

## **Interview with the Chairman of the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership - Councillor David Simmons**

### **Report by the Director for Digital and Resources**

#### **1.0 Summary**

- 1.1 As part of the current Work Programme, the Committee have agreed to interview the Chairman of the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership (A&WSCP or SCP) on the work of the Partnership.
- 1.2 At this meeting, members of the Committee are asked to consider the work and role of the SCP. The Committee will also have the opportunity to interview the Chairman of the Partnership, Councillor David Simmons, who will make a presentation on the work of the Partnership.

#### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 As part of their 'Challenge' role, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to consider the role of the A&WSCP. The Committee are entitled to ask for further investigation into items that they may not be satisfied with the progress. The Committee also has the responsibility under the Police and Justice Act 2006 to scrutinise the work of the A&WSCP.
- 2.2 The Adur & Worthing Safer Communities Partnership vision is to reduce crime and disorder through effective multi-agency working to make Adur and Worthing a safer place to live, work and visit. Safer Communities is also about how safe people feel in their own communities and how it is possible to make a real difference by working together to help cut crime and its causes and the fear of crime.
- 2.3 The A&WSCP has a statutory duty to reduce crime and disorder. The partnership has representatives from a range of agencies including:
  - Adur & Worthing Councils
  - Sussex Police
  - Sussex Police Authority

- West Sussex County Council
- West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
- NHS West Sussex
- Sussex Probation

Other partners contribute to the work including organisations from the Community Partnership, the voluntary sector, local businesses and members of the Community.

### **3.0 Proposals**

- 3.1 That the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee scrutinises and asks questions of the Chairman of the SCP.

### **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 Chairman of the A&WSCP.

## **Local Government Act 1972**

### **Background Papers:**

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015-16

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## **Schedule of Other Matters**

### **1.0 Council Priority**

1.1 Any Council priorities will be considered within the report.

### **2.0 Specific Action Plans**

2.1 Any specific action plans will be considered within the report.

### **3.0 Sustainability Issues**

3.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **4.0 Equality Issues**

4.1 Matter considered and no issues identified.

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

5.1 The Adur and Worthing Community Safety Partnership is responsible for Community Safety issues and is referred to in the report.

### **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 Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **9.0 Risk Assessment**

9.1 Any areas of risk are identified in the 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.