

Ward: N/A

## Interview of the Executive Members responsible for Environment

### Report by the Chief Executive

#### 1.0 Summary

- 1.1 As part of their work programme, the Committee have agreed to interview Adur & Worthing Councils Executive members on their portfolio responsibilities and priorities for 2014-15.
- 1.2 **At this meeting, members of the Committee are asked to consider the responsibilities and priorities for the Executive members responsible for Environment, Councillors Clive Roberts and Keith Dollemore.**

#### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Councils' strategic corporate programme *Catching The Wave* sets the strategic direction for Adur and Worthing Councils. *Surf's Up*, adds a level of tangible delivery commitments to the *Catching The Wave* strategy for the next 24 months. A copy of the commitments (and activities required to help deliver them), relevant to the Environment portfolio, is included in the attached annex.
- 2.2 **As part of their 'Challenge' role, Joint Overview and Scrutiny are asked to consider both the information contained within the annex in respect of the Environment portfolio and, in particular, the delegated functions listed at paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5 below. It is part of the Scrutiny role to challenge, in the form of questions, the progress that has been made in respect of Councillor Roberts and Councillor Dollemore's portfolios and their priorities for 2014-15.**
- 2.3 The Committee are entitled to ask for further investigation into items that they may not be satisfied with progress.
- 2.4 The *Adur District Council Executive Member for Environment* has responsibility for the following delegated functions:-
- Waste collection and recycling.
  - Street cleaning.
  - Streetscene, including abandoned vehicles, bus shelters, enforcement, street names and numbering, road name plates, street furniture.
  - Environmental management and strategy.
  - Highways liaison.
  - Cemeteries and burials.
  - Parks and grounds maintenance, including allotments and dog control. Adur Watch.

- On and off street car parking.
- Public conveniences.
- Energy management and sustainability.
- Transport (maintenance).
- Events and Cultural Projects (with Executive Member for Regeneration).
- Client for culture, Adur Community Leisure Ltd and management of Adur Leisure facilities and sites.
- Foreshore management, including beach huts and chalets, beach maintenance.

2.5 The *Worthing Borough Council Executive Member for Environment* has responsibility for the following delegated functions:-

- Waste collection and recycling.
- Street cleaning.
- Streetscene, including abandoned vehicles, bus shelters, enforcement, street names and numbering, road name plates, street furniture.
- Environmental protection, including noise, food hygiene, land drainage, pest control, air quality.
- Environmental management and strategy.
- Highways liaison.
- Cemeteries and burials.
- Crematorium (Worthing)
- Leisure Centre Site Management.
- Parks and ground maintenance, including allotments and dog control.
- On and off-street car parking.
- Public conveniences.
- Energy management and sustainability.
- Transport (maintenance).
- Events and Cultural Projects (with Executive Member for Regeneration).

### 3.0 Proposals

3.1 **That the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee ask questions of the two Executive Members with responsibility for Environment, based on their functions as outlined in paragraphs 2.4 and 2.5 above and the relevant commitments included in *Surf's Up*.**

### 4.0 Legal

4.1 The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee follow the procedures outlined within the Councils Constitution.

### 5.0 Financial implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications to consider within this report.

**6.0 Recommendation**

- 6.1 **Members of the Committee are asked to question the two Executive Members with responsibility for Environment.**

**Local Government Act 1972**

**Background Papers:**

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2014-15

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## **Schedule of Other Matters**

### **1.0 Council Priority**

1.1 The relevant Council commitments are included within the annex to this report.

### **2.0 Specific Action Plans**

2.1 Any specific action plans will be considered within the context of the annex to this report.

### **3.0 Sustainability Issues**

3.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **4.0 Equality Issues**

4.1 The Council delivers its services in accordance with the Equality Policy.

### **5.0 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)**

5.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **6.0 Human Rights Issues**

6.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **7.0 Reputation**

7.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **8.0 Consultations**

8.1 The Executive Members for Environment and key senior officers were consulted during the drafting of this report.

### **9.0 Risk Assessment**

9.1 Any areas of risk are identified within the annex to this report.

### **10.0 Health & Safety Issues**

10.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **11.0 Procurement Strategy**

11.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

### **12.0 Partnership Working**

12.1 Matter considered and no issues identified

<b>Overall 'Surf's Up' Commitment</b>	<b>Activities required</b>	<b>Time Line</b>
<i>A new sector and spatial approach to our tourism and visitor offer to attract additional international, national, regional and local visitors with partners along the wider Coastal West Sussex sub-region.</i>	<b>To effectively plan and deliver a year round programme of events to maximise the use of our public and open spaces. [with Executive Member for Regeneration]</b>	New Events Officer appointed by December 2015 and Year round programme developed and agreed by March 2015.
<i>Intelligently using and maximising our property portfolio to support business, economic and retail growth.</i>	<b>Develop, consult and agree a new Parking Strategy.</b>	Parking strategy approved by March 2015
<i>Create new social businesses, joint ventures and service delivery models that encourage and support the long term development of enterprising communities.</i>	<b>Rethinking Parks : To continue the work in our Parks Service to identify groups to take over management of sites &amp; responsibilities e.g. Allotment self-management.</b>	February 2016
	<b>Rethinking Parks : To identify, engage and support "friends of" groups to have a greater say in how parks, cemeteries, planting fields are used &amp; managed</b>	February 2016
	<b>Support the establishment &amp; development of South Downs Leisure Trust &amp; review Adur Councils relationship with Adur Community Leisure.</b>	April 2015
<i>An active network of civic innovators, social entrepreneurs and local businesses are helping tackle shared challenges in new ways.</i>	<b>Develop a programme of events &amp; funded civic challenges with partners, open to all [with Executive Member for Regeneration]</b>	March 2015