



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
26 November 2020

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2020/21 - Update

Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability 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 2020/21 and recommends that the changes made to the Work Programme since it was agreed in July 2020 be reported to the next Council meetings in December 2020 for noting.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the progress in implementing the 2020/21 JOSC Work Programme be noted; and

2.2 That the meetings of Adur District Council and Worthing Borough Council in December 2020 note the changes made to the JOSC Work Programme since it was agreed by both Councils in July 2020.

3. Context

- 3.1 The current JOSC Work Programme is reviewed by the Committee at each meeting.
- 3.2 The Work Programme for 2020/21 was agreed by each Council in July 2020.

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 2020/21 Work Programme is attached at Appendix A to this report for reference and this includes details of the changes made to the Work Programme since it was agreed in July 2020.
- 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/scrutiny/> 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 each Council to review the changes to the Work Programme mid term so it is necessary for the Work Programme as amended to be submitted to the next Council meetings.

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 each Council. A report must be taken to each Council on an annual basis seeking each 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 each Council 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 and have social value.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Some of the issues being scrutinised during 2020/21 have community safety implications.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered. Some of the issues to be scrutinised will have environmental implications.

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 both Councils approximately mid year for noting.