

Achievements to date for collaborative working between Guildford Borough Council and Waverley Borough Council

Savings

- The new JMT with its business support costs GBC £421k and WBC £438k less than the former teams per year, against a target of £300k per council.
- Coordinated emergency planning contracts with Applied Resilience 2023, improving resilience and a saving in removing the 'red phone' allowance
- Shared staff wellbeing survey, enabling us to benchmark and compare, and saved 7k on procuring separately.

Staffing

- Appointment of shared Joint Management Team (Chief Executive Officer, Strategic Directors, and Executive Heads of Service) (as listed above).
- Shared S151 prior to JMT 2022
- Shared interim Borough Solicitor in 2022-2023
- Shared temporary Business Manager for Planning 2022/3

Collaborative working

- Joint working on consultations - Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill: 2nd March 2023, Infrastructure Levy: 9th June 2023, AONB: 13th June 2023
- Developed a single committee template for May 2023
- Shared work on UK Shared Prosperity Fund and Rural England Prosperity Fund 2022/3
- Joint response to civil emergencies
- Numerous external meetings reducing duplication
- Shared business event at Charterhouse College 2023
- One-off meetings between the two councils relating to Benefits and differences in service delivery between the two councils
- SCC's Borough and District Flood generic updates – will now be held jointly for Guildford and Waverley BCs – an example of time efficiencies
- Joint Administration of Energy grant application scheme, GBC administering on behalf of WBC.
- Support from Guildford Borough Council to Waverley Borough Council's procurement function

Policies Harmonised

- Pre-election period 2022
- Community asset transfer 2023
- Covert Investigative Powers Policy 2023
- Pay Policy Statements 2023