



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
17 September 2020

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2020/21

Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability & Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

1.1 This report outlines plans to implement the work contained in the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme for 2020/21.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Committee note the plans for implementation of the JOSC Work Programme for 2020/21.

3. Context

- 3.1 The update on the implementation of the JOSC Work Programme for 2020/21 was previously considered by the Committee at its last meeting on 23 July 2020. A copy of the 2020/21 Work Programme is attached at Appendix A to this report.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 The Committee will receive regular update reports on the implementation of the Work Programme at each meeting throughout the Municipal Year.
- 4.2 The Committee is requested to review the revised Work Programme and consider if any further items are required to be added to the Work Programme or items to be reviewed. Additional items may be added to the Work Programme, where appropriate. Requests for additional matters to be included in the Work Programme will initially be considered by the Joint Chairpersons in accordance with the criteria and they will make their recommendations to the next JOSC for consideration and determination. Consideration should also be given to the capacity of the Committee and resources available when considering further Work Programme items.
- 4.3 Items for the Work Programme need to be chosen guided by how closely they align with the Councils' Strategic objectives, how the Committee can influence the outcomes and also general value and outcomes in accordance with the (PAPER criteria) - P - Public Interest, (A) - Ability to change, (P) - Performance, (E) - Extent and (R) - Replication.

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 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 to be scrutinised during 2020/21 will have community safety implications.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered. JOSOC has set up a Working Group to provide it with a better understanding of Climate Change issues which will be making recommendations regarding natural resources for Adur and Worthing and ways to help reduce carbon emissions. Developing the Councils and communities role in tackling Climate Change and Supporting our Natural Environment is one of five platforms for development in "Platforms for our Places : Going Further". The final report from the Working Group attached elsewhere on this agenda includes updates on how the Councils are working to develop this platform.

4. Governance

Matter considered and no direct issues identified. It is good practice for an Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review its Work Programme regularly. 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.