



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
22 March 2018
Agenda Item 8

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Delivering *Platforms for our Places*: Progress Report June - December 2017

Report by the Director for Digital and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 Attached to this report is a copy of the report by the Chief Executive which was presented to the Joint Strategic Committee on 9 January 2018 which provided a short overview of progress against a range of commitments set out in *Platforms for our Places* over the second six months of the programme June to December 2017.
- 1.2 At this meeting, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) is asked to consider and question the Chief Executive and Executive Members on the progress in delivering the activities in *Platforms for our Places*.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee note the progress in delivering the activities in *Platforms for our Places* and question the Chief Executive and Executive Members on this.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2017/18, JOSc have agreed to review the Progress in delivering the activities in Platforms for our Places in September 2017 and March 2018 and also question the Chief Executive and Executive Members on the progress.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 JOSc is asked to consider the progress in delivering the activities in Platforms for our Places as set out in the attached appendix report presented to the Joint Strategic Committee on 9 January 2018 and ask questions of the Chief Executive and Executive Members where relevant.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The Joint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of JOSc have been consulted on the proposals contained in this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are some financial implications arising from the overall Platforms for our Places document which are covered under the overall budget process.

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.

Background Papers

- *Platforms for our Places* (adopted by Adur District Council - 15 December 2016;
adopted by Worthing Borough Council - 20 December 2016)
- “Platforms for our Places” - Unlocking the power of people, communities and our local geographies [Joint Strategic Committee Report - 6 December 2016 (Item 6)]

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

- 1.1 Developing our financial economies is one of five platforms for development in Platforms for our Places. The Progress Report (attached as an appendix to this report) provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils are working to develop this platform.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

- 2.1.1 Developing our social economies is one of five platforms for development in Platforms for our Places. The Progress Report (Attached) provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils are working to develop this platform.

- 2.1.2 A particular focus of Platforms for our Places is how to build capacity within our communities and community partners to enable them to shape and lead our places, while at the same time ensure the Councils are providing a 'safety net' for vulnerable members of our communities.

2.2 Equality Issues

- 2.2.1 Through Platforms for our Places, the objective is to build the capacity of our communities and engage with them to find solutions and ensure our services are designed to respond and meet their needs.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

- 2.3.1 There are specific commitments in Platforms for our Places which relate to the promotion of our communities as safe places (2.6). Delivery of these commitments are in progress.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

- 2.4.1 Through the implementation of Platforms for our Places the Councils are seeking solutions with our partners to enable our residents, communities and places to thrive.

3. Environmental

3.1 Developing the Councils and communities role in stewarding our natural resources is one of five platforms for development in Platforms for our Places. Joint Strategic Committee Agenda Item 5 - 9 January 2018. The Progress Report (Attached) provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils are working to develop this platform.

4. Governance

4.1 This report provides the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview

of the progress being made to implement Platforms for our Places, the Councils' three-year plan to enable our places to thrive.

4.2 The presentation of this report to Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee ensures that officers are accountable in delivering elected Member's ambitions for our places.

4.3 The proposed review of commitments will ensure that officers can advise elected members how their strategic intent can be best achieved in response to emerging trends and thinking, and resources and barriers to maximising outcomes are effectively managed.

4.4 Working with local and sub-regional partners is a critical element in delivering Platforms for our Places. It will remain an important area of focus for Officers.