



ADUR & WORTHING  
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
20 September 2018  
Agenda Item 9

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

## **Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018/19**

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

#### **Executive Summary**

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

1.1 This report outlines the Work Programme of the Committee for the remainder of the 2018/19 Municipal year and also includes one scrutiny request which has been received from a member of the Committee.

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

**2.1 That the Work Programme for 2018/19 be noted.**

**2.2 That the Committee consider if the request for scrutiny should be added to the Work Programme.**

### **3. Context**

- 3.1 The JOSC Work Programme for 2018/19 was agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 22 March 2018 and in accordance with the current set of Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, which form part of the Councils' Constitutions, was approved by both Councils in July 2018.

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

- 4.1 The Committee will receive regular update reports on the implementation of the Work Programme at each meeting. A copy of the 2018/19 Work Programme is attached as Appendix A to this report for reference.
- 4.2 The Committee is requested to review the Work Programme and consider if any further items are required to be added to the Work Programme. 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 will initially be considered by the Joint Chairpersons in accordance with the PAPER criteria and they will make their recommendations to the next JOSC for consideration and determination, following receipt of the Officer report. Consideration should also be given to capacity of the Committee and resources available when considering further Work Programme items.
- 4.3 Since the last meeting a further scrutiny request has been received for an item to be added to the Work Programme which has been received from a member of the Committee. The detail of the request is set out in Appendix B to this report. Items for the Work Programme need to be chosen guided by how closely they align with the Council's strategic objectives, how the Committee can influence the outcomes and also general value and outcomes in accordance with the (PAPER criteria) - (P) Public interest, (A) - Ability to change, (P) - Performance, (E) - Extent, and (R) Replication. An assessment of the request has been undertaken, the suggestion discussed with Councillor Barraclough and the two Vice Chairmen and their recommendation is included with the detail of the request set out in Appendix B.

### **5.0 Engagement and Consultation**

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

### **6.0 Legal**

- 6.1 Under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Councils have the power to do anything to facilitate or which is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of their functions.

- 6.2 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).
- 6.3 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.
- 6.4 Paragraph 9.2 of the current 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 both Councils. A report must be taken to both Councils on an annual basis seeking both Councils' approval of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for the forthcoming year.

## **7.0 Financial Implications**

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

## **Background Papers**

None.

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## **Sustainability & Risk Assessment**

### **1. Economic**

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

### **2. Social**

#### **2.1 Social Value**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

#### **2.2 Equality Issues**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

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

Matter considered and no issues identified.

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

Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **3. Environmental**

Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **4. Governance**

Matter considered. When considering items for the Work Programme, JOSC is guided by the Council's priorities and the governance arrangements for each Council.

## APPENDIX A

### Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2018/19

<b><u>Date of meeting</u></b>	<b><u>Items for discussion</u></b>	<b><u>Report Author</u></b>	<b><u>Executive Members to be invited</u></b>
21 June 2018	Annual JOSC report for 2017/18	Joint Chairmen of JOSC	N/A
	Air Quality - Response from West Sussex Director of Public Health	Director for Digital and Resources	N/A
26 July 2018	Attendance by Southern Water to speak about investment works to improve bathing water quality in Worthing in particular and across Adur & Worthing more broadly. This will include an update on investment works at the East Worthing works, plus a brief on proposed investment plans for the area for 2020 and beyond. This follows the sewage spill incident in July 2017	N/A	Adur Executive Member for the Environment, Worthing Executive Member for Regeneration.
	Review of the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) - Bi-annual update	Director for Communities	Executive Members for Environment & Wellbeing
	Effectiveness of parking and road traffic enforcement policy in Adur and Worthing	Director for Digital & Resources/Head of Customer & Digital	Executive Members for Environment
	Joint Revenue Outturn report 2017/18	Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer	Executive Members for Resources
	Outline Budget Strategy 2019/20	Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer	II
	Report from the JOSC Consultations review Working Group	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A
	Report on possible dog	Director for Communities	Executive Members for

	fouling and litter enforcement scheme		Wellbeing
20 September 2018	<p>Review of the Progress in delivering the activities in Platforms for our Places - Questioning Chief Executive</p> <p>Annual interviews with Council Leaders</p> <p>Progress report on the implementation of the outcomes from the Youth Engagement scrutiny report</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Director for Digital &amp; Resources</p> <p>Director for Communities/Head of Wellbeing</p>	<p>Adur &amp; Worthing Executive Members</p> <p>Leaders</p> <p>Executive Members for Wellbeing</p>
18 October 2018	<p>Crime and Disorder scrutiny themed session - Interview with Chairman of Safer Communities Partnership</p> <p>Health Scrutiny themed session - Interview with Chairman of the West Sussex Health and Adult Social Care Committee (HASC) on the work of the Committee and the impact on Adur and Worthing</p>		<p>Executive Members for Wellbeing</p> <p>Executive Members for Wellbeing</p>
29 November 2018	Adur and Worthing and Joint Outline 5 year forecast and savings proposals - Executive Member interviews.	Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer	Adur and Worthing Executive Members
24 January 2019	<p>Review of the Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO's) - Bi-annual update.</p> <p>Adur and Worthing Budget Estimates 18/19 and setting of 2018/19 Council Tax</p> <p>Progress report on the work of Officers to deal with Housing issues</p> <p>Review of the Dog Warden service - Littering and Dog fouling issues.</p>	<p>Director for Communities</p> <p>Director for Digital &amp; Resources/Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>Director for Communities/Head of Housing</p> <p>Director for Communities/Head of Wellbeing</p>	<p>Executive Members for Environment &amp; Wellbeing</p> <p>Adur and Worthing Executives</p> <p>Executive Members for Customer Services</p> <p>Executive Members for Wellbeing</p>

7 February 2019 ( <b>New meeting date</b> )	Interview with Police and Crime Commissioner	Director for Digital & Resources	Executive Members for Wellbeing
21 March 2019	Review of the Progress in delivering the activities in Platforms for our Places - Questioning Chief Executive	Chief Executive	Adur and Worthing Executives
	Leader interviews	Director for Digital & Resources	Leaders
	Annual Work Programme setting 2019/20	Director for Digital & Resources	N/A
Date to be confirmed	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
	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.	II	Worthing Executive Members for the Environment and Regeneration
	Report from the JOSC Effectiveness of OSC's Working Group	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A
	Report from Working Group to review transport strategy issues for Adur and Worthing	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A
	West Sussex Air Quality Strategy	West Sussex County Council Officers	N/A
	Report from the JOSC Working Group on Night Time economy	N/A	N/A
	Review of Consultations - Response from the Joint Strategic Committee	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A
	Presentation from Southern Water on bathing water quality issues (Early part of 2020)	N/A	Adur Executive Member for the Environment, Worthing Executive Member for Regeneration, Executive Members for Wellbeing

**Note** - A progress report on the delivery of the work contained in the Work Programme will be presented to each meeting.

All timings are provisional and subject to change in agreement with the Joint Chairmen and the Committee.

## APPENDIX B

### **Scrutiny request**

**Issue** - Recent traveller incursions in Adur District and Worthing Borough have created tensions between the traveller community and local residents.

**Request from** - Councillor Stephen Chipp

**Public interest** - The issue has been District and Borough wide with numerous contacts received from local residents and all concerned.

**Ability to change** - JOSC has the ability to review the current and previous procedures for dealing with traveller incursions and guidance from the statutory bodies on this issue in order to provide up to date information.

**Performance** - Engagement with the settled and traveller communities could be improved.

**Extent** - This issue covers Adur and Worthing and also overlaps into parts of East Sussex

**Replication** - None.

**Expected Outcomes** - To help inform and educate the travelling and settled communities on the issues and to ease tensions.

A review of procedures for dealing with traveller incursions and the questioning of the Council Executives, Statutory bodies to see if residents are receiving value for money for the costs which the Councils incurred for a traveller transit site in West Sussex.

**Does the proposed review link with the Council strategic objectives or does the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the ability to influence and/or add value on the subject?**

The proposed review does not link directly with the Council strategic objectives but JOSC does have the ability to scrutinise this issue and influence the Executives and other statutory agencies.

**How could this review be undertaken?** Report to JOSC (Possible themed meeting).

**Recommendations from Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen:-**

That the proposal be supported and considered by JOSC in due course