



Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
12 March 2015
Agenda Item 11
Ward: N/A

Adur and Worthing Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2014/15 and 2015/16

Report by the Director for Digital and Resources

1.0 Summary

1.1 This report outlines progress on the work contained in the 2014/15 Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme and asks the Committee to consider issues to be included in the Work Programme for 2015/16.

2.0 Background

2.1 The current Joint Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme is a 'rolling' Programme which the Committee reviews at each meeting.

2.2 The Work Programme for 2014/15 was previously reviewed by the Committee at its meeting on 22 January 2015.

3.0 Progress with the Work Programme for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2014/15 and the 2015/16 Work Programme

3.1 Detailed progress with the Work Programme is set out in the Appendix to this report. The Programme includes details of any changes to work and dates made since it was last reported to the Committee and as requested by the Committee it now includes a 'date' column advising when the item will be reported. The Committee have the option to include other issues in the rolling programme for consideration in 2015/16, in particular, the Committee may wish to include policy development issues and/or scrutiny reviews on issues which are important to the communities.

4.0 Proposals

4.1 To note the progress in implementing the Work Programme for 2014/15 and to consider any issues for consideration in the 2015/16 Work Programme.

5.0 Legal

- 5.1 Under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power to do anything to facilitate or which is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of their functions.
- 5.2 Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 provides a Local Authority to do anything that individuals generally may do (subject to any current restrictions or limitations prescribed in existing legislation).
- 5.3 Section 3(1) of the Local Government Act 1999 (LGA 1999) contains a general duty on a best value authority to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness
- 5.4 Section 1 Local Government (Contracts) Act 1997 empowers the Council to enter into a contract in relation to any of its functions.

6.0 Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no known financial implications arising from this report but some of the recommendations arising from the issues being considered in the Work Programme may have financial implications.

7.0 Recommendations

- 7.1 That the progress in implementing the Work Programme for 2014/15 be noted;**
- 7.2 That the Committee considers any other issues/reviews which it would like to be included as part of the 2015/16 Work Programme; and**
- 7.3 That the Committee recommends to the respective meetings of the Full Council that the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2015/16 be endorsed.**

Background Papers:

None.

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Schedule of other matters

1.0 Council Priority

1.1 Matter considered and issues related to Council Priorities identified.

2.0 Specific Action Plans

2.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

3.0 Sustainability Issues

3.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

4.0 Equality Issues

4.1 Matter considered. Some of the issues to be considered by the Committee may impact on equality issues.

5.0 Community Safety issues (Section 17)

5.1 Matter considered. Issues relating to crime and disorder are contained in the Work Programme.

6.0 Human Rights Issues

6.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

7.0 Reputation

7.1 Matter considered and no issues identified. Outcomes from the discussion of the issues can help to improve the reputation of the Councils.

8.0 Consultations

8.1 Matter considered. Some of the issues identified in the Work Programme may involve some form of consultation.

9.0 Risk assessment

9.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

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. Some of the issues identified do involve working together and also in partnership with other Councils.

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Forward Work Programme 2014/15/2015/16

Subject Area	Officer(s) Responsible	Comments/ Progress	Date for next report to JOSC
Economic Recovery Review update	Director for the Economy/Policy Officer (ML)	<p>To look at how the Councils can support businesses, the community and housing toward economic recovery.</p> <p>Review undertaken in 2010. Monitoring report presented to JOSC on 11 September 2014. Update report to be presented annually to JOSC.</p>	September 2015
Fuel Poverty Review update	Director for Communities/Policy Officer (ML)	<p>To consider the Councils involvement with fuel poverty in deprived areas.</p> <p>Monitoring report presented to JOSC in March 2014. Further update now planned for JOSC.</p>	March 2015
Review of Planning Enforcement	Director for the Economy/Head of Growth/Policy Officer (ML)	Report from the Working Group chaired by Councillor Michael Donin presented to JOSC on 14 November 2013. Report to be considered by JOSC on the effectiveness of the scheme six months after implementation.	March 2015
Review of Allotments (Worthing)	Director for Communities and Head of the Environment	<p>Worthing Cabinet Member for the Environment attended JOSC on 14 November 2013 to address the issues relating to a lack of progress with the development of an allotments strategy/policy.</p> <p>A report reviewing an allotments policy will be submitted to JOSC.</p>	Issue complete. January 2015

Worthing Age of School Transfer	Policy Officer (ML)	<p>Findings from the Working Group were reported to JOSC on 31 January 2013 and subsequently agreed at Worthing Council meeting on 19 February. Recommendations subsequently submitted to West Sussex County Council.</p> <p>The West Sussex Cabinet Member for Education and Schools attended JOSC in September 2013 to report on the progress with his work. A further update on progress with the consultation and other issues was presented to JOSC on 30 January 2014. It is intended that further updates will be presented to JOSC in due course.</p>	Written update report from WSCC to be circulated to JOSC Members - March 2015
Interviews with Leaders and Cabinet Members from Adur and Worthing	Policy Officer (TC)	<p>Leaders and Cabinet Members to be interviewed at meetings between June 2014 and March 2015.</p> <p>Report detailing progress with the Cabinet Member's priorities to be considered by the Committee as part of each interview.</p>	<p>Cabinet Members for Health and Wellbeing – March 2015</p> <p>Leaders and Cabinet Members to be interviewed again between June 2015 and March 2016.</p>
Adur and Worthing Budgets 2015/16	Director for Digital and Resources/Head of Finance	<p>Medium Term Financial Plan – 31 July 2014</p> <p>Revenue Budget proposals – November 2014 and January 2015. (Worthing only)</p>	<p>Issue complete. July 2014</p> <p>January 2015.</p>
Review of the effectiveness of	Directors of the	Review of previous budget to assess its	ICT issues and spend on

the 2013/14 Budgets	Service	effectiveness – 31 July 2014. Further updates on the Scrutiny of the relevant parts of the budget to be presented to JOSC in due course as requested.	ICT. Issue complete. Update report presented in November 2014. Worthing Leisure Centre sites performance – June 2015. Grounds Maintenance in Adur and Worthing – June 2015
Annual Report 2014/15	Policy Officer (ML)	Annual report for 2013/14 considered and agreed by JOSC on 3 July 2014 and subsequently endorsed by Adur and Worthing Council meetings. Report for 2014/15 to be considered in due course.	July 2015.
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny	Director for Communities/Policy Officer (ML)	Report advising on crime and disorder issues and the work of the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership presented to JOSC at least once a year. Update report presented to JOSC on 11 September 2014. To be reported annually.	Issue complete. Next report September 2015
Local Strategic Partnership/Waves Ahead Scrutiny	Community Wellbeing/Policy Officer (ML)	Update performance reports on the work of the Local Strategic Partnership/Waves Ahead – Two reports per year to be circulated to all as information items. Update report circulated in November 2014. Further report to be circulated in 2015.	March 2015

<p>Updates on the work of the West Sussex Health and Social Care Committee and Health issues</p>	<p>Council representatives on the Committee/</p>	<p>Committee agreed to create a Working Group to look at health issues and link with the work of the Health and Social Care Committee. Working Group to meet in due course to discuss Terms of Reference/scope for work.</p>	<p>March/April 2015.</p>
<p>September 2012 Sewage Spill and local flooding issues</p>	<p>Policy Officer(ML)</p>	<p>Representatives from Southern Water attended JOSC in November 2013 to address the issues of flooding in East Worthing. Environment Agency to attend JOSC in 2015/16 when legal issues have been resolved.</p>	<p>Pending outcome of Court Case – Date To be confirmed.</p>
<p>ICT Failure</p>	<p>Director for Digital and Resources</p>	<p>JOSC considered the report on ICT issues and progress with implementing the Digital Strategy at its meeting on 13 November 2014.</p> <p>Agreed to receive regular updates on progress with the implementation of the Digital Strategy.</p>	<p>March 2015</p>

Joint West Sussex County review of flooding issues	Joint County Task and Finish Group	<p>Joint County review of flooding issues reported to JOSOC/JSC in January and February 2014 respectively.</p> <p>The West Sussex Joint Scrutiny Steering Group to reconsider the outcomes from the review at a meeting now to be held on 24 March 2015 with a view to reconstituting the Task and Finish Group to undertake further work on flooding. The findings will report back to JOSOC in due course.</p>	June 2015.
Worthing Theatres Budgets Review	Director for the Economy/Policy Officer (ML)	<p>JOSOC agreed to set up a Working Group of Adur and Worthing Members to look at the Worthing theatres budgeting situation.</p> <p>Final Working Group report being considered on 12 March 2015 by JOSOC.</p>	March 2015
Review of Core Strategies	Director for the Economy/Head of Growth	Report on the review of the Core Strategies and how relevant national guidance is being interpreted.	March 2015
Inspection of catering establishments	Director for Communities	Report on how the inspections are undertaken and the consistency of the ratings awarded across both Council areas.	June 2015
Beach Huts in Adur and Worthing	Director for Communities/Head of the Environment	Report on cost benefit analysis on two different models for beach hut provision.	March 2015

