



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
18 October 2018
Agenda Item 6

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Interview with the Chairman of the West Sussex Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee

Report by the Director for Digital and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides the Committee with information on the West Sussex Health and Adult Social Care Select Committee (HASC) to provide context to assist it in the interview with and presentation from the Chairman of the HASC, Councillor Bryan Turner of West Sussex County Council.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) is asked to review and question the Chairman of the West Sussex HASC on its work.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of the current Work Programme for 2018/19, JOSCS have agreed to interview and receive a presentation from the Chairman of the West Sussex HASC to find out more about the work of the Select Committee and to assess how it can achieve better links between it and JOSCS, perhaps by utilising the two appointed representatives from the Councils more effectively.
- 3.2 JOSCS will receive a presentation from the Chairman of the HASC and then will have the opportunity to question him.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 JOSCS is entitled to ask for further investigation into items in relation to Health Scrutiny that they may not be satisfied with which should be via the appointed representative to the HASC. It is important to note that the role of health Scrutiny sits with the HASC.
- 4.2 The HASC is responsible for scrutinising the following issues across West Sussex:-
 - Adult social care services
 - Adults' safeguarding
 - Coroner's services
 - Dementia services
 - Health and health partnerships
 - Public HealthThe review and scrutiny of the planning, provision and operation of health services in West Sussex.
- 4.3 HASC has 20 members made up of 12 County Councillors, seven District and Borough Councillors (from Overview and Scrutiny Committees across West Sussex) and one Local Healthwatch member (non-voting). Councillors Kevin Boram (Adur) and Keith Bickers (Worthing) represent JOSCS on the HASC.
- 4.4 The primary aim of health scrutiny is to strengthen the voice of local people, ensuring that their needs and experiences are considered as an integral part of the commissioning and delivery of health services and that those services are effective and safe. Health scrutiny has a strategic role in taking an overview of how well integration of health, public health and social care is working.

5. Engagement and Communication

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

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications to consider as part of this report.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 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.
- 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 Responsibility for Health Scrutiny sits with West Sussex County Council.

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 direct issues identified.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

4. Governance

Matter considered. Good health scrutiny can help in the reshaping of place based health services and it is important for the Councils to be aware of the work being undertaken by HASC to be able to influence those services affecting Adur and Worthing residents.