



Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
30 November 2023

ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Interview with Worthing Cabinet Member for Resources

Report by the Director for Sustainability and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out some background information on the Portfolio of the Worthing Cabinet Member for Resources to enable the Committee to consider and question the Cabinet Member on issues within his 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 consider any comments or statements from the Cabinet Member on the work within his Portfolio and other issues which the Cabinet Member is involved in and question the Cabinet Member on this and recommend any suggested action or make appropriate comments to the Cabinet Member.

3. Context and purpose of Scrutiny

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2023/24, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) have agreed to interview the Adur and Worthing Cabinet Members on their priorities for 2023/24.
- 3.2 As part of its fact finding/investigative role, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the roles and responsibilities of the Worthing Cabinet Member for Resources, Councillor John Turley. 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 Cabinet Member on any issues involving the Cabinet Member and also issues relating to his portfolio.
- 3.3 The Committee is entitled to ask for further investigation into items where it may not be satisfied with the progress as described and can recommend action or make comments to the Cabinet Member for consideration.
- 3.4 The Cabinet Member was previously interviewed by JOSC at its meeting on 24 November 2022 - The minute extract (JOSC/59/22/23) which includes the detail of the previous discussion and previous questions from that interview is set out here [JOSC Minutes 24/11/22](#) Individual decisions made by the Cabinet Members can be found from the following link: [Individual Cabinet Member decisions](#)

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Worthing Cabinet Member for Resources has responsibility for the following:-
- Budgets (including the overall allocation of revenue and capital), external funding
 - Business Liaison
 - Capital programme
 - Community Wealth Building programme
 - Digital transformation programme
 - ICT (client side); telephony and e-government - Data Protection, Freedom of Information, information security and web team
 - Local taxation (fraud investigation)
 - Non-Domestic Rates
 - Procurement, including contracts

- Personnel and staffing (where Executive functions); including organisational development, occupational health, payroll and learning and development of staff
- Other central support services
- Internal Audit and audit fees
- Property and Asset Management, including the Town Hall and Portland House sites; non-housing property repairs, corporate property, tenancies, property not included in other portfolios and estates management
- Treasury management, including insurance, investments, loans, leasing and banking matters

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The JOSC Chairs and Vice-Chairs and the Cabinet Member 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.

Finance Officer: Emma Thomas

Date: 09/11/2023.

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.

Legal Officer: Joanne Lee

Date: 09/11/2023

Background Papers

Strategic Priorities for Worthing Borough Council: 2022/23 Progress Update Report and New Priorities for 2023/24 - [Worthing JSC Sub-Committee 13 June 2023](#)

Our Plan - A three year framework for Adur and Worthing Councils

[Our Plan](#)

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Matter considered. Issues within the Cabinet Member Portfolio and actions taken by the Cabinet Member can help improve the wellbeing of individuals and communities.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered. The Cabinet Member considers any relevant equalities and diversity issues when considering issues as part of his Portfolio.

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

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