

Adur and Worthing Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2016/17

Report by the Director for Digital and Resources

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This report outlines progress on the work contained in the 2016/17 Work Programme.

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 2016/17 was previously reviewed by the Committee at its meeting on 17 March 2016.

3.0 Progress with the Work Programme for the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2016/17

- 3.1 Detailed progress with the Work Programme is set out in a Trello Board to help in the monitoring of the work and this can be accessed via the following link <https://trello.com/b/g16nZ3mf/josc-work-programme-2015-16> The Trello Board will be displayed at the meeting.
- 3.2 The Work Programme includes details of any changes to work and dates made since it was last reported to the Committee. The Committee now has implemented new working arrangements with the emphasis on 'themed' meetings.
- 3.3 The Committee previously requested the opportunity to consider the proposed Southern Rail ticket office closure proposals at its meeting in July, however, despite a request to hear from the operators, Govia Thameslink Railways, no response has been received. The Committee will need to consider if it would like this item to remain on the Work Programme.

- 3.4 In accordance with the new ways of assessing Scrutiny requests, JOSC Chairmen have also considered other potential issues for consideration by the Committee. A bid request is attached for the Committee to consider an item which relates to the delays in implementing the enhancement works for the Lower Beach Car Park and Ferry Road in Shoreham. The Chairmen are recommending that the item should be considered as an item on the JOSC Work Programme in 2016/17 for consideration at the JOSC meeting on 14 July 2016.. A copy of the Bid proposal is also attached to this report.(Appendix 1).

4.0 Proposals

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to note the progress in implementing the Work Programme for 2016/17, to consider the Bid proposal for a review of the delays in implementing the enhancement works in Ferry Road, Shoreham, to review if any further consideration of the Southern Rail ticket office closure proposals are required and to consider any further requests for scrutiny of other issues which should be added to the 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 2016/17 be noted; and**
- 7.2 **That the Committee considers the scrutiny bid request relating to the Ferry Road enhancement works set out in the report any other issues/reviews which**

it would like to be included as part of the 2016/17 Work Programme including the potential of continuing with any further scrutiny of the proposed Southern Rail ticket office closures.

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.

APPENDIX 1

Scoping report for a possible review relating to the delays in implementing the proposed enhancement works to the Lower Beach Road Car Park and Ferry Road, Shoreham

This review has been proposed by JOSC Chairmen assessed against the 'PAPER' criteria approved by JOSC.

Request by Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen

Proposed review - Lower Beach Car Park and Ferry Road development enhancements at the southern end of the Adur Ferry Bridge in Shoreham - To investigate the reasons why there has been a series of delays in implementing the Ferry Road and Car Park enhancement scheme.

Public interest - The Committee is keen to find out more about the reasons for the delays in beginning the works to this last part of the Shoreham Renaissance project which involves improvements to the car park, local shopping area and the public realm. These proposed enhancements have the potential to improve the area for local residents, businesses and visitors.

Ability to change -The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee can request the stakeholders involved in this project - West Sussex County Council/Environment Agency/Adur District Council/County Local Committee - to speak about the proposals and the reasons for the delays to seek to influence implementation as soon as possible.

Performance - This review relates to the performance and actions of all stakeholders in coordinating the start of the enhancement works.

Extent - The suggested request relates to the delays in beginning the enhancement scheme for the Lower Beach Road Car Park and Ferry Road. It will also need to review the potential impact of possibly accommodating a public slipway at the site and the scope for implementing the project alongside the approved Adur Tidal Walls scheme which is due to start in August 2016.

Replication - This issue has not been previously considered by JOSC.

Outcomes - To discuss the matter in a public meeting and to ask the relevant stakeholders to clarify the reasons why there has been a series of delays in implementing the proposed enhancements for the area and to consider if anything more can be done to influence and to assist in starting the enhancement works as soon as possible.