

West Sussex County Council

Proposed Executive Decision for **16 February 2023** call-in deadline **5 p.m. on 27 February 2023**

The following proposed decision has been endorsed by the Cabinet Member and will come into effect at the end of the call-in period unless the call-in procedure is activated.

Decision Title & Ref No:	Endorsement of Funding: Southwick Square - public realm improvements SSED04 22-23
Cabinet Member responsible for decision	Cabinet Member for Support Services and Economic Development (Cllr Steve Waight)
Electoral Divisions	Southwick
Key Decision	Yes
Purpose	<p>The Adur Growth Deal signed in 2017, is a joint commitment between Adur District Council (ADC) and West Sussex County Council (WSCC) to focus partnership resource and investment on economic growth priorities. Work is underway to review investment priorities for a refreshed Growth Deal from 2023.</p> <p>Discussions to date have focused on supporting growth through improving access and key facilities in town centres and highstreets, including improvements to transport links and digital connectivity to support businesses, residents, and visitors.</p> <p>A priority scheme is proposed to support economic regeneration at Southwick Square, to bring the public realm up to a modern standard. This will improve accessibility, create more planting, enable businesses to spill out and provide flexible space for performances, markets and areas for community interaction in a busy shopping area.</p> <p>This aligns with the County Council's Economic Plan (2020-24) and 'Our Council Plan' (2021-25). Design work has been undertaken and it is anticipated works will commence on-site in spring 2023 with completion in late Autumn.</p>
Decision	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Cabinet Member for Support Services and Economic Development has endorsed the allocation of up to £0.600m from the remaining capital growth allocation to complete the detailed design, tender and construction of the Southwick Square public realm scheme which is being managed directly by Adur District Council (ADC); and2. delegated authority to the Director of Place Services to enter into a collaboration and funding agreement with ADC that will manage the West Sussex County

	Council funding and allow ADC draw down of the funds for the scheme.
Interest and nature of interest declared	None
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Background papers	See report for details