



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
17 October 2019
Agenda Item 9

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20 - Update

Report by the Director for Digital & Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report outlines progress with the work contained in the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme for 2019/20.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 **That the progress in implementing the Work Programme for 2019/20 be noted.**

3. Context

- 3.1 The current JOSC Work Programme for 2019/20 will be reviewed at each meeting during the Municipal Year. The Work Programme was approved by both Councils in April 2019 in accordance with Paragraph 9.2 of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, which form part of the Councils' Constitutions and are binding on all Members. A report must be taken to each full Council on an annual basis seeking Councils' approval of the JOSC Work Programme for the forthcoming year. Any changes to the Work Programme are reported mid year and for 19/20 this will be done in November/December

2019.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Committee will receive regular update reports on the implementation of the Work Programme at each meeting throughout the Municipal Year with the last of those being at the meeting on 19 September 2019. A copy of the agreed 2019/20 Work Programme as amended during the course of the Municipal Year in consultation with the Joint Chairmen and the Committee is attached as Appendix A to this report for reference.
- 4.2 The Committee is requested to consider the current status of the draft Work Programme, the details of which are set out in Appendix A to the report and consider if any further items are required to be added to the Work Programme. During the Municipal Year, items may be added to the JOSC Work Programme, where appropriate. Requests for additional matters to be included in the Work Programme will initially be considered by the Joint Chairmen in accordance with the criteria and they will make their recommendations to the next JOSC for consideration and determination following receipt of the Officer report. Consideration should also be given to the capacity of the Committee and resources available when considering further Work Programme items.
- 4.3 The detail of issues which have been included in the Work Programme are selected by how closely they align with the Councils' Strategic objectives, how the Committee can influence the outcomes and also general value and outcomes in accordance with the (PAPER criteria) - (P) - Public Interest, (A) - Ability to Change, (P) - Performance, (E) - Extent and (R) - Replication.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The JOSC Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen have been consulted on the contents of 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.
- 7.4 Paragraph 9.2 of the current Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, which form part of the Councils' Constitutions and are binding on all Members, states that the Work Programme will be approved by both Councils. A report must be taken to both Councils on an annual basis seeking both Councils approval of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for the forthcoming year.

Background Papers

None

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

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.

APPENDIX A

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20

<u>Date of meeting</u>	<u>Items for discussion</u>	<u>Report Author</u>	<u>Executive Members to be invited</u>
20 June 2019	Annual JOSC report for 2018/19	Joint Chairmen of JOSC	N/A
	Report from the Transport issues Working Group	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A
25 July 2019	Joint Revenue Outturn report 2018/19	Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer	Executive Members for Resources
	Outline Budget Strategy 2019/20	Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer	II
19 September 2019	West Sussex Air quality Strategy	Director for Communities/ West Sussex County Council	Executive Members for Wellbeing
	Update on the delivery of the Housing Strategy - Review of progress	Director for Communities/Head of Housing	Executive Members for Customer Services
17 October 2019	Annual interviews with Council Leaders	Director for Digital & Resources	Leaders
	Review of the Progress in delivering the activities in Platforms for our Places - Questioning Chief Executive	Chief Executive	Adur & Worthing Executive Members
	Report from the Working Group on the review of the procedures for dealing with Gypsy and Traveller encampments in Adur and Worthing and use of the transit site.	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A

21 November 2019	<p>Adur and Worthing and Joint Outline 5 year forecast and savings proposals - Executive Member interviews.</p> <p>Polling Places review 2019</p>	<p>Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>Director for Digital & Resources</p>	<p>Adur and Worthing Executive Members</p> <p>N/A</p>
30 January 2020	<p>Worthing Budget Estimates 20/21 and setting of 2020/21 Council Tax</p> <p>Presentation from Southern Water on bathing water quality issues</p> <p>Review of the Progress in delivering the activities in Platforms for our Places - Questioning Chief Executive</p>	<p>Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Chief Executive</p>	<p>Worthing Executives</p> <p>Adur Executive Member for the Environment, Worthing Executive Member for Regeneration, Executive Members for Wellbeing</p> <p>Adur and Worthing Executives</p>
19 March 2020	<p>Leader interviews</p> <p>Annual Work Programme setting 2019/20</p>	<p>Director for Digital & Resources</p> <p>Director for Digital & Resources</p>	<p>Leaders</p> <p>N/A</p>

Date to be confirmed	Major Projects being undertaken in partnership with West Sussex County Council - Update	Director for the Economy	Executive Members for Regeneration and relevant West Sussex County Council Cabinet Members
	Review of Corporate Assets	Head of Major Projects & Investment/Director for Economy	Relevant Executive Members
	Worthing Theatres - Review of the operation of the new contract	Director for the Economy	N/A
	Report from the JOSC Effectiveness of OSC's Working Group	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A
	Report from the Working Group reviewing recycling	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A
	Report from the JOSC Working Group on evening and Night Time economy	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A
	Report from the Working Group reviewing the Cultural Services	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A
	Climate emergency Working Group	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A
	Rules of engagement	Director for Communities	Leaders and Executive Members for Customer Services
	Report on the consultation processes undertaken for the disposal of publicly owned Council land and assets.	Director for the Economy	Executive Members for Regeneration
	Update on the delivery of the Housing Strategy - Review of progress	Director for Communities/Head of Housing	Executive Members for Customer Services
	Report from JOSC Working Group on Adur Homes repairs & maintenance service	Chairman of the Working Group	N/A

Note - A progress report on the delivery of the work contained in the Work Programme will be presented to each meeting.

All timings are provisional and subject to change in agreement with the Joint Chairmen and the Committee.