



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
10 June 2021
Agenda Item 8

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2021/22

Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report outlines progress in implementing the work contained in the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) Work Programme for 2021/22 which was confirmed by the Councils in April 2021. The report also asks JOSC to consider a Scrutiny request and to appoint members to its Working Groups for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That JOSC note the progress in delivering the JOSC Work Programme for 2021/22;
- 2.2 That JOSC consider the Scrutiny request attached at Appendix B to the report; and
- 2.3 That JOSC appoint members to its Working Groups for 2021/22 as set out in Paragraph 4.5 of the report.

3. Context

- 3.1 The JOSC Work Programme for 2021/22 was agreed in draft by JOSC at its meeting on 18 March 2021 and was confirmed by the Councils at meetings in April 2021. A copy of the 2021/22 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. The Work Programme now includes allocated dates for the Executive Member interviews as requested, starting with the interview with the Leaders at the meeting on 15 July 2021.
- 4.3 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.
- 4.4 The Work Programme for 2021/22 has been produced for the Committee guided by issues that closely 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.
- 4.5 Moving forward, as the country begins to emerge from 'Lockdowns' and starts to reopen the various strands of society and the economy, following the Government's road map to recovery [Covid-19 response- Spring 2021](#) , JOSC may also want to consider reviewing progress on the delivery of services that have been impacted by Covid-19 and the general impact on the local economy and the Adur and Worthing communities. This could include reviewing the work which the Councils are undertaking to help the communities thrive, prosper, be healthy and resilient during and after the Covid-19 pandemic as set out in ['And Then' document - Bouncing back in](#)

[post pandemic Adur and Worthing](#) - With this in mind a Scrutiny request has been submitted for consideration at this meeting from the JOSC Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen relating to economic recovery and support for vulnerable people post pandemic. Details of the request and recommendations are set out at Appendix B to the report and JOSC is requested to consider this and decide whether or not it should be added to the Work Programme.

- 4.6 In 2020/21 JOSC set up a small number of cross party Member Working Groups to undertake reviews of various issues. As part of its 2021/22 Work Programme, JOSC has requested that these Working Groups remain constituted to undertake the review work. To ensure that the membership of the Working Groups are kept up to date to reflect the new JOSC membership, some changes will be required. Only members of JOSC are able to be members of the JOSC Working Groups. Current memberships of the Working Groups and changes required are set out below:-

JOSC Adur Homes Repairs and Maintenance Working Group

Councillor Carol Albury
Councillor Catherine Arnold
Councillor Stephen Chipp
Councillor Paul Mansfield
Councillor Deb Stainforth

Note: New members are required to replace Councillors Arnold, Chipp and Mansfield who are no longer members of JOSC, however, Councillor Chipp has indicated that he would be agreeable to be co-opted onto the Working Group if JOSC and the Working Group agreed.

JOSC Evening and Night Time economy Working Group

Councillor Carol Albury
Councillor Margaret Howard
Councillor Paul Mansfield
Councillor Bob Smytherman
Councillor Beccy Cooper (Co-opted Member)
Councillor Andy McGregor (Co-opted Member)

Note: New members are required to replace Councillors Howard, Mansfield and Smytherman who are no longer members of JOSC. Councillor Smytherman has indicated that he would be agreeable to be co-opted onto the Working Group if JOSC and the Working Group agreed.

JOSC Cultural Services Working Group

Councillor Margaret Howard

Councillor Paul Mansfield

Councillor Jane Sim

Councillor Carl Walker

Note: New Members are required to replace Councillors Howard, Mansfield and Sim who are no longer members of JOSC.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The JOSC Chairmen/Vice Chairmen and the Councils Leadership Team have been consulted on the contents of the JOSC Work Programme.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications to consider within this report, however, some items contained in the Work Programme may have financial implications.

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

Reports on the Work Programme to the JOSC meeting on 18 March 2021 and the Adur and Worthing Council meetings in April 2021.

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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 provide social value.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered. Some of the issues being scrutinised will have community safety implications.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered. Some issues being scrutinised may relate to environmental and natural resources issues.

4. Governance

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