

**Minutes of a meeting of the
Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Adur District and Worthing Borough Councils**

QEII Room, Shoreham Centre

9 June 2022

Councillor Joss Loader (Chairman)
Councillor Mandy Buxton (Vice-Chairman)

Adur District Council:

Carol Albury
Tony Bellasis
Ann Bridges
Sharon Sluman
Debs Stainforth

Worthing Borough Council:

Ibsha Choudhury
Rita Garner
Dan Hermitage
Margaret Howard
Daniel Humphreys
Jon Roser
Elizabeth Sparkes

Absent

Councillor Paul Mansfield and Councillor Dr Heather Mercer

JOSC/1/22-23 Declaration of Interests

There were no declaration of interests

JOSC/2/22-23 Substitute Members

Cllr Kevin Jenkins declared a substitution for Cllr Heather Mercer

JOSC/3/22-23 Confirmation of Minutes

Resolved: that the minutes of the meeting of the 22 March 2022 be confirmed as the correct record

JOSC/4/22-23 Public Question Time

There were no questions from the public

JOSC/5/22-23 Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

There were no urgent items

JOSC/6/22-23 Consideration of any matter referred to the Committee in relation to a call-in of a decision

There were no call-ins

JOSC/7/22-23**Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2021/22**

Before the Committee was a report by the Interim Director for Communities, a copy of which had been circulated to all members, a copy of which is attached to a signed copy of these minutes as item 7. The report before members set out the draft Annual report for the Committee covering the 2021/22 Municipal year in accordance with the terms of the Councils' constitutions.

Members discussed the report and the 'closing of the loop' when it came to reports and the monitoring of recommendations from Scrutiny. Member were told that this could be included in the Work Programme for the future.

Resolved:

- a) That the committee approve the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report for 2021/22;
- b) That the Annual report be submitted to the Adur and Worthing Council meetings in July 2022 for approval.

JOSC/8/22-23**JOSC Work Programme review**

Before the Committee was a report by the Interim Director for Communities, a copy of which was circulated to all members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 9. The report before Members outlined progress in implementing the work contained in the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme for 2022/23.

The Scrutiny Officer introduced the report and explained that there was currently work ongoing to review the Constitutions (via the Joint Governance Committee) and the outcomes from this work may impact the role of JOSC and the individual Overview and Scrutiny Committees. Members were also made aware of the amendment to arrangements of the Joint Strategic Committee. It was proffered that a report could be brought to the Committee in July on potential changes.

Member discussed the potential of a report coming before the Committee in July but it was agreed that this would be premature in that the work of the Joint Governance Committee would not have progressed significantly enough by that time.

Members discussed the arrangement of interviews with Executive / Cabinet Members and it was agreed that although numbers / portfolios did not match interviews could be added to the work programme on an individual basis. The Committee also agreed that Executive / Cabinet Member should be invited to attend the Committee when items relevant to their portfolios came before the Committee.

There was a vacancy on the Adur Homes working group and it was agreed that the place should be taken by Cllr Ann Bridges

A Member noted that the shared prosperity fund was providing new funding and that the Scrutiny Committee could review the councils' approach how the money was dispensed and spent. It was agreed that a scrutiny request should be put forward in the usual manner.

Resolved: That JOSC note the progress in delivering the JOSC Work Programme for 2022/23 and consider and confirm appointments to JOSC Working Groups as referred to in Paragraph 4.3.

At the conclusion of the item all Adur members aside from Cllr Loader left the meeting.

JOSC/9/22-23 JOSC Working Group - Review of the Worthing Business Improvement District (BID)

Before the Committee was a report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources, a copy of which was sent to all members, a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as item 9. The report before members set out the recommendations from the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Working Group which was created as part of the JOSC Work Programme to review the Worthing Business Improvement District (BID).

The Chairman of the Working Group introduced the report to members and sought questions on the matter.

A Member asked if the Town Centre Initiative and the BID were co-terminus and was told that the two bodies were now one rather than two separate entities.

A Member asked if there was communication between time for Worthing and the Town Centre Initiative. Members were told that the Chair of the Business Improvement District was now a part of the management committee of Time for Worthing.

A Member pointed out factual inaccuracies within the report relating to the request for the review and some comments attributed to members in relation to interviews given as part of the review. Members were told that this information could be changed.

Resolved: That JOSC has consider the report and recommendations from the Worthing Business Improvement District (BID) Working Group and refers the recommendations to the appropriate Executive Committee or Sub-Committee (JSC) for consideration in due course.

The meeting was declared closed by the Chairman at 7.30 pm, it having commenced at 6.30 pm

Chairman