

Scrutiny request

Issue - The working relationship between Adur & Worthing Councils and West Sussex County Council (WSCC)

Request from - The Adur & Worthing Joint Governance Committee

Public interest - A&W Councils and WSCC both provide services to the public separately, but these services are often interdependent and there are many instances of partnership working that can be looked at to ascertain what is working well in the interests of the public, and what can be improved upon. This review should concentrate on how Adur & Worthing Councils and WSCC work together to help in achieving the Adur & Worthing Councils strategic objectives.

Score = High

Ability to change - JOSC is the Scrutiny Committee for A&W Councils and therefore has power to make recommendations for improvements to this Council. It is suggested that this is a piece of work that scrutiny committees of other District and Borough Councils in West Sussex may want to undertake. It would also be helpful for County scrutiny to undertake it from their perspective

Score = High

Performance - Good and effective partnership working between the County and District/Boroughs in West Sussex is essential for maximum performances from all local governments services in the County

Score = High

Extent - This is an issue relevant to A&W areas, and all areas across West Sussex.

Score = High

Replication - Not aware of the issue being considered elsewhere.

Score = High

Expected Outcomes - Working Group to be formed to look at partnership working between A&W Councils and WSCC. Areas of good practice and areas for improvement identified. Areas for improvement recommended to Councils for adoption, leading to improvement in partnership working.

Does the proposed review link with the Council strategic objectives or does the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the ability to influence and/or add value on the subject?

Platforms for our Places - Going further 2020-2022

Platform 5 - Leadership of Place

Commitment 5.3 - Develop and sustain strong personal and organisational relationships to support Platforms for our Places and effective delivery of commitments and future activity. Ensure the necessary relationships of influence are in place.

Ensure positive working relationships at a local and regional level.

Score = High

How could this review be undertaken? Working Group

**Recommendations from Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen:-**

That the Scrutiny request be not accepted onto the JOSC Work Programme because the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen consider that it is not appropriate to undertake a review of this kind at this unprecedented time during the Covid-19 pandemic and also consider that consideration of the matter is duplication of issues considered previously by JOSC.