

## **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 16 June 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.
- 3.3 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 review an item which was requested for review at the last Committee. This relates to proposals for a review of engagement with young people and the Youth Councils. 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 20 October 2016. A copy of the Bid/scope proposal is also attached to this report.(Appendix 1).

- 3.4 As part of the commitment to better engage with the public, Scrutiny request forms are now available via the Council's website and two members of the public have taken advantage of this new service and submitted scrutiny requests which relate to building on the Goring Gap and issues relating to new on street parking arrangements in East Worthing. JOSC Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen have also considered these proposals and are recommending that the proposals are not added to the Work Programme at this stage on the basis that the Goring Gap issue is a matter for the Planning Committee and the parking proposals relate to a West Sussex County Council matter which has already been implemented and has been subject to consideration by the County Local Committee.

#### **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 the review of youth engagement and note the proposed course of action on the scrutiny review requests.

#### **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/agrees the scope proposal and scrutiny bid request relating to the review of better engagement with young people as set out in the appendix to this report and considers any other issues/reviews which it would like to be included as part of the 2016/17 Work Programme.**

**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 engagement with young people and the Youth Councils**

This review has been proposed by JOSOC and is assessed below in accordance with the 'PAPER' criteria approved by JOSOC.

#### **Request by the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Proposed review** - Review of the Councils' engagement with young people and the Youth Councils.

**Public interest** - Improved engagement with young people can help empower young people by making sure that they can be at the heart of the debate in society. The review can help foster greater civic engagement with young people.

**Ability to change** - Improved engagement with the youth can help strengthen local democracy by engaging the future electorate. Recruitment is underway for a new volunteer to manage and work with the Youth Councils. Scrutiny input would be helpful in developing a new role.

**Performance** - N/A

**Extent** - The suggested review relates to reviewing youth engagement in local democracy and the work of the Councils.

**Replication** - This issue has not been previously considered by JOSOC.

**Outcomes** - To discuss the matter in a public meeting and to ask relevant stakeholders including the Youth Councils to attend to find out their views on youth engagement and how it can be improved.

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **Scoping report for a possible review relating to the building on Goring Gap/Chatsmore Farm site, Worthing**

This review has been proposed by a member of the public via the on line Scrutiny Request form in accordance with the 'PAPER' criteria approved by JOSOC. The comments provided against each criteria are those submitted by the member of the public.

#### **Request by Member of the Public**

**Proposed review** - Any proposal to build on the Goring Gap/Chatsmore Farm site.

**Public interest** - To preserve a location of rare natural beauty.

**Ability to change** - Several hundred local residents have expressed concern about the issue.

**Performance** - N/A

**Extent** - Huge.

**Replication** - This issue is being considered elsewhere.

**Outcomes** - I hope that the Council will go to the limits of endurance to protect the gap from any development. The Gap is a jewel in the crown for West Sussex.

## **APPENDIX 3**

### **Scoping report for a possible review relating to the parking changes taking place in East Worthing**

This review has been proposed by a member of the public via the on line Scrutiny Request form in accordance with the 'PAPER' criteria approved by JOSC. The comments provided against each criteria are those submitted by the member of the public.

#### **Request by Member of the Public**

**Proposed review** - The present parking changes that are taking place in east worthing , I am highlighting the junction Mansfield Road going on to Ham Road , as it stands you have a double yellow safe zone going into Ham Road, can you not understand that the double yellow zone needs to run at least a cars length into Mansfield Road, I drive / walk this route every day and more thought needs to be given to this junction. Objections received regarding the set up of this new parking contained a lot of views regarding this junction. Nothing has ever been answered.

**Public interest** - Yes

**Ability to change** - Yes

**Performance** - Yes

**Extent** - Yes

**Replication** - No

**Outcomes** - Greater thought to a dangerous junction.



## JOSC Work Programme Public

### Work Programme Bids

Scrutiny with Youth Council

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### JOSC 14/7/16

Delays in implementing the enhancement works to Lower Beach Car Park and Ferry Road, Shoreham



Revenue Outturn report 2015/16

### JOSC 22/9/16

Southern Rail Ticket Office closures and general level of service

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Surf's Up monitoring review

Annual Leaders interviews

Outline forecast 2017/18 to 2021/22 and Budget Strategy and

### JOSC 20/10/16

Review of the implementation of Public Space Protection Orders (Quarterly)

### JOSC 17/11/16

Outline 5 year forecast and savings proposals

## **JOSC 26/1/17**

Leader interviews

Surf's Up Monitoring

Revenue Budget 17/18

Review of the Implementation of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) (Quarterly)

## **JOSC 16/3/17**