



## ADUR & WORTHING COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
15 February 2018  
Agenda Item 10

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s): N/A

### **Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme update - 2017/18**

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

#### **Executive Summary**

##### **1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report updates the Committee on progress with the work contained in the 2017/18 Work Programme.

##### **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the progress in implementing the Work Programme for 2017/18 be noted;
- 2.2 That the Committee consider if it wishes to add any further issues to the Work Programme.

##### **3. Context**

- 3.1 The current Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme is reviewed by the Committee at each meeting.
- 3.2 The Work Programme for 2017/18 was confirmed by both Councils in April 2017 and changes made to the Work programme during 17/18 were also reported to the Councils in December 2017.

- 3.3 During the Municipal Year, items may be added to the JOSC Work Programme, where appropriate. Requests for additional matters to be included in the Work Programme can be submitted on line via the Scrutiny review request form on the Councils' website at <https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/about-the-councils/scrutiny/#are-you-concerned-about-local-issues>

These requests are then initially considered by the Joint Chairpersons in accordance with the following criteria set out in the Procedure Rules:-

- (a) The Councils' Strategic objectives;
- (b) The ability of the Committee to have influence and/or add value on the subject;
- (c) The PAPER criteria; Public Interest (P), Ability to Change (A), Performance (P), Extent (E) and Replication (R)

#### **4. Issues for consideration**

- 4.1 Detailed progress with the approved Work Programme can be accessed via the following link <https://trello.com/b/7AXUSG58/josc-work-programme-for-2017-18> or viewed in the Appendix 1 attached to this report.
- 4.2 The Work Programme includes details of any changes to work and dates made since it was last reported to the Committee on 25 January 2018. JOSC is requested to review the current Work Programme status and consider if it would like to add any other issues to the Work Programme.
- 4.3 At the request of the Committee, work is in hand to set up Working Groups to discuss a review of the effectiveness of consultations and also to review the outcomes from the Select Committee on the effectiveness of Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The findings from these Working Groups will be reported to JOSC in due course.

#### **5. Engagement and Communication**

- 5.1 The JOSC Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen have reviewed the JOSC Work Programme and are broadly in agreement with the proposed timings and changes.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications relating to this report, however, some of the items to be scrutinised may have financial implications.

## **7. Legal Implications**

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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).
- 7.3 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.
- 7.4 Paragraph 9.2 of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, which form part of the Councils' Constitutions and are binding on all Members, states that the work programme will be approved by Councils. A report must be taken to full Council on an annual basis seeking Councils' approval of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme for the forthcoming year and any changes to the Work Programme should be reported to the Councils approximately mid municipal year for noting.

### **Background Papers:**

None

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## **Sustainability & Risk Assessment**

### **1. Economic**

Matter considered. Some of the issues contained in the Work Programme could impact on the development of our places or the economic participation of our communities if implemented.

### **2. Social**

#### **2.1 Social Value**

Some of the issues to be discussed in the Work programme will impact on the Communities.

#### **2.2 Equality Issues**

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

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

At the February 2018 meeting of the Committee there will be discussions on local policing issues and these do relate directly to community safety issues.

#### **2.4 Human Rights Issues**

Matter considered and no issues identified

### **3. Environmental**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **4. Governance**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

## APPENDIX

### Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017/18

<u>Date of meeting</u>	<u>Items for discussion</u>	<u>Report Author</u>	<u>Executive Members invited</u>	<u>Change to original Work Programme?</u>
29 June 2017	Review of the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) - Quarterly update	Director for Communities	Executive Members for Environment & Wellbeing	No
	Review of the provision of solar panels on Council buildings	Director for Digital & Resources	Executive Members for Environment	No
27 July 2017	Joint Revenue Outturn report 2016/17	Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer	Executive Members for Resources	No
	Outline Budget forecast 2017/18 to 2021/22 and Budget Strategy	Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer	II	No
	Adur & Worthing Play areas review	Director for Communities/Head of Environment	Executive Members for Environment	No
	Annual JOSC report for 2016/17	Joint Chairmen of JOSC	N/A	No
21 September 2017	Review of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) - Quarterly updates	Director for Communities	Executive Members for Environment & Wellbeing	No
	Review of the Progress in delivering the activities in Platforms for our Places - Questioning Chief Executive	Chief Executive	Adur & Worthing Executive Members	No
	Annual interviews with Council Leaders	Director for Digital & Resources	Leaders	No
	Scrutiny Youth Engagement Working Group - Final report and recommendations	Chairman of the Working Group	Executive Members for Wellbeing	Yes - Item moved back from the 27 July to allow further consultation with Youth Council
30 November 2017	Worthing Outline 5 year forecast and savings proposals - Executive Member interviews	Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer	Worthing Executive	No

	<p>Worthing Executive Member for Customer Services re Worthing Theatres budgets and outcomes of JOSC Working Group</p> <p>Protection of Public Buildings - Response from Working Group and recommendations</p>	<p>Chairman of the JOSC Working Group</p> <p>Chairman of the Working Group</p>	<p>Worthing Executive Member for Customer Services</p> <p>Executive Members for Regeneration, Worthing Leader and Adur Executive Member for Resources</p>	<p>No</p> <p>Yes. Item added to the Work Programme following assessment of the request from Worthing Councillor Kevin Jenkins. Originally scheduled for October 2017.</p>
25 January 2018	<p>Worthing Budget Estimates 18/19 and setting of 2018/19 Council Tax</p> <p>Effectiveness of local authority Overview and Scrutiny Committees - Report from House of Commons Communities &amp; Local Government Select Committee</p>	<p>Director for Digital &amp; Resources/Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>Director for Digital &amp; Resources</p>	<p>Worthing Executive</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>New meeting added.</p> <p>Yes</p>
15 February 2018	<p>Interview with Adur &amp; Worthing local District Police Commander</p> <p>Air Quality Management briefing report</p> <p>Review of Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) - Quarterly update</p>	<p>N/A</p> <p>Director for Communities</p> <p>Director for Communities</p>	<p>Executive Members for Wellbeing</p> <p>Executive Members for Wellbeing (Adur) and Environment (Worthing)</p> <p>Executive Members for Wellbeing and Environment</p>	<p>Yes. Item added at the request of the Committee following assessment.</p> <p>Yes. Item added to the Work Programme following assessment of public request</p> <p>Yes. Originally scheduled for January 2018.</p>
22 March 2018	<p>Review of the Progress in delivering the activities in Platforms for our Places - Questioning Chief Executive</p> <p>Leader interviews</p> <p>Report on the review of the potential loss of public car parking spaces in Worthing given the closure of Teville Gate and future development planned at Grafton Car Park.</p> <p>Annual Work Programme setting 2018/19</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Director for Digital &amp; Resources</p> <p>Director for the Economy</p> <p>Director for Digital &amp; Resources</p>	<p>Adur and Worthing Executives</p> <p>Leaders</p> <p>Worthing Executive Members for the Environment and Regeneration</p> <p>N/A</p>	<p>No</p> <p>No</p> <p>Yes. Item added at the request of the Committee.</p> <p>No</p>

Date to be confirmed	Possible attendance by Southern Water and the Environment Agency re sewage spill incident - July 2017	N/A	Executive Members for Environment & Wellbeing	Yes. Item added at the request of the Committee.
	Major Projects being undertaken in partnership with West Sussex County Council - Update	Director for the Economy	Executive Members for Regeneration and relevant West Sussex County Council Cabinet Members	Yes. Item added at the request of the Committee. Request to view the report on this issue which will be presented to JSC.

#### **Working Groups set up**

The effectiveness of Council consultations	Working Group being arranged formed of Councillors Barraclough, Chipp, Loader and Smytherman
The effectiveness of Overview and Scrutiny Committees - Outcomes from the Communities & Local Government Select Committee report	Working Group being arranged formed of Councillors Boram, Loader, Smytherman and Waight.