



ADUR & WORTHING  
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
30 January 2020

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

## **Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20 - Update**

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

#### **Executive Summary**

##### **1. Purpose**

1.1 This report outlines progress with the work contained in the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme for 2019/20.

##### **2. Recommendations**

**2.1 That the progress in implementing the Work Programme for 2019/20 be Noted.**

##### **3. Context**

3.1 The current Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme is reviewed by the Committee at each meeting.

3.2 The Work Programme for 2019/20 was confirmed by both Councils in April 2019 and was previously reviewed by the Committee at its meeting on 21 November 2019 and also by both Councils in December 2019.

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

- 4.1 The Committee receives regular update reports on the implementation of the Work Programme at each meeting. A copy of the current 2019/20 Work Programme is attached as Appendix A to this report for reference and this includes details of the changes made to the Work Programme since it was agreed in April 2019.
- 4.2 During the Municipal Year, items may be added to the JOSC Work Programme, where appropriate. Requests for additional matters to be included in the Work Programme can be submitted on line via the Scrutiny review request form on the Councils' website at <https://www.adur-worthing.gov.uk/about-the-councils/scrutiny/#are-you-concerned-about-local-issues>
- These requests are then initially considered by the Joint Chairpersons in accordance with the following criteria set out in the Procedure Rules:-
- (a) The Councils' Strategic objectives;
  - (b) The ability of the Committee to have influence and/or add value on the subject;
  - (c) The PAPER criteria; Public Interest (P), Ability to Change (A), Performance (P), Extent (E) and Replication (R)
- 4.3 In accordance with the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules there is a requirement for both Councils to review the changes to the Work Programme mid term and this was done at the Council meetings in December 2019.

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

- 5.1 The JOSC Chairmen, Vice-Chairmen and the Councils Leadership Team 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 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 Paragraph 9.2 of the current Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, which form part of the Councils' Constitutions and are binding on all Members, states that the Work Programme will be approved by both Councils. A report must be taken to both Councils on an annual basis seeking both Councils' approval of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for the forthcoming year and any changes to the Work Programme should be submitted to the Councils approximately mid year for noting.

## **Background Papers**

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules

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## **Sustainability & Risk Assessment**

### **1. Economic**

Some of the issues scrutinised as part of the Work Programme could impact on the development of our places or the economic participation of our communities if implemented.

### **2. Social**

#### **2.1 Social Value**

Some of the issues to be scrutinised as part of the Work Programme will have an impact on the communities.

#### **2.2 Equality Issues**

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

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

Some of the issues being scrutinised will have community safety implications.

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

Matter considered and no issues identified.

### **3. Environmental**

Matter considered. JOSC has set up a Working Group to provide it with a better understanding of Climate Change issues which might make recommendations regarding natural resources for Adur and Worthing.

### **4. Governance**

4.1 Matter considered and no direct issues identified. The current Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules state that the Work Programme will be approved by both Councils and that any changes to the Work Programme should be submitted to the Councils approximately mid year for noting.

## APPENDIX A

### Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20

| <u>Date of meeting</u> | <u>Items for discussion</u>  | <u>Report Author</u>   | <u>Executive Members to be invited</u>   | <u>Change to original Work Programme?</u>  |
|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| 20 June 2019           | Annual JOSC report for 2018/19<br><br>Report from the Transport issues Working Group   | Joint Chairmen of JOSC<br><br>Chairman of the Working Group  | N/A<br><br>N/A   | No<br><br>Yes. Item was on pending list.   |
| 25 July 2019           | Joint Revenue Outturn report 2018/19<br><br>Outline Budget Strategy 2019/20  | Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer<br><br>Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer | Executive Members for Resources<br><br>II                                      | No<br><br>No   |
| 19 September 2019      | West Sussex Air quality Strategy<br><br>Update on the delivery of the Housing Strategy - Review of progress  | Director for Communities/ West Sussex County Council<br><br>Director for Communities/Head of Housing                     | Executive Members for Wellbeing<br><br>Executive Members for Customer Services | No<br><br>No   |
| 17 October 2019        | Annual interviews with Council Leaders<br><br>Review of the Progress in delivering the activities in Platforms for our Places - Questioning Chief Executive<br><br>Report from the Working Group on the review of the procedures for dealing with Gypsy and Traveller encampments in | Director for Digital & Resources<br><br>Chief Executive<br><br>Chairman of the Working Group                             | Leaders<br><br>Adur & Worthing Executive Members<br><br>N/A                    | No<br><br>Yes. Item put back to October meeting from September because Chief Executive was unable to attend.<br><br>Yes. Item was on pending list. |

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|                  | Adur and Worthing and use of the transit site.   |   |  |   |
| 21 November 2019 | Adur and Worthing and Joint Outline 5 year forecast and savings proposals - Executive Member interviews.<br><br>Engaging Adur & Worthing - How we engage with our communities<br><br>Report from the Working Group that has reviewed the effectiveness of Overview and Scrutiny Committees   | Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer<br><br>Director for Communities<br><br>Chairman of the Working Group | Adur and Worthing Executive Members<br><br><br>N/A   | No<br><br>Yes. Item was on pending list.<br><br>Yes. Item was on the pending list.  |
| 30 January 2020  | Worthing Budget Estimates 20/21 and setting of 2020/21 Council Tax<br><br>Presentation from Southern Water on bathing water quality issues<br><br>Review of the Progress in delivering the activities in Platforms for our Places - Questioning Chief Executive<br><br>Report on the consultation processes undertaken for the disposal of publicly owned Council land and assets. | Director for Digital & Resources/Chief Financial Officer<br><br>N/A<br><br>Chief Executive<br><br>Director for the Economy    | Worthing Executives<br><br>Adur Executive Member for the Environment, Worthing Executive Member for Regeneration, Executive Members for Wellbeing<br><br>Adur and Worthing Executives<br><br>N/A | No<br><br>No<br><br>Yes. Item brought forward to January meeting from March because Platforms update was considered earlier in December 2019 at the JSC meeting.<br><br>New item. Added following a scrutiny request. |
| 19 March 2020    | Leader interviews<br><br>Annual Work Programme setting 2019/20   | Director for Digital & Resources<br><br>Director for Digital & Resources  | Leaders<br><br>N/A   | No<br><br>No  |

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| Date to be confirmed | Major Projects being undertaken in partnership with West Sussex County Council - Update | Director for the Economy                                 | Executive Members for Regeneration and relevant West Sussex County Council Cabinet Members |  |
|                      | Review of Corporate Assets  | Head of Major Projects & Investment/Director for Economy | Relevant Executive Members   |  |
|                      | Worthing Theatres - Review of the operation of the new contract                         | Director for the Economy                                 | N/A  |  |
|                      | Report from the Working Group reviewing recycling                                       | Chairman of the Working Group                            | N/A  |  |
|                      | Report from the JOSC Working Group on evening and Night Time economy                    | Chairman of the Working Group                            | N/A  |  |
|                      | Report from the Working Group reviewing the Cultural Services                           | Chairman of the Working Group                            | N/A  |  |
|                      | Report from the Climate Change Working Group  | Chairman of the Working Group                            | N/A  |  |
|                      | Update on the delivery of the Housing Strategy - Review of progress                     | Director for Communities                                 | Executive Members for Customer Services  |  |
|                      | Report from JOSC Working Group on Adur Homes repairs & maintenance service              | Chairman of the Working Group                            | N/A  |  |

**Note** - A progress report on the delivery of the work contained in the Work Programme will be presented to each meeting.

All timings are provisional and subject to change in agreement with the Joint Chairmen and the Committee.