



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
21 September 2017
Agenda Item 8

Ward: N/A

Joint Leaders interview

Report by the Director for Digital and Resources

1.0 Summary

- 1.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2017/18, the Committee have agreed to interview the Leaders on their priorities for 2017/18.
- 1.2 At this meeting, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) are asked to consider and question the Leaders on issues relating to their portfolios and any high level strategic issues which the Leaders are involved in connected with the work of the Councils and the Adur and Worthing communities.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 As part of their fact finding/investigative role, JOSC are asked to consider the roles and responsibilities of the Leaders. It is part of the Scrutiny role to fact find/investigate in the form of questions and for the interview process this year, in line with the new ways of working, JOSC have indicated that they will direct questions on any high level strategic issues involving the Leaders and also issues relating to their portfolios, however, this will not extend to day to day Council matters.
- 2.2 The Committee are entitled to ask for further investigation into items where they may not be satisfied with the progress as described.
- 2.3 Both Leaders have responsibility for the following:-
 - Overall policy and strategy (Vision and priorities);
 - External relations, including complaints management, marketing and promotion;
 - Reputation management, including risk (policy);
 - Performance management, including improvement plans;
 - Media and communications (internal and external)
 - Democratic Services including committee management
 - Electoral Services within the remit of the Executive
 - Member Services
 - Chairman of the Council and Civic matters (Adur)

- Mayor of the Borough and Civic matters (Worthing)
- Partnership working (Lead)
- Public consultation, including community engagement and citizens Panels
- City Deal (Strategic matters)
- Devolution
- (Worthing) Property and asset Management, including the Town Hall and Portland House sites; non housing property repairs, corporate property, terriers, property not included in other portfolios, estates management.

3.0 Proposals

- 3.1 That JOSC ask questions of the two Leaders based on their functions as outlined in paragraph 2.3 of the report above including any high level strategic issues which the Leaders are involved in connected with the work of the Councils and the Adur and Worthing communities.

4.0 Legal

- 4.1 JOSC is responsible for holding the Executive Members to account, reviewing their work and decisions and in accordance with the procedures outlined within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Councils' constitution, can request Executive Members to attend its meetings.

5.0 Financial implications

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

6.0 Recommendation

- 6.1 That the Committee consider the representations from the Leaders on the work within their Portfolios and other high level strategic issues which the Leaders are involved in and recommend any suggested action or make appropriate comments to the Leaders for their consideration.**

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Background Papers:

None.

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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 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 but the Leaders do have responsibility for reputation management.

8.0 Consultations

8.1 The Leaders of both Councils 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 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