

Extract from Joint Strategic Committee - 10 July 2018

JSC/014/18-19 Mid Term Review and Refresh of *Platforms for our Places* Commitments

Purpose

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1.2 At the end of June 2018 we reached the half-way point in the programme. Both Councils have been clear that whilst a focussed medium term programme of activity was desirable, setting it in stone was less so. At the Joint Strategic Committee in January 2018 it was agreed to consider the full suite of commitments and look at how they needed to be amended, refreshed or added to in order to continue to build the Platforms desired over the next 18 months. The intent behind this was that as Councils we should remain adaptive to the requirements of the communities we serve and quick to grasp new opportunities that present themselves.

1.3 As the sister paper on this agenda points out, at the 18 month point good progress has been made and both the platforms approach and the concept of using a focussed set of commitments are proving valuable.

1.4 There are at present around 140 commitments (and the number will not change dramatically post refresh) but all of the existing commitments have been the subject of analysis. Whilst there are some suggested new additions, some changes to existing commitments and some nuancing or recognition of changes of circumstance, broadly this paper proposes a refreshed set of commitments that build on what has gone before.

Summary of Discussion

Before the Committee was a 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.

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Resolution from Committee

The Joint Strategic Committee:-

1. considered and approved the proposed refreshed set of commitments for Platforms for our Places to guide the Councils work from July 2018 through to December 2019;
2. recommended to both Councils the acceptance of the proposed refreshed commitments for their approval and incorporation;
3. recommended to Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee that it consider the report (together with the sister report on the agenda on the 6 month progress update) at a meeting in Autumn 2018.

(Link to the report on the website

<https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/media.149796.en.pdf>)