



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
17 October 2019
Agenda Item 6

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Delivering Platforms for our Places - Progress report - January to June 2019

Report by the Director for Digital and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with an overview of progress on the delivery of the commitments set out in '*Platforms for our Places*' over the period January to June 2019.
- 1.2 To assist JOSC in questioning the Chief Executive and Executive Members on the progress in delivering the commitments and activities in Platforms for our Places.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That JOSC note the progress in delivering the commitments and activities in Platforms for our Places and question the Chief Executive and Executive Members on this.
- 2.2 That a further progress report be requested to be presented to JOSC in January 2020 as part of the JOSC Work Programme.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2019/20 JOSC has agreed to review the progress in delivering the commitments and activities in Platforms for our Places in October 2019 and March 2020 and also question the Chief Executive and Executive Members on the progress.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 JOSC is asked to consider the progress in delivering the activities in Platforms for our Places, details of which are set out in the copy of the report attached as the appendix to this report which was presented to the Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) on 9 July 2019. A final progress report on delivering Platforms for our Places is to be considered by JSC at its meeting in December 2019 alongside the next version of Platforms for our Places so the JOSC Chairmen have been consulted and now suggest that it would be more appropriate for JOSC to receive a further update report to the January JOSC meeting rather than waiting until March.

5. Engagement and Communication

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

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are some financial implications arising from the overall Platforms for our Places document which are covered under the overall budget process.

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 continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised having regard to a combination of

economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Background Papers

Platforms for our Places (adopted by Adur District Council 15 December 2016
and adopted by Worthing Borough Council 20 December 2016.

Platforms for our Places six month progress report to Joint Strategic Committee - 9
July 2019

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Developing our financial economies is one of five Platforms for development in Platforms for our Places. The progress report attached as the appendix to this report provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils are working to develop this Platform.

2. Social Value

2.1.1 Developing our social economies is one of five platforms for development in Platforms for our Places. The progress report attached to this report provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils are working to develop this platform.

2.2 Equality Issues

2.2.1 Through Platforms for our Places, the objective is to build the capacity of our communities and engage with them to find solutions and ensure our services are designed to respond and meet their needs.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

2.3.1 There are specific commitments in Platforms for our Places which relate to the promotion of our communities as safe places.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

2.4.1 Through the implementation of Platforms for our Places the Councils are seeking solutions with our partners to enable our residents, communities and places to thrive.

3. Environmental

3.1 Developing the Councils and communities role in stewarding our natural resources is one of five platforms for development in Platforms for our Places. The copy report from the Joint Strategic Committee 9 July 2019 attached to this report provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils are working to develop this platform.

4. Governance

4.1 This report provides the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the progress being made to implement Platforms for our Places, the Councils' three-year plan to enable our places to thrive.

- 4.2 The presentation of this report to the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee ensures that officers are accountable in delivering elected Member's ambitions for our places.
- 4.3 Working with local and sub-regional partners is a critical element in delivering Platforms for our Places. It will remain an important area of focus for Officers.