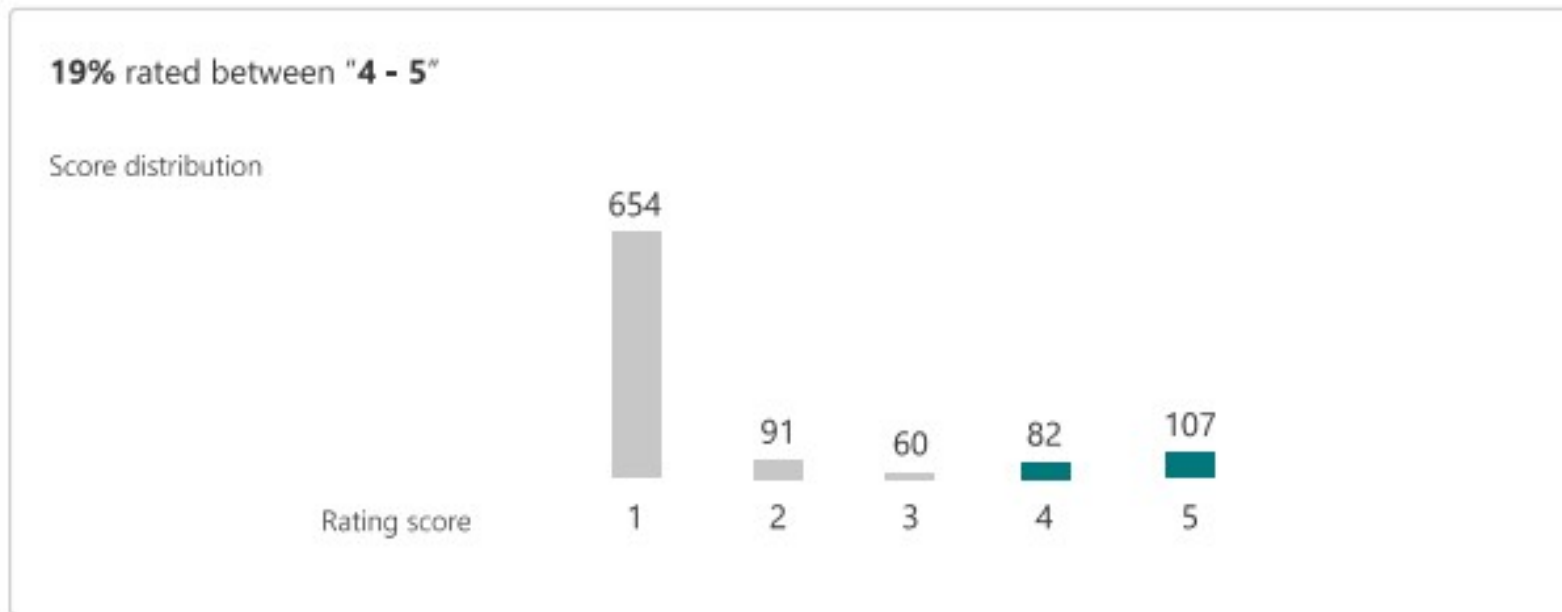
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7. Our initial options appraisals have indicated that it is not viable to build housing on the Burys site. All of the options that were assessed as viable from both a planning and financial perspective, involved building low-density housing on Crown Court and Wharf Road car parks, retaining around a third of the public car parking spaces at Crown Court and replacing the remainder of parking on The Burys site. Given these constraints, do you support the proposals to redevelop the Burys site, build affordable, social and market housing on the brownfield sites at Crown Court and Wharf Road car parks, and to use the sale of market housing to fund the project?

On a scale of 1 to 5, 1 being completely opposed and 5 extremely supportive.

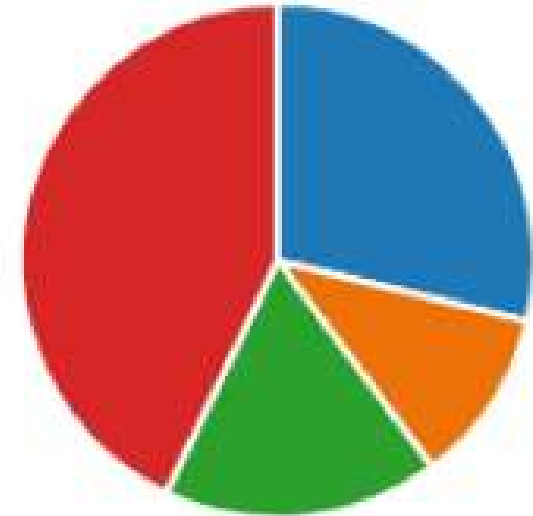
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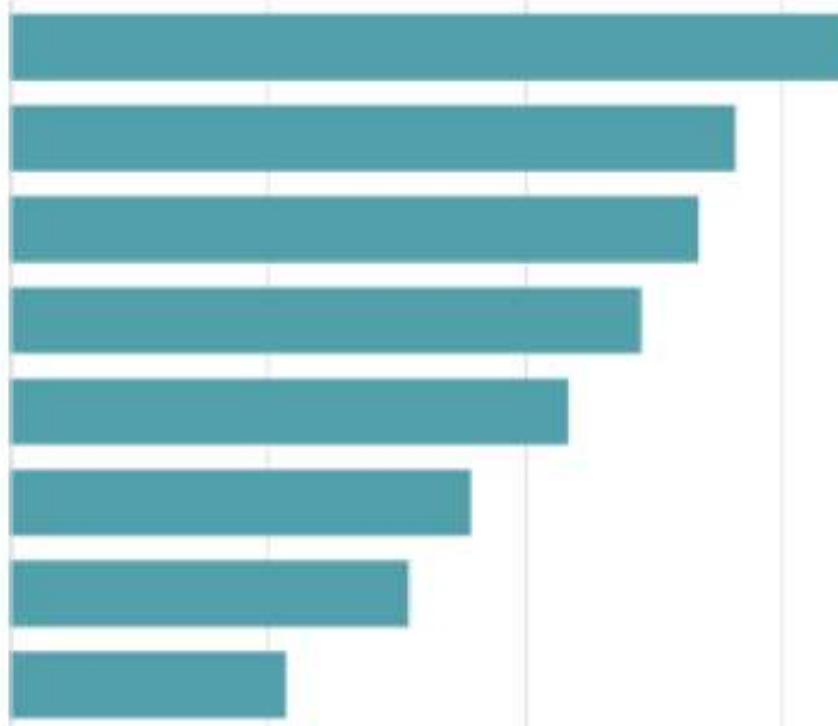
8. What type of housing would you like to see built in the town centre?

	Starter homes	286
	Family homes	109
	Retirement homes	173
	A mixture of housing types	426



9. Please rank the options presented for the Burys site from 1-8. 1 being the most important and 8 being the least important.

- 1 Public car parking
- 2 Office space for current tenants ...
- 3 Community activities - Please sp...
- 4 Office space for co-working (Ma...
- 5 Hireable hall space
- 6 Civic space for interaction with t...
- 7 Residential homes
- 8 Other - Please specify in questio...



Ideas for the Bury's site

music/drama venue
cinema
accessible parking
elderly hub
dentists / GP
bar/ restaurant
arts hub
public services/ citizen advice
renewable energy
sporting facilities/ leisure hub
community space
low cost supermarket
indoor and outdoor childrens play area
green space / landsaping
better pedestrian access
recycling facilities
borough hall
theatre
schools
town square
car charging point
drop off zone/free parking
skatepark
conversion offices to flat
social housing
(pop up) shops

market
cafe
youth hub
community space
cyclepath/park



Survey analysis

- It is clear from the free text comments and discussions with individuals at the engagement events, that the high level of opposition to the entire scheme is largely due to desire for retention of parking on Crown Court.

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- Around 100 people answered in the free text that they were opposed to our concept for housing on Crown Court Car Park.

Survey analysis

- 35 people mentioned positively development on the Wharf and the Burys
- Around 100 people mentioned they were concerned at the impact on the high street, 60 of these linked this to changes in car parking

Formal responses received from

- Godalming Town Council
- Godalming Town Council Minority (Conservative) group
- Residents of Great George Street
- The Godalming Trust
- Godalming Operatic Society
- Go Godalming Association

Themes: What we've learned

- There is clear support for continued mixed use on the Burys site, including redevelopment of the council offices, community use and parking
- People were disappointed that planning constraints restrict housing on the Burys site
- Changes to Crown Court car park relate to convenience and visual amenity (even given no loss of public spaces across the scheme)

Themes: What we've learned

- Replacement car parking at The Burys will need to be sensitively designed and other car parking options need to be better promoted.
- Concern around timetabling of any work to ensure car parking remains available - construction on the sites will be phased to ensure that public parking spaces are provided i.e. new provision of parking built first

Themes: What we can't do:

Concern around the empty shops along the High Street – we do not have control over Business Rates or influence over landlords to try and reduce commercial rents – Waverley retain only 5% of Business rates

Health service provision is difficult to access, more GPs and dentists are needed – we do not have the ability to bring forward new doctors and health facilities

Roads and cycle networks are not sufficient – Surrey County Council leads on traffic management and highway maintenance and has funding for this

Clarifications of engagement

- Waverley Borough Council does not plan to sell any of the sites to a private developer
- There will be no development on the Burys Field (green space)
- Crown Court Carpark will not be turned into a big housing estate
- Any increased car parking provision at the Burys would be sensitively designed

Next steps

- Assess the issues raised from the engagement and feed into the next stage design process
- Re-examine plans for Crown Court to test whether we could lower the housing density to retain more parking spaces and maintain existing sight lines
- Commit to re-test our initial assumptions around the viability of delivering housing on the Burys site or other council-owned sites to support the financial viability of the scheme

Future Steps

- Designs will be brought forward for formal consultation with the public through a planning permission
- There will be opportunity for more feedback