



ADUR & WORTHING COUNCILS

29 January 2019

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date:	07 February 2019
Time:	6:30pm
Venue:	Gordon Room, Stoke Abbott Road, Worthing

Committee Membership:

Adur District Council: Councillors; Stephen Chipp (Chairman), Andy McGregor (Vice Chairman), Carol Albury, Catherine Arnold, Kevin Boram, Paul Mansfield, Joss Loader, Lavinia O'Connor

Worthing Borough Council: Councillors; Roy Barraclough (Chairman), Keith Bickers (Vice Chairman), Rebecca Cooper, Karen Harman, Charles James, Sean McDonald, Bob Smytherman, Steve Waight

Agenda

Part A

1. Declarations of Interest / Substitute Members

Members and officers must declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in relation to any business on the agenda. Declarations should also be made at any stage such an interest becomes apparent during the meeting.

If in doubt contact the Legal or Democratic Services representative for this meeting.

2. Substitute Members

3. Public Question Time

So as to provide the best opportunity for the Committee to provide the public with the fullest answer, questions from the public should be submitted by 12.00pm Tuesday 5 February 2019

Where relevant notice of a question has not been given, the person presiding may either choose to give a response at the meeting or respond by undertaking to provide a written response within three working days.

Questions should be submitted to Democratic Services democratic.services@adur-worthing.gov.uk

(Note: Public Question Time will operate for a maximum of 30 minutes.)

4. Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

To consider any items the Chairman of the meeting considers to be urgent

5. Interview with Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner

To consider a report by the Director for Digital and Resources, copy attached as item 5

The Police and Crime Commissioner has been invited to attend at the request of JOSC . Members are asked to send questions for the Police and Crime Commissioner in advance by no later than 6.30pm on Monday 4 February 2019.

Part B - Not for publication - Exempt Information Reports

None

Recording of this meeting: The Council will be voice recording the meeting including public question time. The recording will be available on the Council's website as soon as practicable after the meeting. The Council will not be recording any discussions in Part B

of the agenda (where the press and public have been excluded).

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Duration of the Meeting: Four hours after the commencement of the meeting the Chairperson will adjourn the meeting to consider if it wishes to continue. A vote will be taken and a simple majority in favour will be necessary for the meeting to continue.



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Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Interview with Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner

Report by the Director for Digital and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

1.1 This report provides some background and guidance to assist the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) in interviewing Katy Bourne, Sussex Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) on Police and crime issues covered within her remit (outlined in paragraph 4.2 of this report). The Adur and Worthing District Police Commander will accompany the PCC at the meeting to answer any related operational matters.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That JOSC is asked to review and question the Sussex PCC on her work and consider if any further follow up action is required.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of its current Work Programme for 2018/19, JO SC have agreed to interview and receive a presentation from the Sussex PCC to find out more about her role and to question her on her work in holding to account Sussex Police and the strategic direction and priorities for Sussex Police through the Police and Crime Plan.
- 3.2 JO SC will receive a presentation from the Sussex PCC and then will have the opportunity to question her.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 JO SC has the opportunity to interview the PCC on issues contained within her remit.
- 4.2 The Sussex PCC was re-elected in May 2016 and as part of her role she is responsible for:-
- Holding to account the Chief Constable of Sussex Police for the performance of the police force which makes the Police answerable to the communities which they serve and to ensure that the Police focus on local priorities;
 - Setting the strategic direction and priorities for Sussex Police through the Police and Crime Plan;
 - Setting the Police budget (approximately £250 million) and local Police precept - The amount local residents pay for policing in their Council Tax;
 - A Statutory duty to commission support services to victims of crime and to deliver community safety initiatives including restorative justice and crime reduction grants.
- 4.3 In consultation with the Chief Constable and residents of Sussex, the PCC has published a [Police and Crime Plan](#) which sets out the strategic policing direction for Sussex with objectives for how policing services will be delivered in Sussex up to 2021. The aims and objectives of the Plan have been carefully developed to ensure that they accurately reflect the policing, crime and community safety issues which local people and business say are important to them. The Commissioner undertakes a public engagement programme called 'Talk Sussex' each year and attends a variety of events and the information from those conversations then goes on to help inform the Police and Crime Plan. The current Police and Crime Plan has identified four key policing and crime objectives:-

- Strengthening local policing;
- Work with local communities and partners to keep Sussex safe;
- Protect our vulnerable and help victims cope and recover from crime and abuse; and
- Improve access to justice for victims and witnesses.

5. Engagement and Communication

5.1 The JOISC Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen have been consulted on this report.

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There are no direct financial implications relating to this report.

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 Paragraph 16 of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules confirms the Committee may invite people other than Members and Officers to address it, discuss issues of local concern and/or answer questions.

Background Papers

None

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered. Safe communities is an important part of a functional economy. Community safety is particularly important to the night time economies of our places which is identified in Platforms for our Places.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Strategic vision - 'Platforms for our Places (Platform 2 - Our Social Economies) includes a commitment for the promotion of our communities as safe places. Extra support from the Police and Crime Commissioner can help in the successful delivery of that commitment. Scrutiny of the work of the Police & Crime Commissioner will help ensure that the Councils are 'holding to account' the Commissioner on behalf of all members of the community.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered and this item relates to community safety matters.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered and no issues identified.

4. Governance

Matter considered. The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee can review any issues which affect the areas or residents and has an important role in the leadership of our communities.