

Extract from Joint Strategic Committee - 6 December 2016

JSC/070/16-17 “Platforms for our Places” - Unlocking the power of people, communities and our local geographies

Before the Committee was a joint report by the Chief Executive, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these Minutes as Item 6.

The report informed the Committee that the idea behind *Platforms for our Places* (Appendix 1) was evolutionary, not revolutionary from *Surf's Up*. Drawing on the themes of *Surf's Up* the Councils recognised they could not and should not seek to do everything for everyone.

Their role had been focussed on provision of essential services and the creation of the required “platforms” upon which others in the communities of Adur and Worthing were able to do the things, which would create and sustain long term prosperity.

The document identifies 5 key platforms namely:-

- Our Financial Economies
- Our Social Economies
- Stewarding our Natural Resources
- Services and Solutions for our places
- Leadership of our Places

Underpinning each of the platforms were a series of commitments for both Councils (and a range of stakeholders) to create, sustain and further develop the platforms. They were serious statements of intent which were ambitious and accompanied by realistic timescales for implementation.

Members noted that *Platforms for our Places* had been developed in parallel with the 2017/18 budgets and that officers would bring an update report to the Joint Strategic Committee on a 6 monthly basis with an annual look at what had gone well and what had not.

A Member asked whether *Platforms for our Places* had been shared with our partners. Officers advised that the position of partners on a range of issues and what they were interested in doing was known and that a series of conversations would take place during January and February 2017.

A Member suggested that the timescale given for project 2.2.4 under commitment 2.2 was not specific enough. Officers agreed to review the timescale and identify a month for the delivery of a plan.

The Committee expressed their support for *Platforms for our Places* which prepared both Councils for the big financial challenges ahead whilst maintaining their ambitions.

Decision

That the Joint Strategic Committee considered the draft *Platforms for our Places* approach and recommended that:-

1. Adur District Council consider the draft *Platforms for our Places* document and endorse the approach as one of Adur District Council's strategic documents for the next 3 years;
2. **Worthing Borough Council consider the draft *Platforms for our Places* document and endorse the approach as one of Worthing Borough Council's strategic documents for the next 3 years;**
3. That if (1) and (2) above are agreed, that officers be instructed to:-
 - design the document and means of communicating it in a low cost and digitally friendly manner
 - to begin the key conversations with strategic partners
 - to put in place the suggested oversight arrangements