



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
7 March 2024

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Annual Feedback report from meetings of West Sussex Health & Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (HASC) during 2023/24 - Issues affecting Adur & Worthing - Reports from Councillors Andy McGregor and Cathy Glynn-Davies

Report by the Director for Sustainability and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report provides the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with background information on the West Sussex Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee (HASC) and a summary of the recent work undertaken by the HASC. This information will enable JOSC to question the Councils' representatives on the HASC, Councillors Andy McGregor (Adur) and Cathy Glynn-Davies (Worthing), about the work of the HASC and issues affecting Adur and Worthing.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That JOSC is asked to consider the recent work of HASC and put forward any questions for Councillors McGregor and Glynn-Davies.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2023/24, JOSC have agreed to receive a summary report on the recent work of HASC from the Councils' Members who sit on HASC, Councillor Andy McGregor (Adur) and Councillor Glynn-Davies (Worthing). Councillors McGregor and Glynn-Davies will address JOSC on the role of the HASC and their thoughts on the issues discussed. JOSC will also have the opportunity to put questions to Councillors McGregor and Glynn-Davies.

4. Issues for consideration - The role of HASC and work it has undertaken

- 4.1 JOSC is entitled to ask for further investigation into items in relation to Health Scrutiny that they may not be satisfied with which should be via the appointed representative to the HASC. It is important to note that the role of health Scrutiny sits with the HASC.
- 4.2 The HASC is responsible for the overview and scrutiny of the West Sussex County Council Cabinet portfolios areas set out below and full details of the Portfolios can be seen here - [Cabinet portfolio responsibilities](#)
- Adults Services portfolio
 - Public Health and Wellbeing portfolio relating to both adults and children
 - Review and scrutiny of the planning, provision and operation of health services in West Sussex (The health functions of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee arise under Part I of the Health and Social Care Act 2001)
- 4.3 HASC has 20 members made up of 12 County Councillors, seven District and Borough Councillors (from Overview and Scrutiny Committees across West Sussex who represent the District and Borough Councils on health matters) and one Local Healthwatch member (non-voting).
- 4.4 The primary aim of health scrutiny is to strengthen the voice of local people, ensuring that their needs and experiences are considered as an integral part of the commissioning and delivery of health services and that those services are effective and safe. Health scrutiny has a strategic role in taking an overview of how well integration of health, public health and social care is working. HASC acts as a critical friend to executive policy makers and decision makers (both at the County Council and the NHS) and also aims to

drive improvement in the health and adult social care services accessed by West Sussex residents ensuring priority topics are scrutinised and avoiding duplication with other boards/agencies (e.g., the Health and Wellbeing Board).

- 4.5 HASC has met five times during the 2023/24 Municipal Year in June, September and November 2023 and January and March 2024. Reports from Councillors McGregor and Glynn-Davies are attached as an appendix to this report.
- 4.6 Since becoming members of the HASC, Councillors McGregor and Glynn-Davies have developed more of an understanding about the role of the Committee and the involvement of the HASC members in the work. Importantly, this has also demonstrated how much influence the HASC and its members have with policy making and the impact on the West Sussex and Adur and Worthing communities.
- 4.7 Further information on the role of the HASC and access to the agenda and relevant reports for the HASC are available here [HASC agenda and reports](#)

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The JOSOC Chairs and Vice-Chairs and Councillors McGregor and Glynn-Davies have been consulted on the contents of the report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications to consider as part of this report.

Financial Officer: Emma Thomas

Date 26/02/2024

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 Responsibility for Health Scrutiny sits with West Sussex County Council.

Legal Officer Joanne Lee

Date:26/02/2024

Background Papers

Agenda papers for the meetings of the West Sussex Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee - June 2023 to March 2024.

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Matter considered. Improved health services will improve social value for Adur and Worthing residents.

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. Good health scrutiny can help in the reshaping of place based health services and it is important for the Councils to be aware of the work being undertaken by HASC to be able to influence those services affecting Adur and Worthing residents.