

**Extract from the Joint Strategic Committee - 3 December 2019**

**JSC/066/19-20      *Platforms for our Places - Going Further (2020-2022) :  
Unlocking the Power of People, Communities and our Local  
Geographies***

**Summary of discussion:**

Before the Committee was a report by the Chief Executive, copies of which had been circulated to all Members and a copy of which is attached to the signed copy of these minutes as Item 6.

The paper set out a draft direction of travel to guide both Councils through the next three years. It suggested organic evolution rather than dramatic revolution, the title *Platforms for our Places : Going Further* reflected the fact that it was suggested retaining the five Platforms (and the concepts behind them) and sought to build on some of the significant progress made over the last three years. It built upon the idea that the Councils could not and should not seek to do everything for everyone, rather their role was repurposed to cover provision of essential services and safety nets as well as the creation of Platforms upon which others in the community were able to create and sustain the healthy, prosperous and self-sufficient communities that the Councils places required over the medium and longer term.

The document slightly re-purposed the five Platforms to be:-

- Platform 1 - Prosperous Places
- Platform 2 - Thriving People and Communities
- Platform 3 - Tackling Climate Change and Supporting our Natural Environment
- Platform 4 - Good Services and New Solutions
- Platform 5 - Leadership of Place

Under-pining each were a series of commitments for the Councils (and a range of key stakeholders) to create, sustain, or further develop the Platforms.

Members welcomed the continued work with the NHS and expressed their support for the proposed direction of travel.

## **Decision**

The Joint Strategic Committee considered the draft *Platforms for our Places : Going Further* approach, and recommended its approval to both Adur and Worthing Councils as a key core strategic document for the next three years.