



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
25 June 2020

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual Report 2019/20

Report by the Director for Digital and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out the draft Annual report for the Committee covering the 2019/20 Municipal year in accordance with the terms of the Councils' constitutions.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee approves the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual report for 2019/20; and**
- 2.2 That the Annual report be submitted to the Adur and Worthing Council meetings in July 2020 for approval.**

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of good practice and a requirement in the Councils' constitutions, the Councils are required to produce a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual report for 2019/20 for approval by the Committee and thereafter by the Full Councils. The final Annual report will be available from the Councils' website.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee has once again undertaken a great deal of work during 2019/20 as part of the 'Holding to Account/Challenge' role. A summary of that work is contained in the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Annual report for 2019/20 which is attached as an appendix to this report. As well as being a requirement of the Constitutions, it is good practice to produce an Annual report on the work of Overview and Scrutiny which can help publicise and promote the work undertaken amongst the local community and local partners.
- 4.2 Members of the public and/or local partners are able to make a scrutiny request using an online scrutiny form and this helps encourage people to take part in the scrutiny process and the democratic process as well as helping the public to influence decision making.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The Joint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been consulted on this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

7. Legal Implications

- 7.1 Under Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Councils have the powers 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 The Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required to produce an Annual report for approval by the Councils in accordance with the Councils' constitutions and good practice. The Council meetings in July will be required to receive the Annual report.

Background Papers

Agendas, reports and minutes from Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings during 2019/20.

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered. No direct issues identified but some issues discussed by the Committee may have an economic impact.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Matter considered. It is good practice for the Councils to produce an Annual report which can help publicise and promote the work of the Committee amongst the local community and local partners.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered. Copies of the Annual report will be available on the Council website and can be made available to people on request if they do not have access to a computer or are blind or partially sighted.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered and no issues identified.

4. Governance

Matter considered. It is good practice for the Councils to produce an Annual Report on Overview and Scrutiny and is a requirement of the Constitution and the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules. It is also part of good Governance practice for the Councils to have an effective oversight and scrutiny function in place to encourage constructive challenge and debate on Council policies and practices.