



ADUR & WORTHING  
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
30 January 2020

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

**Delivering Platforms for our Places - Final Progress report July to December 2019**

**Report by the Director for Digital and Resources**

**Executive Summary**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with a final overview of progress on the delivery of the commitments set out in '*Platforms for our Places*' over the period July to December 2019.
- 1.2 To assist JOSC in questioning the Chief Executive and Executive Members on the progress in delivering the commitments and activities in Platforms for our Places.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That JOSC note the final overview of progress in delivering the commitments and activities in Platforms for our Places and question the Chief Executive and Executive Members on this.
- 2.2 That a progress report on the delivery of the new strategic direction of travel approach adopted by the Councils '*Platforms for our Places: Going further 2020/22*' be requested to be presented to JOSC in September 2020 as part of the JOSC Work Programme.

### **3. Context**

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2019/20 JOSC has agreed to review the progress in delivering the commitments and activities in Platforms for our Places in October 2019 and January 2020 and also question the Chief Executive and Executive Members on the progress.

### **4. Issues for consideration**

- 4.1 JOSC is asked to consider the final progress update on the delivery of the activities in Platforms for our Places, details of which are set out in the copy of the report attached as the appendix to this report which was presented to the Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) on 3 December 2019. The Councils have subsequently agreed (December 2019) to the new strategic direction of travel entitled 'Platforms for our Places: Going further' which now covers the next three years 2020- 2022. It is, therefore, suggested that JOSC should also request that update reports on how this new strategic direction is being delivered should be considered as part of the 2020/21 Work Programme in September 2020 and March 2021.

### **5. Engagement and Communication**

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

### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are some financial implications arising from the overall Platforms for our Places document which are covered under the overall budget process.

### **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**

Platforms for our Places (adopted by Adur District Council 15 December 2016 and adopted by Worthing Borough Council 20 December 2016.

Platforms for our Places six month progress report to Joint Strategic Committee - 3 December 2019

### **Officer Contact Details:-**

Mark Lowe

Scrutiny and Risk Officer

Tel: 01903 221009

[mark.lowe@adur-worthing.gov.uk](mailto:mark.lowe@adur-worthing.gov.uk)

## **Sustainability & Risk Assessment**

### **1. Economic**

Developing our financial economies is one of five Platforms for development in Platforms for our Places. The progress report attached as the appendix to this report provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils have been working to develop this Platform.

### **2. Social**

#### **2.1 Social Value**

2.1.1 Developing our social economies is one of five platforms for development in Platforms for our Places. The progress report attached to this report provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils have been working to develop this platform.

#### **2.2 Equality Issues**

2.2.1 Through Platforms for our Places, the objective has been to build the capacity of our communities and engage with them to find solutions and ensure our services are designed to respond and meet their needs.

#### **2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)**

2.3.1 There are specific commitments in Platforms for our Places which relate to the promotion of our communities as safe places.

#### **2.4 Human Rights Issues**

2.4.1 Through the implementation of Platforms for our Places the Councils have been seeking solutions with our partners to enable our residents, communities and places to thrive.

### **3. Environmental**

3.1 Developing the Councils and communities role in stewarding our natural resources is one of five platforms for development in Platforms for our Places. The copy report from the Joint Strategic Committee 3 December 2019 attached to this report provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils have been working to develop this platform.

#### **4. Governance**

- 4.1 This report provides the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the progress that has been made to implement Platforms for our Places, the Councils' three-year plan to enable our places to thrive.