



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Executive Members for Regeneration interview

Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

1.1 This report sets out background information on the Portfolios of the Adur and Worthing Executive Members for Regeneration to enable the Committee to consider and question the Executive Members on issues within their portfolios and any other issues which the Executive Members are involved in connected with the work of the Councils and the Adur and Worthing communities.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the Committee consider any representations from the Executive Members on the work within their Portfolios, priorities and areas of focus; and

2.2 That the Committee question the Executive Members on the progress being made to achieve the priorities within their Portfolios and make appropriate comments or recommend suggested action to the Executive Members for their consideration.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2020/21, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) have agreed to interview the Leaders and all Executive Members on their priorities for 2020/21.
- 3.2 As part of their fact finding/investigative role, JOSC are asked to consider the roles and responsibilities of the Executive Members for Regeneration. It is part of the Scrutiny role to fact find/investigate in the form of questions and JOSC is asked to direct questions to the Executive Members on any issues relating to their Portfolios.
- 3.3 The Committee are entitled to ask for further investigation into items where they may not be satisfied with the progress as described.

4. Issues for consideration

4.1 Both Executive Members have responsibility for the following:-

- Economic strategy and development, including regeneration (visitor economy, tourism, Adur Festival, business partnerships, concessions, events and/or projects to encourage or are likely to generate viable, sustainable economic gain)
- Education liaison.
- Transport planning and infrastructure.
- Planning policy, Local Development Plans, conservation areas and management plans, development briefs, infrastructure delivery plans.
- Building Control.
- Coastal West Sussex
- Town Centre management (Adur)
- Flood prevention, including coastal protection, land drainage and flood protection
- Adur Local Plan
- Beach Huts and Chalets (Worthing)
- Beach Maintenance (Worthing)
- Foreshore management, including Worthing Pier.
- Health and safety and civil contingencies (Emergency Plan), including business continuity (Worthing)
- Tourist Information Centres (Worthing)
- Local Growth Plan (Worthing)
- Streetscene, including abandoned vehicles, bus shelters, enforcement, street names and numbering, road name plates, street furniture (Worthing)
- Highways liaison (Worthing)
- On and off-street car parking (Worthing)
- Transport (maintenance) - (Worthing).

- Cultural Projects and public entertainments (not covered by the licensing functions, with a potential attendance of 500) to enhance the Borough's cultural offer to residents and visitors (Worthing).

4.2 JOSC is requested to ask questions of the two Executive Members based on their responsibilities outlined in paragraph 4.1.

5. Engagement and Communication

5.1 The JOSC Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen 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 JOSC is responsible for holding the Executive Members to account, reviewing their work and decisions and in accordance with the procedures outlined within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Councils' constitution, can request Executive Members to attend its meetings.

7.2 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.

7.3 Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 empowers the Council to do anything an individual can do apart from that which is specifically prohibited by pre-existing legislation.

Background Papers

Platforms for our Places: Going Further

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered and no direct issues identified but some issues contained within the Executive Member Portfolios are related to economic issues and impact.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Matter considered and no direct issues identified but some issues within the Executive Member Portfolios do impact on the communities.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified but some of the Portfolio areas do impact on access or participation.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered and no direct issues identified but some of the issues within the Portfolios do have community safety implications.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered and no direct issues identified but some of the issues may have environmental implications.

4. Governance

Matter considered and no direct issues identified. JOSC is responsible for holding the Executive Members to account and the process for this is set out in the JOSC Procedure Rules in the Constitution.