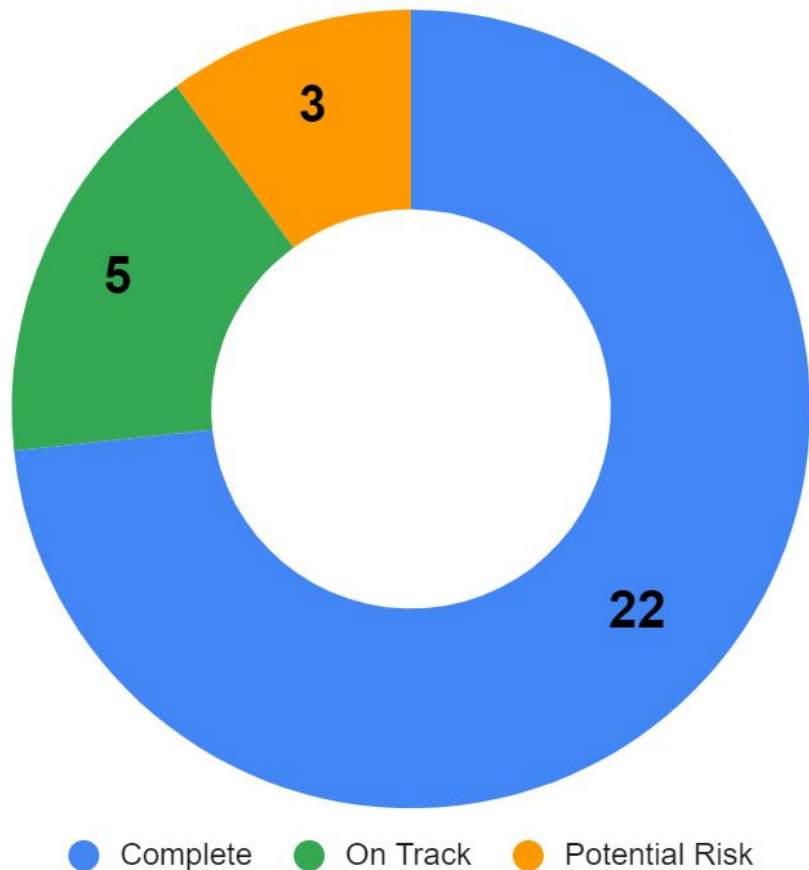


Commitment Tracker



Overview : last six months

Central to the approach outlined in *Platform for our Places* has been the need for the Councils to reposition themselves and work with partners to respond to the opportunities and challenges our communities face. Over the past six months we have continued to engage and take-up positions of leadership across our communities and region. As we look forward to going further to develop the position of the Councils and our places, building on our 'Platforms approach'.

Platform Highlights : last six months

LGA Awards 2020: Shortlisted as one of six for Council of the Year. In recognition for our innovative way in delivering services and leadership within our communities based on our Platforms approach.

Engaging our Communities: The Councils published draft principles and staff toolkit to inform our communities understanding, and assist the Councils' staff in how the Councils design, manage and conclude engagement activities. This will be finalised in early 2020.

Leadership in our City Region: The Leader of Worthing Borough Council has taken up the Chairmanship of the Greater Brighton Economic Board. He is also representing District and Boroughs regionally on the boards of the Coast to Capital Local Enterprise Partnership and Transport for the South East.

Preparing for EU Exit: The Councils have actively monitored monitor developments at a local, regional and national level in preparation for EU Exit.

We have engaged with partners across the public, private and community and voluntary sectors to stay informed about any emerging issues and ensure effective planning for any possible impacts to our communities.

Supporting Democratic Participation: Organising the conduct of the General Elections across Adur and Worthing on 12 December.

Launching the **Modern.Gov Committee System** including new website to display information about committees and Elected Members. This will make it easier to search for information on the website and provide a publicly available app which makes the use of tablets at meetings (and prior to them) a much more accessible option. Committee agendas and reports can now be viewed at [Modern.Gov - Committee Structure](#)

Challenges

Responding to uncertainty and change: Ongoing uncertainty about EU Exit presents challenges for our partners. We have engaged with strategic partners so that we are in a better position to discuss appropriate supports when they are identified. Change in leadership at West Sussex County Council also requires the Councils to engage with its new leaders to reaffirm and identify new opportunities to work together.

Future Focuses

Engaging with our Businesses: We will seek to expand our business network, including through the Adur and Worthing Business Partnership, to

allow new partnerships to be created. This includes getting 'out and about' and visiting more businesses.

We also need to work with key town centre partners to demonstrate real partnership working and added value, and significantly shift the aesthetic feel of our town centres, especially Worthing and Lancing.

Digital Council: We will continue to integrate our digital enhancement approach for both Councils and Committees.

Platforms for our Places: Going Further: We will now move to the next iteration of the Councils' approach and ambition for our places. While *Platforms for our Places: Going Further* represents a revised approach it will retain the broad thrust in its predecessor.