



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Agenda Item 7

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Crime and Disorder Scrutiny - Interview with the Chairman of the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership - Councillor David Simmons

Report by the Director for Digital and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides the Committee with information on the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership in order that the Committee can scrutinise the work of the Partnership and interview the Chairman of the Partnership, Councillor David Simmons.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) is asked to review and question the Chairman of the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership on the work being undertaken by the Partnership.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of the Work Programme for 2018/19, JOSCP have agreed to interview the Chairman of the Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership (A&WSCP).
- 3.2 The Committee will receive a presentation from Councillor David Simmons and then will have the opportunity to question him.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 As part of its crime and disorder scrutiny role, JOSCP are asked to consider the role of the A&WSCP. The Committee are entitled to ask for further investigation into items where they may not be satisfied with the progress. The Committee also has the responsibility under the Police and Justice Act 2006 to scrutinise crime and disorder and the work of the A&WSCP.
- 4.2 The Adur & Worthing Safer Communities Partnership vision is to reduce crime and disorder through effective multi-agency working to make Adur and Worthing a safer place to live, work and visit. Safer Communities is also about how safe people feel in their own communities and how it is possible to make a real difference by working together to help cut crime and its causes and the fear of crime.
- 4.3 The A&WSCP has a statutory duty to reduce crime and disorder. The Partnership includes representatives from a range of agencies:-

- Adur & Worthing Councils
- Sussex Police
- Sussex Police Authority
- West Sussex County Council
- West Sussex Fire & Rescue Service
- NHS West Sussex
- Sussex Probation

Other partners contribute to the work including organisations from the Community Partnership, the voluntary sector, local businesses and members of the community.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The JOSCP 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 Under the relevant Sections of the Police and Justice Act 2006, the Councils have authority to undertake crime and disorder scrutiny and scrutinise the work of the Safer Communities Partnership.

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. A reduction in crime and disorder and making Adur & Worthing safer places will help improve the wellbeing of the communities.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

The Adur and Worthing Safer Communities Partnership has a statutory duty to reduce crime and disorder and make Adur & Worthing a safer place. Constructive Scrutiny of the work of the Partnership will help in achieving that vision.

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.