



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

10 January 2023

Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date:	19 January 2023
Time:	6.30 pm
Venue:	Worthing Town Hall

Committee Membership:

Adur District Council: Councillors; Joss Loader, Mandy Buxton, Carol Albury, Tony Bellasis, Ann Bridges, Paul Mansfield, Sharon Sluman and Debs Stainforth

Worthing Borough Council: Councillors; Cathy Glynn-Davies, Ibsha Choudhury, Dan Hermitage, Margaret Howard, Daniel Humphreys, Heather Mercer, Jon Roser and Elizabeth Sparkes

Agenda

Part A

1. Declaration of Interests

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2. Substitute Members

3. Confirmation of Minutes

To approve the minutes of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting of held on 24 November 2022, copies of which have been previously circulated.

4. 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 Monday 16 January 2023.

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Questions should be submitted to Democratic Services
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(Note: Public Question Time will operate for a maximum of 30 minutes.)

5. Members' Question Time

Pre-submitted Member questions are pursuant to Rule 12 of the Council & Committee Procedure Rules

6. Items Raised Under Urgency Provisions

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

7. Consideration of any matter referred to the Committee in relation to a call-in of a decision

8. Response from Joint Strategic Committee on the Adur and Worthing evening and night time economy review (Pages 5 - 8)

To consider a report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources, copy attached as item 8

9. Review of progress on the delivery of the Housing Strategy (Pages 9 - 28)

To consider a report by the Director for Communities copy attached as item 9

10. Southern Water Consultation & Designation of the River Adur as bathing water (Pages 29 - 46)

To consider a report by the Director for Communities copy attached as item 10

11. Interview with Adur Cabinet Member for Environment & Leisure (Pages 47 - 52)

To consider a report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources, copy attached as item 11

12. Interview with Worthing Deputy Leader (Pages 53 - 56)

To consider a report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources, copy attached as item 12

13. Interview with Worthing Cabinet Member for the Environment (Pages 57 - 60)

To consider a report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources, copy attached as item 13

14. Review of the JOSOC Work Programme (Pages 61 - 72)

To consider a report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources, copy attached as item 14

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Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Feedback from the Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) - Consideration of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) review on the Adur and Worthing evening and night time economy

Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides the Committee with the response from the JSC on 6 December 2022 which considered the report from JOSC on its review of the Adur and Worthing evening and night time economies (ENTE).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That JOSC notes the formal response from the JSC consideration of the JOSC report on the review of the ENTE.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme, JOSC undertook and completed a review of the Adur and Worthing ENTE in 2022, the findings and recommendations from which were reported to the JSC at its meeting on 6 December 2022.
- 3.2 JSC considered the findings and recommendations from the JOSC review of

the ENTE and has agreed to refer them to the relevant Adur and Worthing Cabinet Members (Adur Cabinet Member for Communities and Wellbeing and the Worthing Cabinet Member for Culture & Leisure) who have responsibility for this area of work, for consideration and action, the outcomes from which will be reported back to JOSC as part of the review of the ENTE which is included on the JOSC Work Programme.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 JOSC is requested to note the outcomes and formal Executive response from the JSC to its report and to confirm how often it wishes to review the ENTE as part of its Work Programme - This is currently planned annually with the next report scheduled for March 2023.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The JOSC Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons have been consulted on the proposals contained in this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications to consider within 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.

Background Papers

Reports to Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - March 2020, March 2022 and October 2022

Reports to Joint Strategic Committee - July and December 2022

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Sustainability and Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered. The issues contained in the Working Group report related to the economic recovery of the evening and night time economy.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Matter considered. An improved evening and night time economy will improve social value for the communities of Adur and Worthing and visitors to the towns and village centres.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered and no significant issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered. The report from the Working Group investigated public safety and other community safety issues.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no significant issues identified.

3. Environmental

The report from the JOSC Working Group reviewed the environmental issues connected with the evening and night time economy and identified some issues to help climate change, air quality and encourage sustainability.

4. Governance

Matter considered. The JOSC Working Group was set up in accordance with the JOSC Procedure Rules and formed part of the agreed JOSC Work Programme. Recommendations from the review were presented to the Joint Strategic Committee for consideration and in order provide a formal Executive response.



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Key Decision [Yes/No]

Ward(s) Affected:

Review of progress on the delivery of the Housing Strategy

Report by the Director for Communities

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- To update the Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee on progress made against the commitments in the Housing Strategy 2020-2023 'Enabling communities to thrive in their own home'

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note:-

- The progress made over the last 12 months; and
- Department for Levelling Up Communities and Housing (DLUCH) funding update

3. Context

- 3.1 The Councils' Housing Strategy 2020-2023 sets out the Councils' ambition to deliver secure and appropriate housing for the people of Adur and Worthing and support all sectors within the communities to live healthy, secure and purposeful lives.
- 3.2 The Councils housing strategy formed part of a connected set of plans and strategic vision for our places to build platforms from which people, communities, businesses and ideas can develop and thrive. However, the Councils' ability to deliver its ambitions in the Housing Strategy 2020-2023 has been impacted by a number of events and factors.
- 3.3 The COVID-19 Pandemic - which has changed the way we live and to an extent, the way housing support services are delivered. Working from home has become more prevalent than prior to the outbreak of the pandemic. While more people working from home is positive because of all the wellbeing advantages particularly to households with children, it has also resulted in more people moving to the coast. A changed mindset and improved technology, which came to the fore during the pandemic, meant people could be effective in their work regardless of the distance. The result is even more demand for homes in Adur and Worthing, with house prices becoming even more unaffordable compared to local income, and more people on low income reporting having been "gazumped" while trying to rent a property.
- 3.4 The Cost of living crisis - has seen more people on low income struggle to maintain their homes.
- 3.5 More private sector landlords leaving the market - A lot of landlords have reported having been negatively impacted by the measures put in place to manage homelessness during the COVID-19 pandemic. With the impending increased regulation of the sector through the Renters Reform Bill, a lot of landlords are selling their properties or seeking tenants with higher income. The result is few properties are available in the private rental market for those on low income or on welfare benefits, with rents getting higher as demand exceeds supply. With high interest rates in the foreseeable future, it is likely that rents will continue to rise, making the sector unaffordable for more local people on low income.

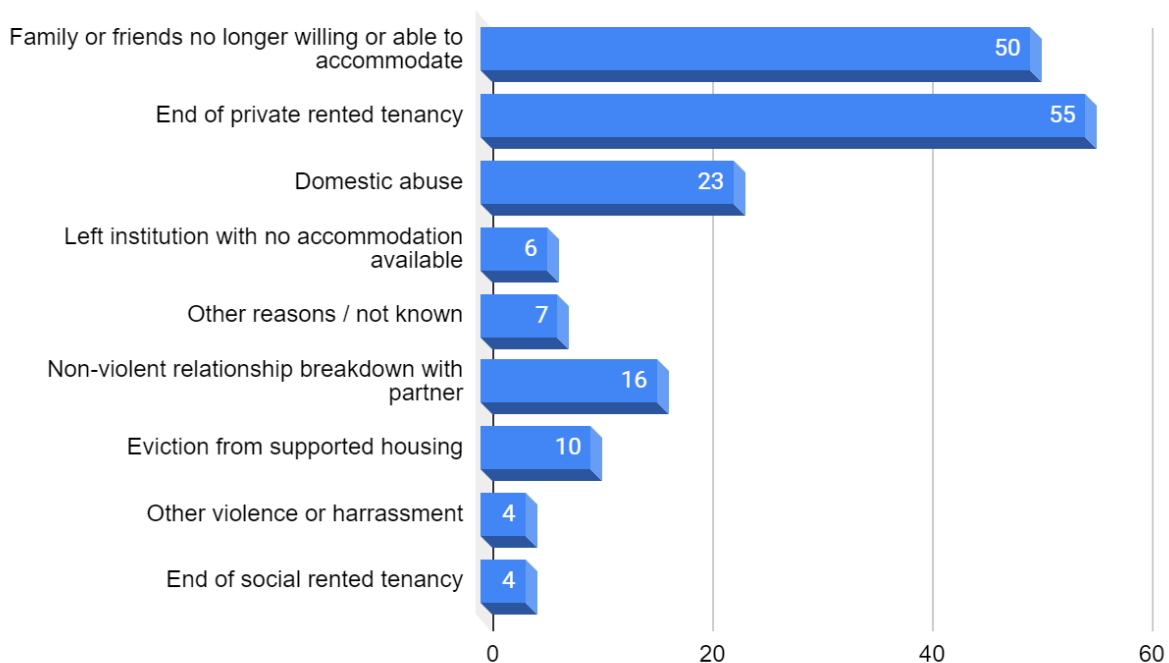
4. Preventing Homelessness

4.1 The events and factors above have driven an increase in homelessness prevention in the last 12 months. The Councils accepted either a prevention or relief duty for most of those formally assessed. This does not include those not threatened with homelessness who were given general housing advice

- Prevention duty - to work with people who are threatened with homelessness within 56 days to prevent them from becoming homelessness
- Relief duty - to take reasonable steps to help households that are homeless and in priority need to find suitable accommodation that will last for at least six months

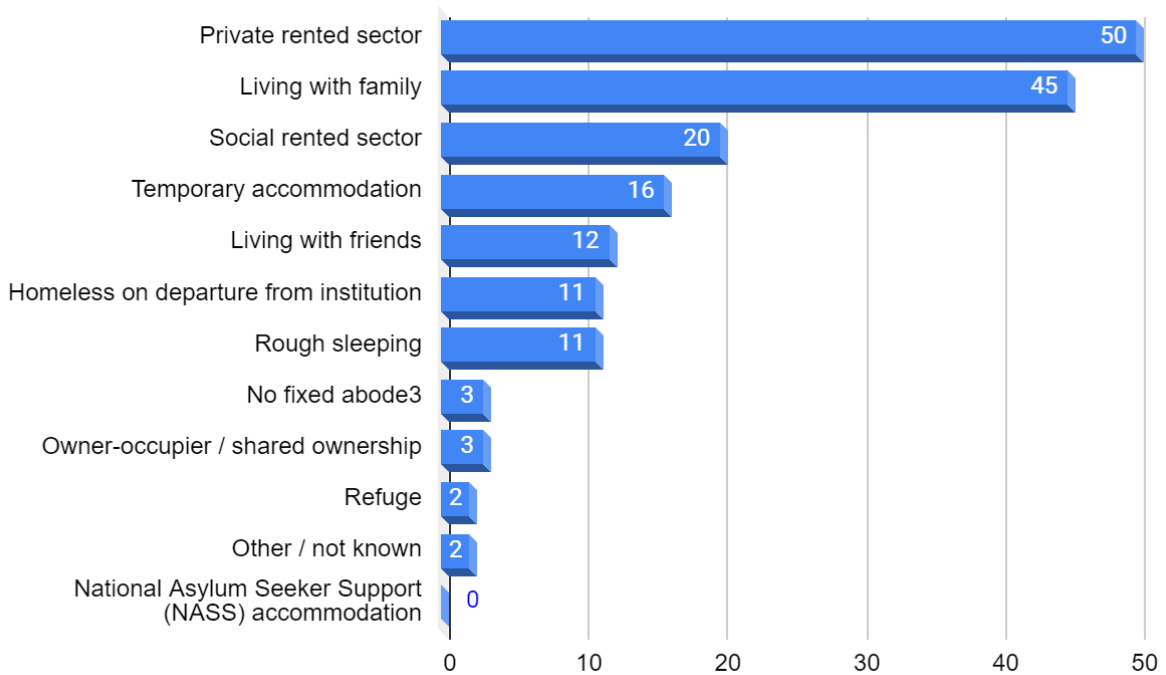
Preventing homelessness in Adur

4.2 177 households were assessed and 175 were accepted as owed either the Prevention Duty (63) or Relief Duty (112). Those owed the relief duty were provided with temporary accommodation. The graph above shows the reasons households presented homelessness in the last 12 months.



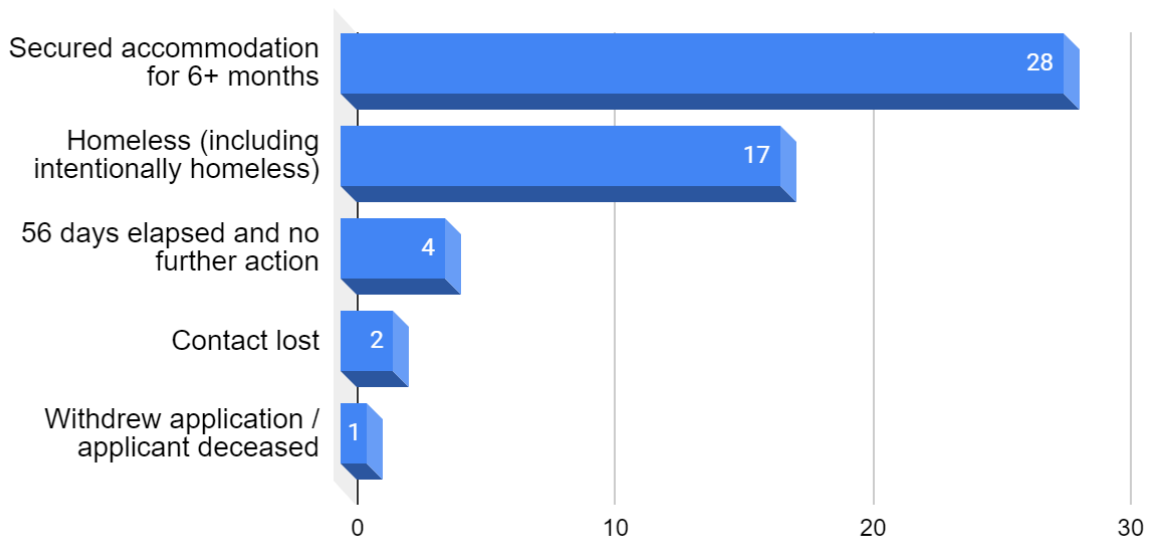
Adur - Reasons for loss of last settled home (Jul 2021 - Jun 2022)

4.3 The graph below shows that private rented accommodation and accommodation with friends and family are the two most common types of accommodation from which households presented homeless.



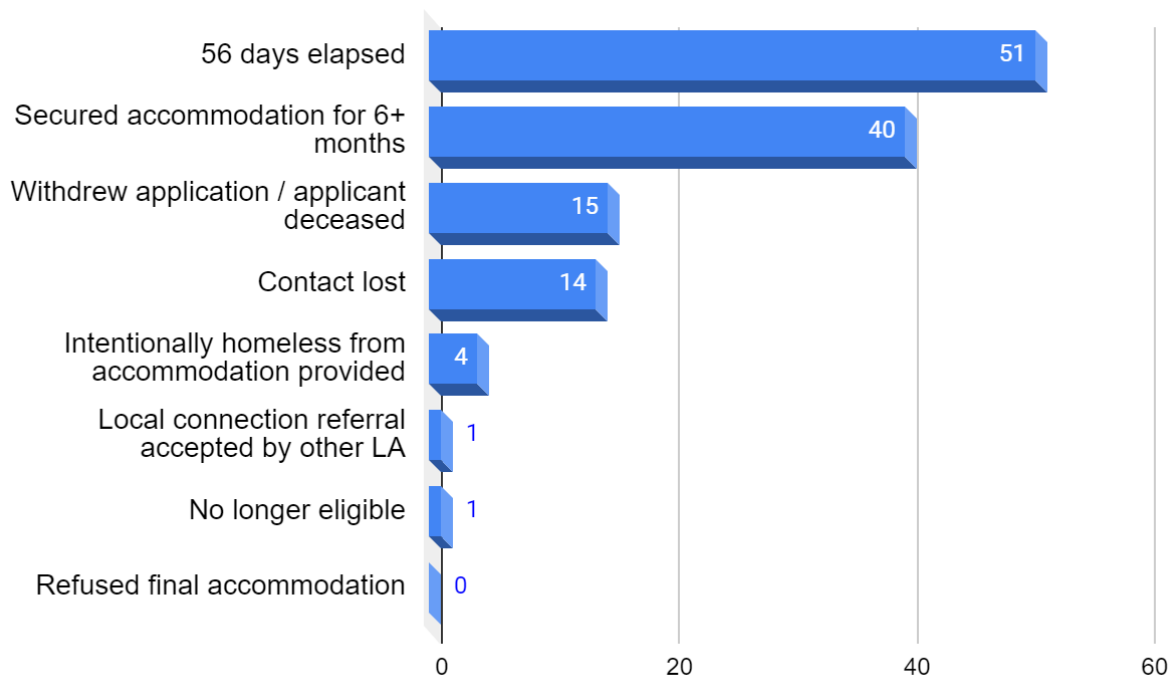
Adur - Accommodation at the time of application (Jul 2021 - Jun 2022)

4.4 The graph below shows a breakdown of the outcomes for those owed the prevention duty. Of the 63 owed a prevention duty, 44% (28) were assisted to find alternative accommodation.



Adur - Outcomes for those owed the prevention duty (Jul 2021 - Jun 2022)

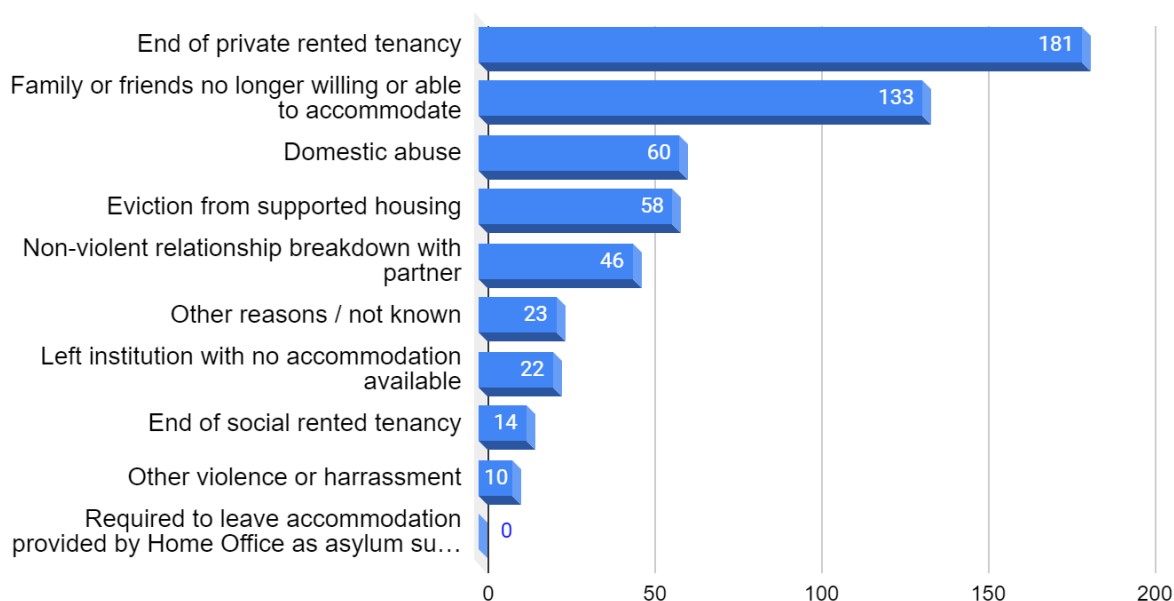
4.5 The graph below shows a breakdown of the outcomes for those owed the relief duty. Of the 112 owed a relief duty, 36% (40) were assisted to find alternative accommodation.



Adur - Outcomes for those owed the relief duty (Jul 2021 - Jun 2022)

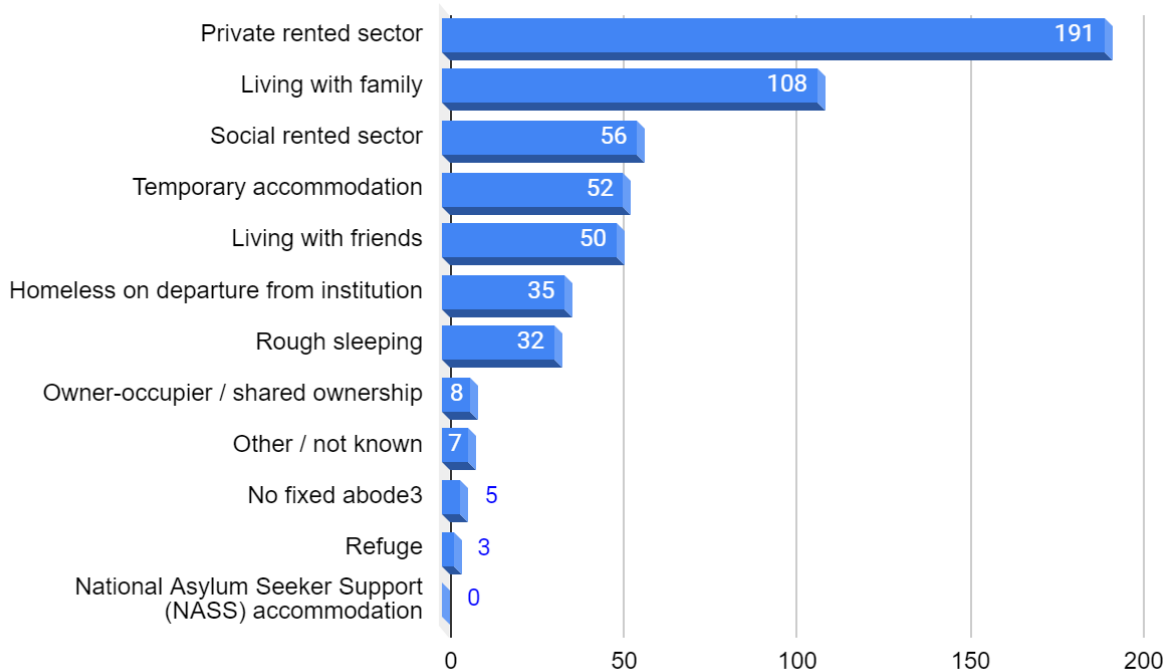
Preventing homelessness in Worthing

4.6 In Worthing, 560 households were assessed and 547 were accepted as owed either the Prevention Duty (189) or Relief Duty. (358). All those owed the relief duty were provided with temporary accommodation. The graph below shows the reasons households presented homelessness within the last 12 months.



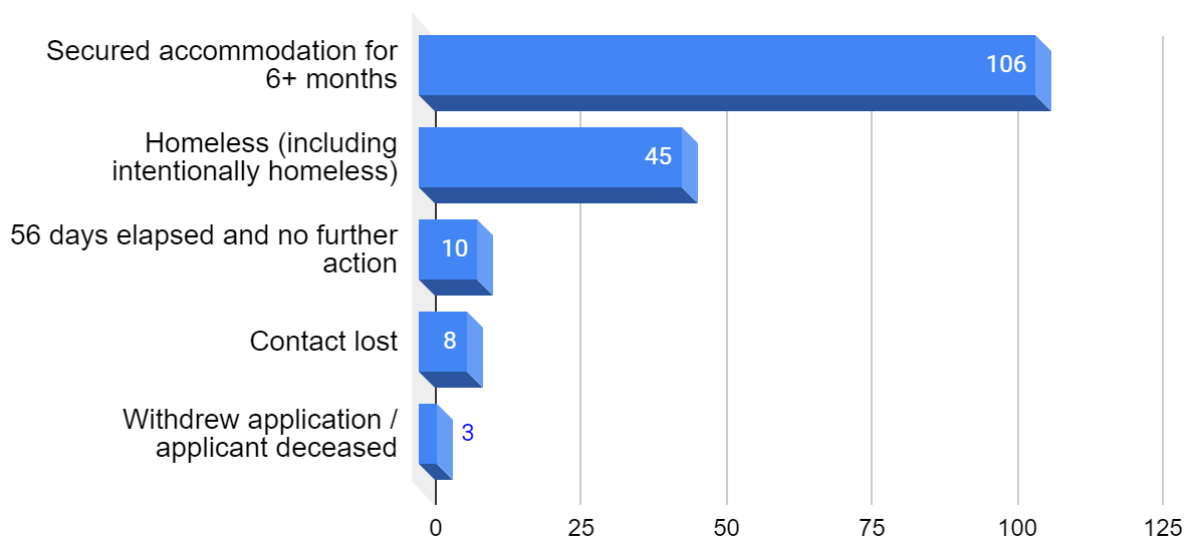
Worthing - Reasons for loss of last settled home (Jul 2021 - Jun 2022)

4.7 The graph below shows that private rented accommodation and accommodation with friends and family are the two most common types of accommodation from which households presented homeless.



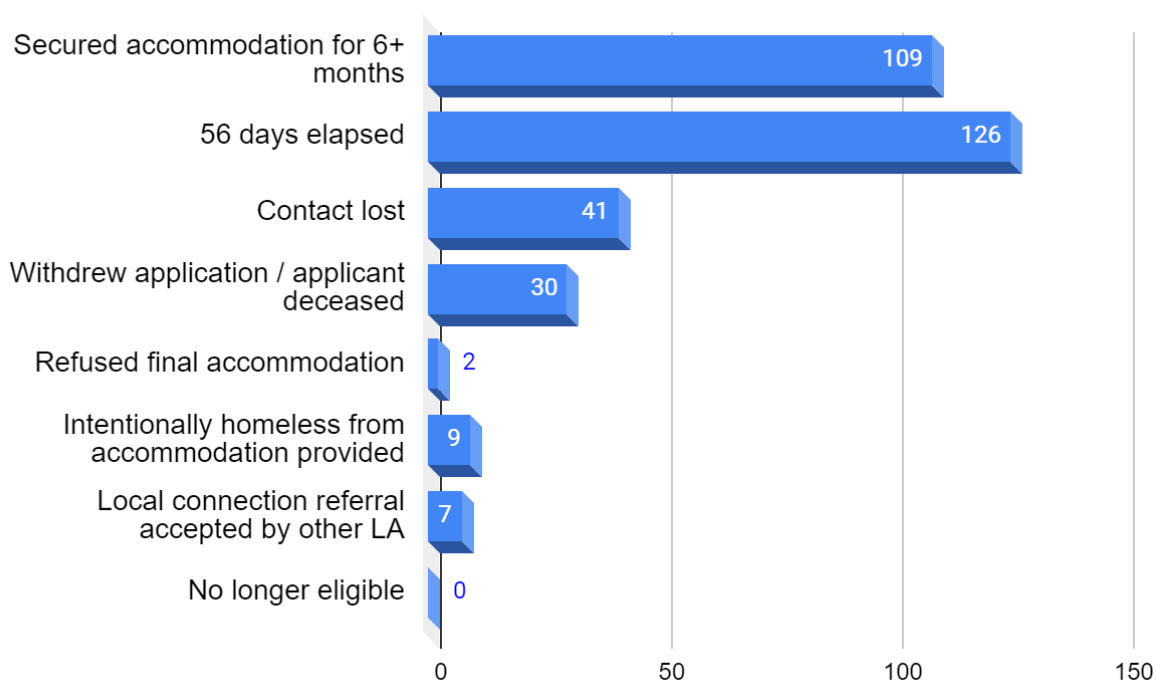
Worthing - Accommodation at the time of application (Jul 2021 - Jun 2022)

4.8 Of the 189 owed a prevention duty, 56% (106) were assisted to find alternative accommodation. 70 of these were in the private rented sector and 27 were in the Social rented sector. The graph below shows a breakdown of the outcomes for those owed the prevention duty.



Worthing - Outcomes for those owed the prevention duty (Jul 2021 - Jun 2022)

4.9 Of the 358 owed a prevention duty, 30% (109) were assisted to find alternative accommodation. The graph below shows a breakdown of the outcomes for those owed the relief duty.



Worthing - Outcomes for those owed the relief duty (Jul 2021 - Jun 2022)

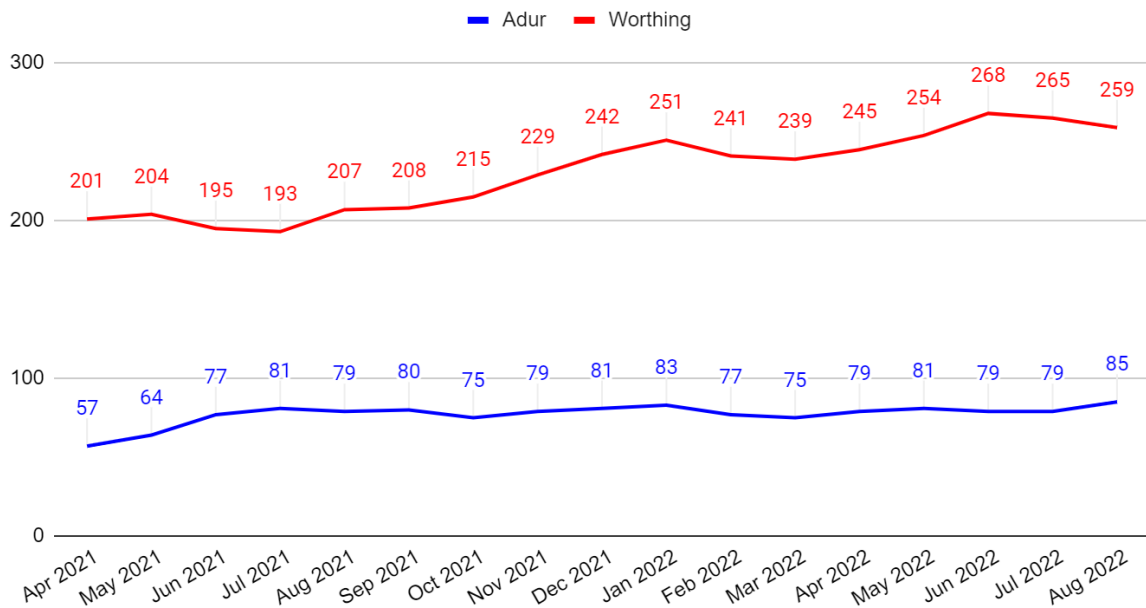
4.10 The Councils continue to jointly fund the Pathways Home Homeless Prevention Support Service with West Sussex County Council. The service is delivered by Southdown. The table below shows the total number of referrals to Pathway Homes in Quarter 1 (April 2022 - June 2022). In addition to the support provided by Pathway Homes, some residents also received additional support from other agencies such as CGL, who provide support for substance misuse, SPFT who support people with mental health.

Qu.1 22/23 Support Needs	Total Referrals to Pathway Homes	Receiving additional support
Customers with MH needs	41	17
Customers with LD	8	0
Customers with Physical Disabilities	18	2
Customers with Autism Spectrum Condition	5	0
Customers with substance misuse issues	16	6
Customers with Dual Diagnosis	3	1

- 4.11 In addition to the Pathways Home contract the Housing Needs Team continue to work in partnership with WORTH domestic abuse service and have an Independent Domestic Abuse worker co-locate with the team as well as a specialist social worker for adults who has been invaluable in supporting us to achieve accommodation outcomes such as Extra Care and residential placements as well as ensuring as rapid a response as possible for those in temporary accommodation needing care packages, which highlights our strong partnerships as these roles are not replicated across the county.
- 4.12 After piloting for West Sussex County Council and Sussex Partnership Foundation Trust (SPFT); SPFT have now funded a permanent Mental Health Housing Advisor to work between mental health inpatient settings and housing for three councils including AWC and our advisor is now in post. In addition the Discharge to Assess mental health scheme is being rolled out across east and west sussex and we have also been successful in securing a Clinical Psychologist trainee who will start with the service in April with a focus on clients with learning disabilities as we have a cohort of homeless and rough sleepers who have no housing options that meet their needs.
- 4.13 The Telljo pilot has commenced which will be reported under Proactive. Under the pilot we are the first authority to be trialling its use as a first point of contact for those registering with the councils for housing advice (i.e. the early stage of a homeless application where either advice is given and a case closed or Prevention and Relief duties are triggered). Early indicators are this will be an invaluable tool in upstreaming support for those approaching the councils for advice and support and improve the service we are delivering for homeless applicants. Members will be receiving further briefings and will be provided with a demonstration of the tool. Its use has resulted in people contacted reaching out to thank the service for the support received via the scheme and early indicators are very encouraging.

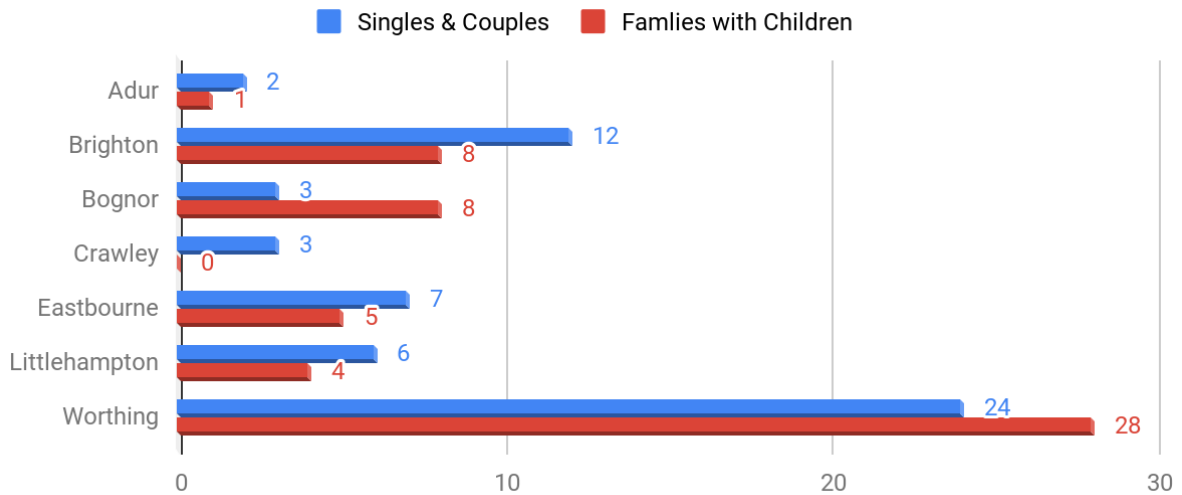
5.0 Temporary Accommodation

- 5.1 Over the last 12 months, demand for temporary accommodation in both Adur and Worthing has grown. Demand for temporary accommodation will continue to increase due to the factors mentioned in above Paragraphs 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5

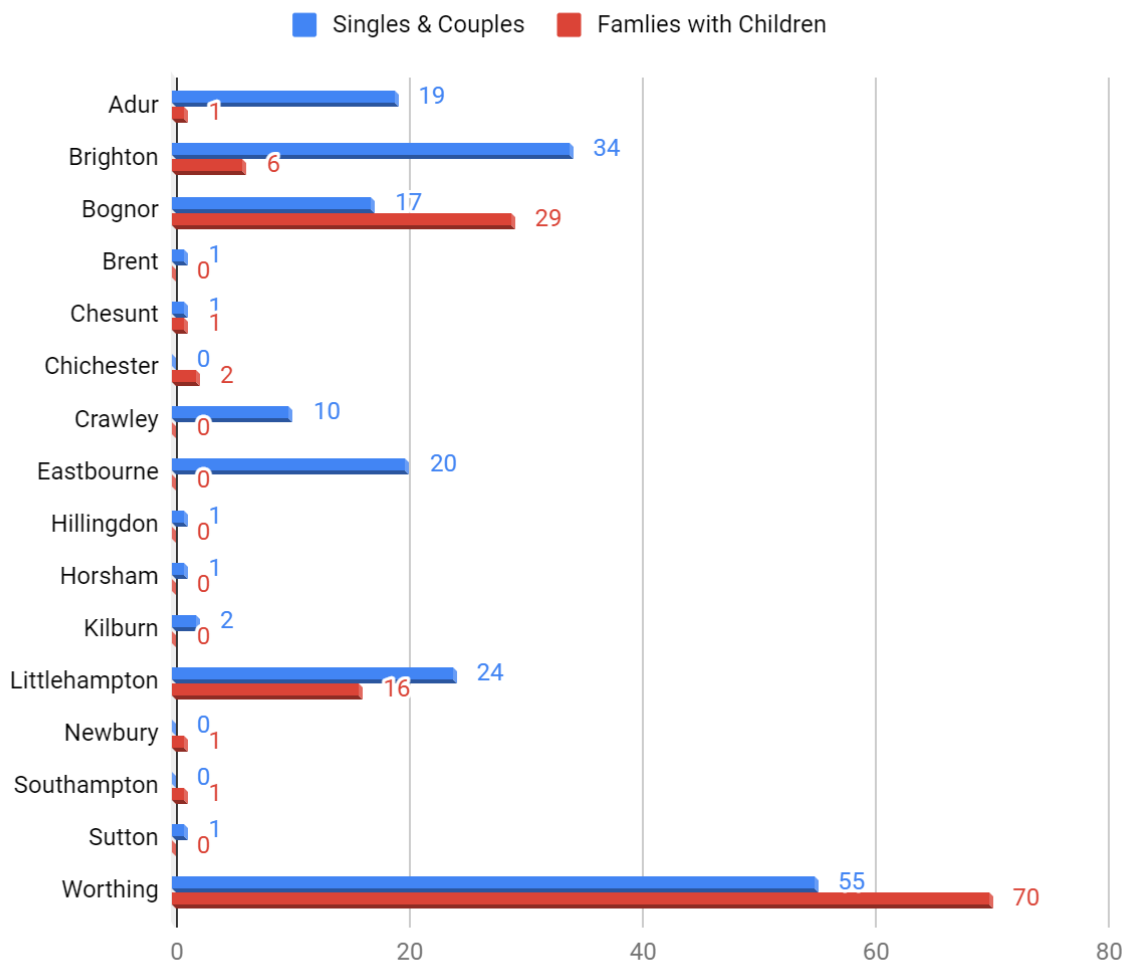


Average households in temporary accommodation (Month)

- 5.2 In 2021/22, Adur spent £1,036,198.00 (gross) in providing temporary accommodation, while Worthing spent £3,088,816.00 (gross). Between April 2022 and August 2022, Adur has spent £526,884 (net) and Worthing £1,602,337.00 (net). Based on these figures, it is projected that this financial year, Adur will spend £1,264,521.60 on providing temporary accommodation while Worthing is projected to spend £3,845,608.80. However, the spend on temporary accommodation is likely to exceed these projections due to the uncertainty driving homelessness presentations i.e. Cost of Living, changes in legislation for landlords affecting revenue from properties as well as expected abolition of the Section 21 (no fault) notice.
- 5.3 It is increasingly difficult to source temporary accommodation locally due to increasing demand. Current temporary accommodation portfolio include owned, leased, contracted and spot booked units. As much as possible, households are placed within the Sussex area where they cannot be placed within Adur or Worthing. Placements are dependent on availability on the day, though efforts are being made to bring households back into the area as soon as possible. JOSC working group established to explore support for those placed out of area, currently some in reach is provided into out of area placements to ensure welfare monitored.



Adur - Snapshot of placements location as at 13.10.2022



Worthing - Snapshot of placements location as at 13.10.2022

5.4 It is challenging finding suitable temporary accommodation placements within Adur Districts. The graph above is a snapshot of Adur Council's temporary

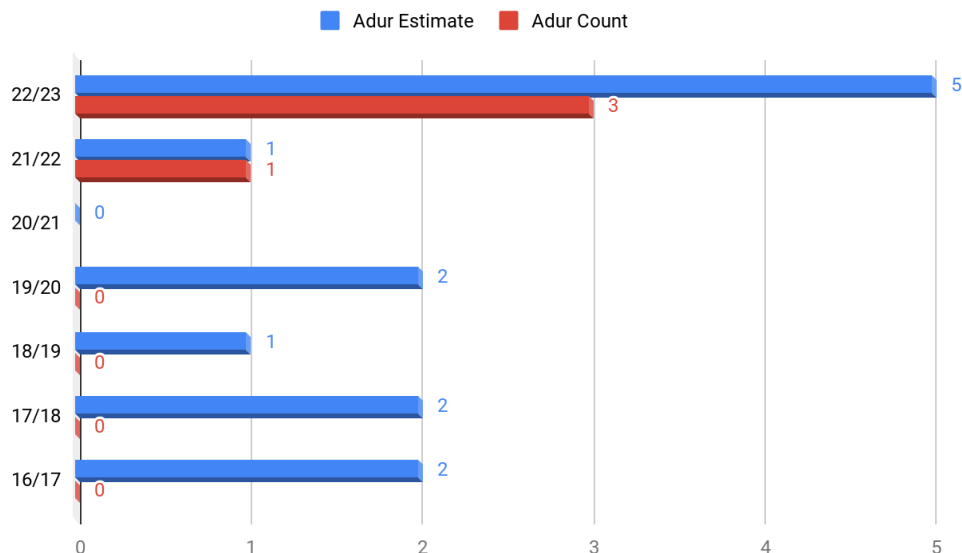
accommodation placements as at 13.10.2022. Of the 111 temporary placements, 47% are accommodated in Worthing and 18% in Brighton.

- 5.5 Due to the significant demand for temporary accommodation placements from Worthing residents, some residents are accommodated further out of the area, especially single individuals. The graph above is a snapshot of Worthing Council's temporary accommodation placements as at 13.10.2022. Of the 313 placements, 40% are accommodated within Worthing, and 13% and 15% accommodated in Brighton and Bognor respectively.
- 5.6 The Councils continue to seek opportunities to own or procure temporary accommodation locally. The Councils are also in discussion with local proprietors however it is becoming increasingly challenging to secure family units at a competitive cost.
- 5.7 Adur Council is developing 6 temporary accommodation units as part of the Albion Street development and 8 units in South Street. Other sites are also being considered
- 5.8 Worthing already owns 17 units of temporary accommodation in Downview Road and 19 units in Rowlands Road. A site in Victoria Road is being considered for 11 units. Worthing is also considering other sites for temporary accommodation development.
- 5.9 The Councils intends to review its Temporary Accommodation Placement and Procurement Policy to ensure it contributes towards achieving the missions in Our Plan and the service we provide to our residents who are homeless is resilient, adaptable and participative.
- 5.10 The current policy, which was written in October 2017 was due for review in 2020 however, this was not completed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. A paper will be brought to the Joint Strategic Committee in March to request extensions of current policy and to detail work being undertaken to meet the need as well as proposed timetable for development of the new policy and strategy. Continuing with the current policy in 2023/24 does not impact the Councils ambition of owning temporary accommodation.
- 5.11 The increasing numbers of homeless and lack of temporary accommodation has resulted in families with children being placed in Bed and Breakfast (B&B), and for longer than 6 weeks. As a result Worthing Borough Council is being monitored by DLUCH regarding its use of B&B for families. To deal with this challenge the Councils have spot-purchased 65 self contained temporary

accommodation units. There are currently 9 households with children in B&B - 2 Adur and 7 Worthing households.

6.0 Rough Sleeping

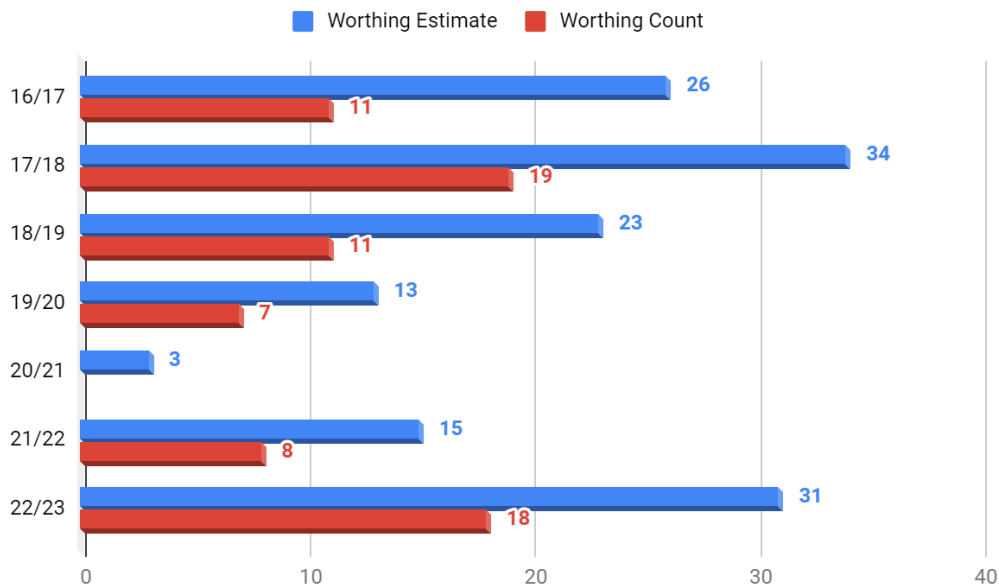
- 6.1 The number of individuals sleeping rough is rising. In part this is due to the Homeless Reduction Act, which places additional duties on local housing authorities for single homeless people. It is also as a result of the impacts of the pandemic, the cost of living as well as the closure of Turning Tides' Lyndhurst Road accommodation, which provided 34 beds of supported accommodation. While all those who were housed at Lyndhurst were decanted into other accommodation, the loss of the provision will continue to impact numbers of single people in temporary accommodation and rough sleepers who are in need of supported accommodation. In addition, individuals sleeping rough are unable to sustain temporary accommodation due to the complexity of their support needs, resulting in multiple temporary accommodation placements until accommodation options are exhausted.
- 6.2 Unlike the pandemic period where there were more hotel options due to the closure, hotels are no longer willing to house individuals with complex needs due to impact on their business. Local hotels are no longer available for even short term placements.



Adur - Street Count

- 6.3 The loss of these accommodation options and the increasing numbers of single homeless people with complex needs means that there are no suitable housing options other than temporary accommodation, which is often not

suitable. There is also a very limited number of specialist supported accommodation to move them into from temporary accommodation and rough sleeping situations. Furthermore, evictions from supported housing return them to rough sleeping situations. 58 people were evicted from supported accommodation in Worthing in the period between July 2021 - June 2022 which represents 10.5% of those approaching the council as homeless. The graphs below show the street counts for the last 7 years.



Worthing - Street Count

6.4 The Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUCH) funding opportunities to support the work to tackle rough sleeping has been maximised but does not address the fundamental issue of lack of supported housing that meets the needs of the client group. Worthing has more eligibility for funding than Adur in recognition of the level of need in Worthing, there are no plans to extend RSI funding beyond 2025 and we are reliant on it for our delivery of core services to this client group. The bids are required to be submitted in partnership with a provider and co-designed with our appointed DLUCH advisors:

- I. **Rough Sleeper Initiative 5 (RSI5)** in partnership with Turning Tides - £629,491.00 for the period 2022 - 2025 with interventions being delivered by the councils and Turning Tides.
- II. **Rough Sleeper Accommodation Programme (RSAP)** - Worthing x2 flats within Rowlands Road and x9 flats in partnership with Southdown, Adur x2 flats within Albion Street. The funding awarded capital funding of £150K capital for the Albion Street development and £100K for the Southdown development as well as revenue to provide support workers

across the 3 sites at £175,550pa. The workers will be employed by Southdown for their site and by the councils for Albion Street and Rowlands Road. The x9 flats with Southdown are ready to let but recruitment issues have resulted in Southdown delaying opening.

- III. **Accommodation for Ex Offenders (AFEO)** in partnership with Stonepillow - £135,750 (for period until 31.03.23) with a further award of £230,871.00 for the period 2023-2025

- 6.3 Since the winter of 2019 when we had two night shelters, we have not had a night shelter provision due to covid restrictions and reduced need as rough sleepers were housed under the Everyone In, and Protect and Vaccinate initiatives under which we were able to procure hotels and HMOs with support. The HMOs have been absorbed into our temporary accommodation stock as demand has continued to increase. This year the council has opened a night shelter at 24 Marine Place to enable the complex clients rough sleeping to be provided shelter and support over the winter period. To date 26 individuals have accessed the shelter with up to 16 in one night. To date 6 have been housed from the shelter, 2 supported for assessment for access to Recovery Project and housing plans for a further 4 in place.

7.0 Supporting our residents to live in safe and suitable homes

Maintaining Standards in the Private Rented Sector

- 7.1 The Councils are committed to continue to use their powers to drive up standards in the private rented sector by making landlords carry out improvements where these are necessary and by licensing Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs).
- 7.2 Between April 2022 and December 2022, the Councils received 197 complaints from residents; 171 (Adur - 60, Worthing - 137) of which were about their housing conditions with rest relating to filthy and verminous conditions.
- 7.3 The Councils carried out 31 (Adur - 9, Worthing - 22) formal Housing Health and Safety Rating System (HHSRS) inspections and served 73 formal notices (Adur - 15, Worthing - 58). About 35 enforcement notices have been revoked meaning that required actions have been completed by the landlords and the properties in question are now safer to use. The Councils served 4 Fixed Penalty Notices (which are subject to appeal), where owners have failed to maintain properties in a safe condition or have not complied with statutory notices .

7.4 In Adur and Worthing, there are now 180 licensed Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO). 17 of these are in Adur and 163 are in 163. This represents a five fold increase since 2018. There 30 properties awaiting HMO licences (Adur - 5, Worthing - 25). Four properties in Worthing are currently under active investigation as unlicensed HMO.

Helping people stay home for longer

7.5 To assist more residents remain in their home safely, especially those who have disability or mobility related issues, the Councils provide grant assistance and support for adaptations and equipment such as stair lifts and level access showers,

7.6 Between April 2022 and December 2022, the Council received 215 new applications (Adur - 72, Worthing - 143) for both Disabled Facilities Grants (DFGs) Repairs Grant Assistance (RGA). 183 of these applications (Adur - 67, Worthing - 135) were recommendations from West Sussex County Councils (WSSCC) Occupational Therapists for DFGs for major adaptations.

7.7 145 grants for disabled residents were completed during the same period. Due to the long term nature of these projects, some of these were started before 1 April 2022.. In total 108 of the applications received during the period have so far proceeded to completion, with the rest likely to complete in the next year.

7.8 The total spend over this period in Adur was £382,130.02 and in Worthing £913,367.251. This level of spend has been possible because of Government funding through the Better Care Fund.

8.0 Our role as a Social Landlord (Adur District)

8.1 Adur District Council continues to focus on ensuring our social housing stock is safe and meets the required standards continuously.

8.2 The Adur Joint Sub- Committee recently approved additional resources of £47,410 to be released from the Capacity Issues Reserve to support the proposed programme of Health and Safety work. An Asset and Compliance Board, chaired by the Director for Communities, has been set up to ensure achievements are sustained in this area. Contracts have either been procured and mobilised or still in the process of being procured. Areas of focus include asbestos management, electrical safety, and lift servicing. Significant work has already been done on fire safety and gas safety.

- 8.3 The Council is also undertaking a strategic review of some of the stock which requires significant investment. Options appraisals are being conducted to allow a long term view on these assets. The Council aims to create a long term asset management plan to ensure continuous planned maintenance in our social housing stock.

Southwick Estate

- 8.4 Consultation on options for Southwick Estate has not yet been completed. The Council continues to engage with the Residents Working Group on the proposals and four options identified. A subgroup for leaseholders has also been set up to ensure their views are represented in the consultation.
- 8.5 Interim maintenance works to the estate, which will cost about £1, 800,000, is planned to commence in Summer 2023. The aim of the works is to ensure safety of the buildings.
- 8.6 During surveys to plan for the interim works, concerns were identified with some of the balconies in the property on the estate. To ensure safety of the residents in these buildings, they have been asked not to use their balconies while we arrange for temporary works. All affected residents in Southwick Estate have been formally written to.

Housing Revenue Account

- 8.7 More recently the HRA has experienced financial difficulties due to a higher than expected voids level. In the current year, the level of void properties is contributing £0.5m to the in year position
- 8.8 The 7% cap on social housing rent whilst better than expected, will mean that rents again fail to keep pace with inflation. Unbudgeted salary increases are estimated to be close to 8% whilst we expect most contracts to increase by 8% in the current year.

9.0 Financial Implications

- 9.1 The cost of delivering the housing strategy is built into the Councils' revenue and capital budgets.
- 9.2 The Councils have significant revenue budgets for the provision of the housing need service:
- Adur District Council £1,002,890
 - Worthing Borough Council £2,224,770

- 9.3 In the current year, these budgets are likely to overspend significantly due to the pressure of increasing demand (Adur £300k, Worthing £600k). Whilst these pressures will be accommodated as part of the development of the 2023/24 budget, increasing demand for the service is placing both Councils under financial pressure.
- 9.4 Contained within the capital budgets for both Councils is provision for new delivery of new Council owned temporary and emergency accommodation along with grants to support the delivery of additional affordable homes by Registered Social Landlords.

Finance Officer: Sarah Gobey

Date: 10th January 2023

5. Legal Implications

- 6.1 Section 9 of The Housing Act 1985 confers power on the Local Authority to provide, repair and maintain houses for rent.
- 6.2 The Homelessness Reduction Act 2017 came into force on 3 April 2018. It places legal duties on housing authorities, with a focus on preventing homelessness. The most significant change is that anyone who is homeless or at risk of homelessness is able to access support, regardless of their priority need status.
- 6.3 Section 8 of the Housing Act 1985 continues to place a duty on every local housing authority to consider housing conditions in their district and the needs of the district with respect to the provision of further housing accommodation.
- 6.4 Under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power to do anything that is calculated to facilitate, or which is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.
- 6.5 s1 of the Localism Act 2011 empowers the Council to do anything an individual can do apart from that which is specifically prohibited by pre-existing legislation

Legal Officer: Joanne Lee

Date: 10/01/2023

Background Papers

- Housing Strategy 2020-2023
- Temporary Accommodation Placement and Procurement Policy
- DLUCH Rough Sleeping Strategy
- Delivering Pathways to Affordable Homes

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

- Matter considered and no issues identified

1. Economic

- Matter considered and no issues identified

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

- The Strategy promotes thriving communities where families and individuals are not at risk of homelessness, can settle and be part of the local community.

2.2 Equality Issues

- The Strategy aims to provide affordable and long-term accommodation for those who need it, irrespective of race, gender, sexuality, age, religion or belief, disability, marital status, pregnancy or maternity.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

- Improving access to homes, supporting people to be part of their communities as well as providing a night shelter will support a reduction of anti-social behaviour.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

- Matter considered and no issues identified

3. Environmental

- The Strategy supports the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, through our commitments to help those in poverty and prevent homelessness, to promote health and wellbeing and to ensure our developments are sustainable by design.

4. Governance

- Considered and no matters identified.

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Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected: Marsh Barn, St Nicolas,
Marine, St Marys

Report by the Director for Communities

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Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is to advise the Committee of the recent Consultation undertaken by Southern Water on their draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan.
- 1.2. The report also considers and responds to the JOSC recommendation “To work together to designate the river Adur in Shoreham as a bathing river to enable bacterial testing” following discussions between Officers and Cabinet Members.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1. To note the Council’s response to the draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan.
- 2.2. That members consider the challenges outlined in this report of designating the river Adur as a bathing water at the current time.
- 2.3. To note that bacterial testing already takes place at 4 locations on the River Adur and the results are publicly available.

2.4. Note that the Council is working with Southern Water to implement improvements to water quality on the river Adur.

3. Draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan

- 3.1. Southern Water have recently consulted on their first regional Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP) which sets out their long term plan, identifying investment needs for drainage and wastewater systems. The plan outlines what needs to be done in the next 20-30 years to meet the challenges of a growing population and protecting our environment in a time of a changing climate.
- 3.2. The regional plan is supported by five Investment Plans and is based on the plans for each River Basin Catchment and the drainage and wastewater systems within these. The Adur and Ouse catchment DWMP identifies flooding, pollution and water quality as the main concerns in the Shoreham wastewater system. It highlights that sewer flooding, storm overflow performance, flooding due to hydraulic overload and surface water management as very significant risks. The DWMP lists investment needs with an estimated cost of some £2.6 billion across the region over the next 25 years which includes improvements to infrastructure and storm overflows in Shoreham.
- 3.3. Supporting information within the DWMP acknowledges that on average there are 45 overflow discharges per year which will be having an impact on water quality in the Adur.
- 3.4. The Council already undertakes extensive water quality sampling on the river Adur in Shoreham and levels of Escherichia coli and Intestinal enterococci have been recorded at levels that are considered high and would have public health implications.
- 3.5. A response to the consultation has been provided to Southern Water and can be found in Appendix 1 & 2.

4. Background to Bathing water

- 4.1. A bathing water is a coastal or inland water that attracts a large number of bathers in relation to any infrastructure or facilities that are provided, to promote bathing at the site. There's no set limit for how many bathers are needed for a site to be identified as a bathing water. A bathing water could be

a coastal water in a large resort or a smaller site attracting a large number of bathers for its size.

- 4.2. Local authorities usually apply for designation, but anyone can apply. Local authorities must support all applications and landowners must support applications for privately owned sites.
- 4.3. The following sites in Adur and Worthing are already designated bathing waters and attained the following classification last year. The Environment Agency monitors seawater bathing quality at Lancing, Shoreham Beach, Southwick and Worthing.

Site	Classification 2022	Year first designated
Worthing	Good	1988
Lancing, Beach Green	Excellent	1988
Shoreham Beach	Excellent	2014
Southwick	Excellent	1988

- 4.4. In England, there are currently 419 designated bathing waters; 405 coastal and 14 inland. The inland bathing waters are situated on eight lakes (Windermere has four bathing waters and Hampstead Heath has a further three) and one newly-designated stretch of the River Wharf in Yorkshire (a second is proposed nearby). Being designated means that they are monitored by the Environment Agency for pollution that contains bacteria harmful to health. The Council already undertakes monthly monitoring at four sites on the River Adur (see 6.4).
- 4.5. The Joint Overview Scrutiny Committee met Southern Water in January which resulted in a number of recommendations. One of the recommendations was *“To work together to designate the river Adur in Shoreham as a bathing river to enable bacterial testing.”*

5. Process for obtaining bathing water designation

- 5.1 To obtain a bathing water designation an application has to be made to DEFRA by 31st October and accompanied by supporting evidence. A valid application requires the landowners agreement to support the application.

- 5.2 An application must include a user survey, information about facilities at the site and evidence of a consultation.
- 5.3 User surveys have to be undertaken during the bathing season (15 May to 30 September) at peak use times (weekends, bank holidays and school holiday periods). They should cover a minimum of 20 days, including 10 weekend or bank holiday days. Half of all survey days must be during school holiday periods.
- 5.4 Surveys should be undertaken when high numbers of users are expected. This could be during the warmest part of the day and must show a breakdown of the swimmers, children paddling and other beach and water users (Defra counts adults swimming and children both swimming or paddling as bathers).
- 5.5 Information is to be provided on available facilities and infrastructure that support and promote bathing including; ease of access to the site, public toilets, changing facilities, parking or public transport, provision of lifeguards, first aid service, cafes, shops, kiosks, signage, boardwalks, pontoons, safety ropes and buoys.
- 5.6 The consultation requires evidence of local groups who would be affected by the designation such as water users, waterside businesses, residents, local environmental and civic groups, chamber of commerce, natural England, RSPB, etc. We would seek opinions about the most suitable part of the river as a bathing water (around 500m in length).

6. The River Adur

- 6.1 Going upstream from its estuary at Shoreham-by-Sea, the river is subject to strong tidal currents and remains tidal inland to a point beyond Henfield and has a right of navigation from the estuary to Shermanbury. The river has one of the greatest tidal ranges in the country from 0.2m to 7.0m.
- 6.2 The Environment Agency has the most statutory duties and responsibilities regarding water quality, water resources, Biodiversity, flood risk management, etc. The Estuary is a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) so Natural England is also very much involved. Much of the Estuary is owned by the RSPB who have a large Wildfowl Reserve on the River Adur. The River Adur is claimed by the Duke of Norfolk, with the consequence there are no public rights of navigation or fishing. Permission for these activities should be obtained from Norfolk Estates in Arundel. Shoreham is still an important south

coast port administered by Shoreham Port Authority. Principal cargoes include timber, refined oil and gravel dredged from the sea.

- 6.3 Along the length of the River Adur there are a number of combined sewer overflows which discharge during peak periods. In addition bacteria and other pollutants can come from many other sources including agricultural livestock, wildlife, birds and road drainage as well as misconnections of foul and grey water into storm water sewers which feed into the river.
- 6.3 There are over 40 houseboat mooring plots within the area, on which are situated houseboats of varying size, age and appearance. The houseboats are connected to mains water and electricity but, with a few exceptions, are not connected to the public sewer (Southern Water). Sewage is discharged directly into the river (in the majority of cases first having been macerated).
- 6.4 Officers take samples of water from the River Adur to check for the presence of potentially harmful bacteria such as Escherichia coli (E.coli). Samples are collected monthly from the following sites along the river's estuary (known as transitional water) :
- Old Shoreham Toll Bridge
 - Adur Ferry Bridge
 - Norfolk Bridge
 - from the channel to the west of Adur Recreation Ground
- 6.5 Officers monitor the quality of the transitional water because this part of the river is used by the public for leisure activities and water sports. These sampling sites all have public access bridges which allows water samples to be collected without unsettling the riverbed, even at low tide. This ensures the sample does not contain too much sediment or mud.
- 6.6 Results are provided as a coliform count per 100ml. The higher the coliform count, the poorer the water quality. As a guide, levels of over 2,000 per 100ml are considered high. Results can be found on the Councils website here. <https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/media/Media,157702.smxx.pdf>. Coliforms in excess of 2000 per 100ml have been found in the river every year since 2010.
- 6.7 Although paddling and swimming are uncommon, boating, sailing, yachting, rowing, windsurfing and canoeing are all popular activities on the river and in the Port of Shoreham. There are various clubs which provide canoeing, sailing, rowing with a number of slipways allowing access to the River Adur.

7. Issues for consideration

- 7.1. A number of issues should be carefully considered before proceeding with applying for designation of the River Adur as a bathing water.
- 7.2. The landowner where the designation would be applied would need to support any application. In addition the Council/landowner would need to consider what facilities currently exist or need to be provided in the future to support bathing.
- 7.3. The river is tidal from the mouth at Shoreham Port all the way to Henfield and the water is fast flowing with a number of nautical obstructions including bridges. There is concern that by being designated as a bathing water this may promote wild swimming in an unpatrolled tidal river, with strong tidal currents that are particularly hazardous to novice swimmers, although even experienced swimmers would find swimming challenging. Outfalls and confluences of ordinary watercourses with the river may result in additional submerged dangers and currents.
- 7.4. Parts of the riverbed are sharp, shellfish beds, exposed at low tide and obscured at other times. The remainder of the bed and banks are thick mud that present slip and trip hazards as well as the possibility of becoming stuck. Access to these areas may also encourage bathers to stray onto SSSI land and possible nesting sites.
- 7.5. Access would need to be controlled at specific locations for safety, the creation of any new access points would likely result in a loss of protected saltmarsh. It is anticipated that Natural England would not support any proposals to further encourage passage of people over the saltmarsh.
- 7.6. The majority of the 40 houseboats on the river discharge macerated sewage directly into the river. This will continue to have an impact upon the bacteria levels in the river until an alternative means of waste disposal is achieved such as connecting to the mains sewer system.
- 7.7. The Council already undertakes routine water quality sampling throughout the year on the River Adur and these results are published on the Council's website. The sampling demonstrates that on occasions bacterial levels at all 4

sampling locations exceed 2,000 per 100ml and are considered high which would make any application unlikely to be successful.

7.8. The Environment Agency takes up to twenty water samples at each of England's designated bathing waters during the bathing water season between May and September each year. A classification for each bathing water is calculated annually based on samples from the previous four years.

7.9. These classifications are:

- Excellent – the highest, cleanest water quality
- Good – generally good water quality
- Sufficient – the water meets the minimum standard
- Poor – the water has not met the minimum standard

7.10. Although designation of the River Adur would mean that sampling could increase from monthly to weekly, it should be noted this would only be at one site associated with the bathing water (the sites mentioned in section 6.4 would be closed down). No sampling would be undertaken from October until May.

7.11. Sampling frequencies may be reduced due to data confidence or resource pressures (Southwick bathing water sampling was halved during the 2017,2018 and 2022 bathing seasons). This would reduce the annual number of river samples collected from 48 to 20, with the potential of dropping to 10.

7.12. The DEFRA standards have no pass/fail standards for individual water samples, instead the classification is based on a statistical measure of all samples, known as a percentile. Percentiles use the range of all samples taken to estimate the probability of higher results occurring. The classification uses either the 95% or 90% percentile depending on the classification.

DEFRA Coastal and Transitional Water Quality Assessments

Inland Bathing Water	Escherichia coli	Intestinal enterococci
Excellent	≤ 250 colony forming units/100ml	≤ 100 colony forming units /100ml (95th percentile)
Good	≤ 500 colony forming units /100ml (95th percentile)	≤ 200 colony forming units /100ml (95th percentile)
Sufficient	≤ 500 colony forming units /100ml (90th percentile)	≤ 185 colony forming units /100ml (90th percentile)
Poor	Means the values are worse than sufficient	Means the values are worse than sufficient

- 7.13. The Environment Agency publish every classification via the 'Bathing water quality compliance report': <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/bathing-waters-in-england-compliance-reports> If water is classified as Poor, then the symbol for "poor" together with a sign showing advice against bathing must be displayed in the following year at the bathing water. On the Environment Agency's website, red, prohibitory 'Advice against bathing' icons highlight poor bathing waters: <https://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles/>. If designated, the River Adur would obtain a profile page on which a symbol must display any poor classification. Any poor result would be listed on this page for a further four years (a similar profile page for Southwick may be found at <https://environment.data.gov.uk/bwq/profiles/profile.html?site=ukj2401-15100>). The Adur and Worthing bathing water page would also highlight any failures: <https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/environmental-health/pollution/water-quality/bathing-water-seawater/>
- 7.14. A sign displaying a "poor" classification and advice against bathing does not mean bathing is banned or that a beach is closed, beaches remain open for people to enjoy. The Environment Agency may still issue 'pollution incident' warnings that would prompt 'do not swim' signage to be erected. Such incidents may relate to sewage discharges. Additionally, an 'abnormal situation' is termed as a one-in-four-year event that can require the landowner

to prohibit bathing via the closure of a beach or prevent access to the bathing water. All sampling is suspended during an abnormal situation. An abnormal situation was declared at Lancing Beach Green and Worthing bathing waters for the final four weeks of the 2016 bathing season. This was in response to dredging works associated with the Rampion wind farm that reduced bathing water quality and posed a threat to users.

- 7.15. Unless work is undertaken to reduce the levels of bacteria, there is a risk that a designated River Adur would be classified as a 'Poor' bathing water and subject to the negative requirements stipulated in points 7.13 and 7.14. The only other river bathing water in England (*Wharfe at Cromwheel, Ilkley*) was designated in May 2021 and has a current classification of 'Poor'. A proposed site nearby (*Wharfe at Ilkley Stepping Stones*) has returned even higher concentrations of bacteria and is therefore not likely to achieve designation. Bacterial counts are measured as 'coliform forming units' (cfu's) per 100ml of water. Although the River Adur has greater fluctuations in bacteria than both of these sites, it has returned similarly high levels (E.Coli has ranged from 5000 to <10 cfu's between February and April this year and peaked at 14000 cfu's in 2015).
- 7.16. Undertaking the necessary 20+ surveys and consultation to submit an application for bathing water designation is resource intensive and this year we have already completed the necessary survey and consultation for Worthing Beach House. Other water activities may be considered in the designation process to establish user numbers on the river. However, designation is not required for those water craft mentioned in 6.7.
- 7.17. The desire to improve river quality is fully acknowledged by Officers and Cabinet Members but designating the River Adur as a bathing water will not achieve this in the short to medium term. Applying for bathing water status with the knowledge of poor water quality may cause reputational damage to the authority. It will prove more effective to work with Southern Water and houseboat owners to help influence the reduction of effluent discharges directly into the river, which officers are committed to doing.
- 7.18. An initial meeting has already taken place with Southern Water to examine the steps necessary to improve water quality. These include implementation of the Draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan, seeking an application for first time connections for the houseboats and examining funding solutions.
- 7.19. Other options include the creation of a River Adur Bylaw which would prohibit the discharge of sewage into the Adur from houseboats but this needs to be

considered carefully. Such a Bylaw is likely to cause significant financial burden and disenfranchise the houseboat community.

8. Engagement and Communication

- 8.1. As part of any bathing water designation application there is a need for a consultation that requires evidence of local groups who would be affected by the designation such as water users, waterside businesses, residents, local environmental and civic groups, chamber of commerce, natural England, RSPB, etc.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1. The Committee should acknowledge that there are currently both public safety and public health risks associated with bathers using the River Adur.
- 9.2. The Committee is asked to consider the issues outlined above, which highlight that an application for bathing water designation for the River Adur will not achieve improvements to water bathing quality and that any such designation would create operational and reputational issues for the Council at the current time. Any application for bathing water designation should be put on hold until storm overflow improvements have been made and works have been undertaken to connect the houseboats to the main foul sewer.
- 9.3. The Council will continue to facilitate a working group with Southern Water to implement river quality improvements including seeing through their proposed improvements to infrastructure, Storm Overflows and identifying how the houseboats can be connected to the foul sewer. It is hoped that future meetings will involve both the Environment Agency and Houseboat Owners.

10. Financial Implications

- 10.1. There are no financial implications arising from the report.

Finance Officer: Sarah Gobey

Date: 20th September 2022

11. Legal Implications

- 10.1 Under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council has the power to do anything that is calculated to facilitate, or which is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of their functions.

- 10.2 s1 of the Localism Act 2011 empowers the Council to do anything an individual can do apart from that which is specifically prohibited by pre-existing legislation
- 10.3 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.

Legal Officer: Joanne Lee

Date: 26/08/2022

Background Papers

- None

Appendices

- Appendix 1 - Adur Letter to Southern Water in response to Draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan
- Appendix 2 - Adur Response to Southern Water on Draft Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan

Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

- Designated bathing waters can attract tourism to an area but it is likely that there would be associated facilities costs to be incurred. Should designation be achieved with no significant improvement in water quality this would have an adverse impact on the economy if the designation was subsequently removed and the negative perception of poor water quality.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

- The river is already used by different groups such as sailing, paddle boarding and canoeing clubs and other water users. Water quality testing is already undertaken and designating it as bathing water would not provide any social benefits except for the designation title itself.

2.2 Equality Issues

- Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

- Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

- Matter considered and no issues identified.

3. Environmental

- There is concern that such a designation may encourage further recreational use of the river where a SSI is currently situated and this may subsequently damage the mud flats and bird nesting locations.

4. Governance

- Should the Council proceed with achieving designated bathing water status there will be an expectation that water quality will be improved and adequate facilities/lifeguards would be provided which is currently not budgeted.
- Should designation be achieved without water quality improvements or life saving facilities it is likely reputational damage would result particularly should there be associated illness or injury as a result of swimming in the river.



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Southern Water Drainage and Waste Water Management Plan (DWMP)

Dear Sally,

Please find attached a response from Adur District Council with regards to the Southern Water Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan consultation. We will also be taking a report on this matter to the next available Joint Strategic Committee for endorsement. The agreed report will then be forwarded to yourselves.

Adur District Council supports the development of this strategic approach to address the area's wastewater and drainage systems, and secure improved outcomes for our residents, visitors and businesses. As a coastal authority which also benefits from the presence of the River Adur, the water environment is highly valued as an environmental and recreational asset, as well as a critical resource. The Council is also conscious of the challenges of climate change, having declared a climate emergency in July 2019.

The attached response to the Consultation highlights that there needs to be more effective working with the Lead Local Flood Authorities (LLFA's) and Local Authorities (LA's) to ensure a more robust approach towards SUDs and higher standards for new sewers. Such an approach should help to meet the objectives of

the overall Strategy and help avoid flooding and effluent discharge to watercourses and coastal areas.

As such, the Council is greatly concerned about recent incidents of foul sewer discharge into the sea and requests that action be taken to address this as a matter of urgency. Adur District Council is likely to pursue bathing water status for the River Adur in the future, and it is imperative for health and the environment that water quality issues are addressed here, as well as along the coastline of Adur.

The Council would welcome continued engagement with Southern Water as to how the challenges of water quality, infrastructure improvements, and climate change can be addressed.

Yours sincerely,



Cllr Steve Neocleous, Adur Cabinet
Member for Regeneration and Strategic Planning



Cllr Emma Evans, Adur Cabinet Member for the Environment and Leisure

Southern Water DWMP: Response from Adur District Council

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Thank you for consulting us on Southern Water's first Drainage and Wastewater Management Plan (DWMP). We are grateful for the opportunity to be involved throughout this process.

Our local water environment is valued as an environmental and recreational asset as well as a critical resource. SustainableAW is a shared climate and nature plan between Adur District and Worthing Borough Councils and the wider community to create a more sustainable future for our area, this recognises water as a key action area with a commitment to improve water quality and reduce consumption.

For wastewater purposes both Adur and Worthing fall within the Adur and Ouse catchment. We are pleased to see that the impact of growth and planning has been identified. You will be aware that work is starting on the review of the Adur Local Plan (2017) and in particular the potential for higher numbers to be accommodated within the Shoreham Harbour Regeneration Area Western Arm (currently allocated for a minimum of 1,100 dwellings, but with potential for more). As a result significantly higher housing numbers could result within the lifetime of the Plan. We would expect the DWMP process to take account of the plan-making process and ensure emerging proposals are taken into account.

We agree with the list of main challenges on starting on page 10 of the DWMP. However, under challenge 2: population growth we would expect the text to recognise the role of Local Plans in allocating development sites and the presence of significant shortfalls in meeting local housing needs across the area. Furthermore the text notes that 'development... leads to more frequent overwhelming of our sewer systems and an increase the risk of flooding.' Whilst we recognise that more homes and more people will increase flows to the sewer network the text should recognise that national planning policy requires that development does not increase the risk of flooding.

Challenge 5: Keeping rivers, lakes, reservoirs and coasts healthy and clean. We are pleased to see recognition of coasts in the heading. However we would recommend that reference to bathing waters is included in the text. Residents and visitors to Adur and Worthing value our coastline and bathing waters. Adur and Worthing Councils have previously committed to improving the quality of bathing waters and have worked with Southern Water on the Bathing Water Enhancement Program and include as a commitment in SustainableAW to obtain and maintain Blue Flag awards for the foreshore which requires 'Excellent' bathing water quality.

We support the intention in the DWMP to move towards integrated and cross sector water management planning and the greater use of nature based solutions and sustainable drainage systems. However we consider further evidence is needed to establish where opportunities best exist to accommodate these. Within Adur it is certainly unclear where any

nature based solutions could be implemented which will deliver the improvements necessary to reduce CSO use and flooding.

On pages 52 and 53 it is stated that existing housing stock and infrastructure is the problem, and that future development should not be. In terms of existing housing, it is unclear how Southern Water can deliver improvements to existing housing and infrastructure. Retrofitting SuDS or separating combined systems is problematic. There is often insufficient space for SuDS. Separating systems is very expensive and disruptive to our already occupied communities. Southern Water has indicated that they will be expecting contributions from LPAs, LLFA, EA etc. Why funding should be provided by others, and how it can be is unclear. Increasing capacity of sewers may be the only deliverable option in some locations, this should be recognised and Southern Water should put funding in place for this.

In terms of future development, we recommend that Southern Water should align with the LLFA Surface Water Drainage Policy. In particular when considering proposals for development to utilise existing combined sewer connections we recommend Southern Water should require compliance with the SuDS hierarchy and where the combined sewer is the only option requiring greenfield QBar where possible, or as close to this as achievable with a minimum of 50% betterment.

Where future development is located within areas of known high groundwater levels it would be sensible for Southern Water to request higher standards for sewers which reduce infiltration potential. It would also help collaboration if Southern Water's criteria for adoption of SuDS is also aligned with the LLFA policy.

We support the investment plan for storm overflows (Planning Objective 5). It is noted that a number of storm overflows have been highlighted as requiring investment in the Shoreham and East Worthing catchment areas in the short to medium term, between now and 2040.

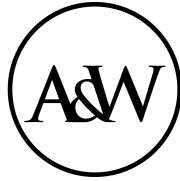
The draft DWMP acknowledges the recent media attention received as a result of storm overflow discharges which are stated as a yearly average of 45 for Shoreham and 43 for Worthing East catchment areas. The Council is understandably deeply concerned about the number of discharges and the negative impact this has on public health, the environment and designated bathing waters. The extent of recent discharge to coastal areas does highlight the need for more effective working with the LLFA and LA's to ensure a more robust approach towards SUDs and standards for new sewers as mentioned previously.

Shoreham is designated for bathing waters and the Council has aspirations to have further areas designated in the future including the river Adur. The Council already undertakes extensive water quality sampling on the river Adur in Shoreham and levels of Escherichia coli and Intestinal enterococci have been recorded at levels that are considered high and would have public health implications.

We would welcome the opportunity to set up a group to push forward river quality improvements for the Adur and ultimately achieve bathing water designation.

We hope these comments are helpful and we look forward to continuing to work with you on our Local Plans and other shared projects. If you have any queries or require further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

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ADUR & WORTHING
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Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
19 January 2023

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Interview with Adur Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure

Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

1.1 This report sets out background information on the Portfolio of the Adur Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure to enable the Committee to consider and question the Cabinet Member on issues within her portfolio and any other issues which the Cabinet Member is involved in connected with the work of the Council and the Adur communities.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee question the Cabinet Member on the work within her Portfolio and any other issues which the Cabinet Member is involved in; and

2.2 That the Committee consider if it would like to make any recommendations or comments to the Cabinet Member for her consideration.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2022/23, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) have agreed to hold interviews with the Adur and Worthing Cabinet Members and question them on their priorities for 2022/23.
- 3.2 As part of its 'Holding to account role' and the responsibility for reviewing Cabinet Member work and decisions, JOSC is requested to consider the work and responsibilities of the Adur Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure. Part of the scrutiny role is to fact find/investigate in the form of questions to the Cabinet Member on issues within her portfolio and other issues involving the Cabinet Member that relates to her Portfolio. This questioning should also relate to those matters within the Portfolio which the Councils are directly responsible for.
- 3.3 JOSC plays a similar role to that played by the Parliamentary Select Committees in Westminster and is entitled to ask for further investigation or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member into items where it may not be satisfied with the progress of issues as described by the Cabinet Member.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Adur Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure has responsibility for the following:-
- Waste collection and recycling.
 - Street cleaning.
 - Streetscene, including abandoned vehicles, bus shelters, enforcement, street names and numbering, road name plates, street furniture.
 - Environmental management and strategy.
 - Highway liaison.
 - Cemeteries and burials.
 - Parks and grounds maintenance, including allotments and dog control. Adur Watch.
 - On and off street car parking.
 - Public conveniences.
 - Energy management and sustainability.
 - Transport (maintenance).
 - Cultural Projects and public entertainment events (not covered by the licensing functions, with a potential attendance of 500) to enhance the District's cultural offer to residents and visitors.

- Client for Adur Community Leisure Ltd and management of Adur Leisure facilities and sites.
- Foreshore management, including beach huts and chalets, beach maintenance.

4.2 JOSC is requested to question the Cabinet Member based on her responsibilities outlined in paragraph 4.1 above.

5. Engagement and Communication

5.1 The JOSC Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, Cabinet Member 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 within this report.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 JOSC is responsible for holding the Cabinet Members to account, reviewing their work and decisions and in accordance with the procedures outlined within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Councils' constitution, can request Cabinet Members to attend its meetings.

7.2 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.

7.3 Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 empowers the Council to do anything an individual can do apart from that which is specifically prohibited by pre-existing legislation.

Background Papers

New Priorities for Adur District Council agreed by Joint Strategic Sub-Committee 29 September 2022 - [New priorities](#)

Our Plan - A three year framework for Adur and Worthing Councils
[Our Plan](#)

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered. There are a number of issues contained within the Cabinet Member Portfolio which can impact on the overall economy of the area.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Matter considered. The aims of the Cabinet Member Portfolio seek to achieve improved social value through improvements to the wellbeing of individuals, Communities and the environment.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered. The Cabinet Member will apply relevant equality considerations when considering issues within the Portfolio as appropriate.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered. Relevant community safety issues are considered by the Cabinet Member when dealing with issues within the Portfolio as appropriate.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered. The Cabinet Member has responsibility for energy management and sustainability issues.

4. Governance

Matter considered and no direct issues identified. JOSOC has responsibility for holding the Cabinet Members to account and for reviewing their work and decisions. In accordance with the procedures outlined within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Councils constitution JOSOC can request the Cabinet Members to attend its meetings and can ask questions of the Cabinet Members as part of this process.

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ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee
19 January 2023

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Interview with the Worthing Deputy Leader

Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

1.1 This report sets out background information on the Portfolio of the Worthing Deputy Leader to enable the Committee to consider and question him on issues within his portfolio and any other issues which he is involved in connected with the work of the Council and the Worthing communities.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee question the Deputy Leader on the work within his Portfolio and any other issues which he is involved in; and

2.2 That the Committee consider if it would like to make any recommendations or comments to the Deputy Leader for his consideration.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2022/23, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) have agreed to hold interviews with the Adur and Worthing Cabinet Members and question them on their priorities for 2022/23.
- 3.2 As part of its 'Holding to account role' and the responsibility for reviewing Cabinet Member work and decisions, JOSC is requested to consider the work and responsibilities of the Worthing Deputy Leader. Part of the scrutiny role is to fact find/investigate in the form of questions to the Cabinet Member on issues within his portfolio and other issues involving the Cabinet Member that relates to his Portfolio. This questioning should only relate to those matters within the Portfolio which the Councils are directly responsible for.
- 3.3 JOSC plays a similar role to that played by the Parliamentary Select Committees in Westminster and is entitled to ask for further investigation or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member into items where it may not be satisfied with the progress of issues as described by the Cabinet Member.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Worthing Deputy Leader has responsibility for the following delegated functions:-
- In the absence of the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader of the Council has overall responsibility for the portfolio of the Leader of the Council.
 - Big Listening
 - 15 minute neighbourhoods and place-based working
 - Children and young people, including mental wellbeing project (to share with Community Wellbeing portfolio)
 - Cost of living emergency
 - Developing community participatory decision-making structures
 - Public Consultation, including Community Engagement and Citizens Panels
 - Refugees Young Persons' audit and consultation
 - Youth Council

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The JOSOC Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, Cabinet Member 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 within this report.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 JOSOC is responsible for holding the Cabinet Members to account, reviewing their work and decisions and in accordance with the procedures outlined within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Councils' constitution, can request Cabinet Members to attend its meetings.
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Background Papers

New Priorities for Worthing Borough Council agreed by Joint Strategic Sub-Committee on 5 July 2022 [Worthing Priorities](#)

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered. No direct issues connected with this report but some of the issues contained in the Cabinet Member Portfolio may lead to an impact on the local economy.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Matter considered. The aims of the Cabinet Member Portfolio seek to achieve improved social value through improvements to the wellbeing of individuals, Communities and the environment.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered. The Cabinet Member will apply relevant equality considerations when considering issues within the Portfolio as appropriate.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered. Relevant community safety issues are considered by the Cabinet Member when dealing with issues within the Portfolio as appropriate.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

4. Governance

Matter considered and no direct issues identified. JOSOC has responsibility for holding the Cabinet Members to account and for reviewing their work and decisions. In accordance with the procedures outlined within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Councils constitution JOSOC can request the Cabinet Members to attend its meetings and can ask questions of the Cabinet Members as part of this process.



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview & Scrutiny Committee
19 January 2023

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Interview with Worthing Cabinet Member for the Environment

Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

1.1 This report sets out background information on the Portfolio of the Worthing Cabinet Member for the Environment to enable the Committee to consider and question the Cabinet Member on issues within her portfolio and any other issues which the Cabinet Member is involved in connected with the work of the Council and the Worthing communities.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee question the Cabinet Member on the work within her Portfolio and any other issues which the Cabinet Member is involved in; and

2.2 That the Committee consider if it would like to make any recommendations or comments to the Cabinet Member for her consideration.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2022/23, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) have agreed to hold interviews with the Adur and Worthing Cabinet Members and question them on their priorities for 2022/23.
- 3.2 As part of its 'Holding to account role' and the responsibility for reviewing Cabinet Member work and decisions, JOSC is requested to consider the work and responsibilities of the Worthing Cabinet Member for the Environment. Part of the scrutiny role is to fact find/investigate in the form of questions to the Cabinet Member on issues within her portfolio and other issues involving the Cabinet Member that relates to her Portfolio. This questioning should only relate to those matters within the Portfolio which the Councils are directly responsible for.
- 3.3 JOSC plays a similar role to that played by the Parliamentary Select Committees in Westminster and is entitled to ask for further investigation or make recommendations to the Cabinet Member into items where it may not be satisfied with the progress of issues as described by the Cabinet Member.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Worthing Cabinet Member for the Environment has responsibility for the following delegated functions:-
- Cemeteries and closed churchyards
 - Crematorium
 - Environmental protection and ecological sustainability, including noise, dog control, food hygiene, land drainage, pest control and air quality (to share with the Climate Emergency portfolio)
 - Foreshore – Sussex Bay and fishing community
 - Parks, open and green spaces, including ground maintenance and allotments
 - Public health, health protection and enforcement, including Food Safety Enforcement Plan
 - Public conveniences
 - Street cleaning
 - Waste minimisation, collection and recycling
 - Water Quality, including sea bathing water status
 - Environmental management and strategy (to share with Climate Emergency portfolio)

4.2 JOSC is requested to question the Cabinet Member based on her responsibilities outlined in paragraph 4.1 above.

5. Engagement and Communication

5.1 The JOSC Chairpersons, Vice-Chairpersons, Cabinet Member 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 within this report.

7. Legal Implications

7.1 JOSC is responsible for holding the Cabinet Members to account, reviewing their work and decisions and in accordance with the procedures outlined within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Councils' constitution, can request Cabinet Members to attend its meetings.

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7.3 Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 empowers the Council to do anything an individual can do apart from that which is specifically prohibited by pre-existing legislation.

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered. There are a number of issues contained within the Cabinet Member Portfolio which can impact on the overall economy of the area.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Matter considered. The aims of the Cabinet Member Portfolio seek to achieve improved social value through improvements to the wellbeing of individuals, Communities and the environment.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered. The Cabinet Member will apply relevant equality considerations when considering issues within the Portfolio as appropriate.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered. Relevant community safety issues are considered by the Cabinet Member when dealing with issues within the Portfolio as appropriate.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered. The Cabinet Member has responsibility for Environmental protection and ecological sustainability, Environmental management and strategy (shared with the Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency).

4. Governance

Matter considered and no direct issues identified. JOSOC has responsibility for holding the Cabinet Members to account and for reviewing their work and decisions. In accordance with the procedures outlined within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Councils constitution JOSOC can request the Cabinet Members to attend its meetings and can ask questions of the Cabinet Members as part of this process.



Adur & Worthing Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme - 2022/2023

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 19 January 2023

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>REPORT AUTHOR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS/OFFICERS TO ATTEND</u>	<u>CHANGE TO ORIGINAL WORK PROGRAMME?YES/NO/REASON</u>
Outcomes from the Joint Strategic Committee - Consideration of the JOSC report on the review of the Adur and Worthing evening and night time economies	Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources	No	Yes. Item added following the consideration of the JOSC report by the Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) on 6 December and to inform JOSC on the outcomes.

Interview with Worthing Cabinet Member for the Environment	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	No
Interview with Adur Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	No
Interview with the Worthing Deputy Leader	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Worthing Deputy Leader	No
Review of progress on the delivery of the Housing Strategy	Director for Communities/Head of Housing Services	Director for Communities/Head of Housing Services	Yes. Item moved from November to January in consultation with Chairmen to accommodate other work.
Southern Water consultation on the draft drainage and wastewater management plan and the designation of the River Adur as bathing water	Director for Communities	Director for Communities	Yes. Item added to inform JOSC on the issues which were raised at the JOSC meeting in January 2022.
Review of JOSC Work Programme	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	No	No

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 16 February 2023

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>REPORT AUTHOR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS/OFFICERS TO ATTEND</u>	<u>CHANGE TO ORIGINAL WORK PROGRAMME?YES/NO/REASON</u>
Annual summary of complaints and compliments	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Yes. Item deferred from the October meeting which was abandoned.
Possible interview with Adur Cabinet Member for Finance & Resources (To be confirmed)	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	Yes. Item deferred from the November meeting.
Interview with Worthing Cabinet Member for Climate Emergency	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	Yes. Item deferred from November JOSM meeting in consultation with the Chairmen.
Interview with Worthing Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	Yes. Interview was due to be held at the JOSM meeting on 15 September which was postponed. Cabinet Member unable to attend on the rearranged date of 22 September
Interview with Worthing Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	Yes. Item deferred from the November meeting.
Annual update on progress with delivering the Climate Change	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Director for Digital, Sustainability &	Yes. Item moved from the November meeting in consultation

agenda		Resources/Sustainability Manager	with Chairmen.
Worthing Theatres contract monitoring	Director for the Economy	Director for the Economy	Yes. Item deferred from the July meeting to enable appropriate Officer attendance at the meeting.
Review of JOSC Work Programme	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	No	No

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 16 March 2023

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>REPORT AUTHOR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS/OFFICERS TO ATTEND</u>	<u>CHANGE TO ORIGINAL WORK PROGRAMME?YES/NO/REASON</u>
Review of the delivery of the new Corporate Strategy and interview with Chief Executive	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Chief Executive	No
Interview with Adur Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Strategic Planning	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	No
Interview with Worthing Executive Member for Regeneration	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	No
Planning Enforcement - The	Head of Planning	Head of Planning	Yes. Item added at the request of

Committee is asked to review planning enforcement issues, planning enforcement policy and the Councils approach to planning enforcement			JOSC in September following the consideration of a scrutiny request
Annual review report on the work of the Worthing BID	Director for the Economy/Head of Place & Economy/Town Centre Manager	Director for the Economy/Head of Place & Economy/Town Centre Manager	Yes. Item added at the request of JOSC as one of the recommendations from the JOSC review on the Worthing BID.
UK Shared Prosperity Fund - Report on the work and the outcomes of funding allocations	Head of Place & Economy/Director for Economy	Director for the Economy/Head of Place & Economy	Yes. Item added at the request of JOSC on 14 July following scrutiny request. Item now on list for March having been planned for January. Delay due to a later than expected announcement from the Government on the outcomes of the bids.
Annual review of the recovery of the Adur & Worthing evening and night time economies	Director for Economy/Director for Communities	Director for Economy/Director for Communities	Yes. Item added as a result of JOSC review.
Annual feedback report from meetings of the West Sussex Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (HASC) - Issues affecting Adur & Worthing	Verbal report from the Council Members on HASC	No	No
JOSC Work Programme setting 2023/24	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	No	No

Working Group reports and other items - Dates to be confirmed

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>REPORT AUTHOR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MEMBER/OFFICERS TO ATTEND</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Reports from the Working Group reviewing the Adur Homes repairs and maintenance service and transformation	Chairman of the Working Group	No	Ongoing -Working Group currently in progress
Final report from the Working Group reviewing Cultural Services	Chairman of the Working Group	No	Working Group currently reviewing information - Report expected in 2022.
Final report of JOSC Working Group set up to review the policy used by the Councils when placing vulnerable people in accommodation outside of the Council areas.	Chairman of the Working Group	No	Working Group set up by JOSC on 14 July. First meeting of the Working Group held in September 2022 which is reviewing the issues. Work ongoing.

PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND ITEMS CONSIDERED IN 2022/23

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 9 June 2022

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>REPORT AUTHOR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS/OFFICERS TO ATTEND</u>	<u>CHANGE TO ORIGINAL WORK PROGRAMME?YES/NO/REASON</u>
Annual JOSC report for 2021/22	Joint Chairmen of JOSC	No	No
JOSC Worthing BID Working Group report	Chairman of the Working Group	No	No
Review of JOSC Work Programme and confirmation of JOSC Working Group memberships for 2022/23	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	No	No

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 14 July 2022

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>REPORT AUTHOR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS/OFFICERS TO ATTEND</u>	<u>CHANGE TO ORIGINAL WORK PROGRAMME?YES/NO/REASON</u>
Joint Revenue outturn report 2021/22	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources/Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer	No

Outline Budget Strategy 2023/24	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources/Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer	No
Interview with Adur Leader	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Adur Leader	No
Interview with Worthing Leader	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Worthing Leader	No
Adur Homes Repairs and Maintenance transformation work and feedback from the JOSC Working Group	Report from the JOSC Working Group and Housing Transformation Manager	No	No
Review of JOSC Work Programme	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	No	No

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 22 September 2022

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>REPORT AUTHOR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS/OFFICERS TO ATTEND</u>	<u>CHANGE TO ORIGINAL WORK PROGRAMME?YES/NO/REASON</u>
Interview with Adur Cabinet Member for Adur Homes & Customer Services	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	No

Report on Governance issues relating to JOSC	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources/ Head of Legal Services	No	Yes. Item added at the request of JOSC on 9 June 2022.
Review of JOSC Work Programme	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	No	No

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 13 October 2022

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>REPORT AUTHOR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS/OFFICERS TO ATTEND</u>	<u>CHANGE TO ORIGINAL WORK PROGRAMME?YES/NO/REASON</u>
Interview with Worthing Cabinet Member for Citizens Services	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	Yes. Interview was due to be held at the JOSC meeting on 15 September which was postponed. Cabinet Member unable to attend on the rearranged date of 22 September.
Report on the review of the delivery and our new approach to Corporate Plan and interview with Chief Executive	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Chief Executive	No
Follow up review of Adur & Worthing evening and night time economy	Chairperson of the Working Group	No	Yes, item added at the request of JOSC from the July meeting.

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee - 24 November 2022

<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>REPORT AUTHOR</u>	<u>EXECUTIVE MEMBERS/OFFICERS TO ATTEND</u>	<u>CHANGE TO ORIGINAL WORK PROGRAMME?YES/NO/REASON</u>
Interview with the Adur Cabinet Member for Communities & Wellbeing	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources covering report	Cabinet Member	Yes. Item deferred from the 13 October JOSC meeting because the meeting was abandoned.
What the Councils are doing to help with the Cost of living crisis -	Director for Communities and Cost of living Lead - Reports from the JSC Sub-Committees to be considered.	Director for Communities and Cost of Living crisis lead officer and Cabinet Members.	Yes. Item added at the request of JOSC in September following a scrutiny request.
Crime and Disorder update - Interview with the Chairman of the Adur & Worthing Safer Communities Partnership	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Chairman of the Adur & Worthing Safer Communities Partnership and Cabinet Members.	Yes. Item deferred from the 13 October JOSC meeting because the meeting was abandoned.
Towards a sustainable financial position - Budget update	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources/Chief Financial Officer	Chief Financial Officer	No
Interview with Adur Cabinet Member for Finance &	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	No

Resources			
Interview with Worthing Cabinet Member for Resources	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	Cabinet Member	No
Review of JOSC Work Programme including note of changes made since Work Programme agreed by Councils in April 2021	Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources	No	No

Additional items to be considered as part of the forward Work Programme in 2023/24

Note:- This draft Work Programme is a 'live' document and all dates and items contained in it are provisional and subject to change in agreement with the JOSC Joint Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen, JOSC and relevant Officers

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