



ADUR & WORTHING  
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
30 January 2024

Key Decision: No

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

## **Interview with Adur Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure**

### **Report by Director for Sustainability and 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 consider any representations from the Cabinet Member on the work within her 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 for her consideration.

### **3. Context**

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2023/24, 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 2023/24.
- 3.2 As part of its fact finding/investigative role, JOSC is asked to consider the roles and responsibilities of the Adur Cabinet Member for Environment and Leisure, Councillor Emma Evans. 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 her 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 16 February 2023 - The minute extract (JOSC/84/22/23) which includes the detail of the previous discussion and previous questions from that interview is set out here [JOSC Minutes 16/2/23](#) Individual decisions made by the Cabinet Members can be found and accessed from the following link: [Individual Executive Member decisions](#)

### **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.
  - Street-scene, including abandoned vehicles, bus shelters, enforcement, street names and numbering, road name plates, street furniture.
  - Environmental management and strategy.
  - Highways liaison.
  - Cemeteries and burials.
  - Parks and grounds maintenance, including allotments and dog control.
  - 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 South Downs Leisure and management of Adur Leisure facilities and sites.
- Foreshore management, including beach huts and chalets, beach maintenance.

4.2 JOSC is requested to ask questions of the Cabinet Member based on her responsibilities outlined in paragraph 4.1 including any high level strategic issues relating to the Councils and our communities.

## **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.

## **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:**

Strategic Priorities for Adur District Council: 2022/23 Progress update report and  
New Priorities for 2023/24 - [Adur JSC Sub-Committee 27 September 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 her 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. The Cabinet Member has responsibility for environmental management and strategy and energy management and sustainability.

### **4. Governance**

Matter considered. 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.