



ADUR & WORTHING COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
6 July 2023

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Interview with Chief Executive - Progress in the delivery of 'Our Plan' - Corporate Plan for Adur & Worthing Councils

Report by the Director for Sustainability and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report will assist JOSC in questioning the Chief Executive on the progress in delivering the objectives in 'Our Plan' which was agreed by the Councils as the new Corporate Plan in Autumn 2022.
- 1.2 This report provides the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with the details of the Corporate Plan, 'Our Plan', which was reported to the Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) on 11 October 2022. A copy of that report and the finalised Corporate Plan is attached as an Appendix to this report.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That JOSC reviews the progress in delivering the objectives in the Corporate Plan 'Our Plan' and questions the Chief Executive and recommends any suggested action or make appropriate comments to the Chief Executive for her consideration.

2.2 That JOSC receive a further progress report on the delivery of the Corporate Plan at a meeting in 2024/25 (Date to be confirmed) as part of its Work Programme.

3. Context and Purpose of Scrutiny

3.1 As part of the Work Programme for 2023/24, JOSC has agreed to interview and question the Chief Executive (Dr Catherine Howe) on the progress in delivering the objectives set out in the Corporate Plan, 'Our Plan'.

4. Issues for consideration

4.1 JOSC is asked to consider the Corporate Plan and details of the report presented to the Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) on 11 October 2022 which are set out as an Appendix to this report, and JOSC is requested to question the Chief Executive on the progress in delivering the Corporate Plan.

4.2 It is part of the Scrutiny role to fact find/investigate in the form of questions and JOSC is asked to direct questions to the Chief Executive as part of this interview process on any issues connected with the Corporate Plan. The Committee is entitled to ask for further investigation into items where it may not be satisfied with the progress as described.

5. Engagement and Communication

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

6. Financial Implications

6.1 There will be some financial implications arising from the overall content and delivery of the Corporate Plan which will be covered under the overall budget process and other relevant reports on these issues.

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

Report on 'Our Plan' - The new Corporate Plan to Joint Strategic Committee - 11 October 2022

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Information on the economic aspects of the new Corporate Plan are explained in the report to the Joint Strategic Committee.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

The delivery of projects contained in the new Corporate Plan will help improve the communities and demonstrate Social Value.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Information relating to Community Safety is set out in the Corporate Plan report and Appendix to this report.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

3. Environmental

Information on developing the Councils and communities role in Tackling Climate Change and Supporting our Natural Environment is contained in the new Corporate Plan.

4. Governance

This report and interview provides the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the progress with the delivery of the Corporate Plan which was agreed by the Councils in October 2022.