

## APPENDIX B(2)

### **Scrutiny request**

**Issue** - The future of Lancing Village centre

Looking at the JOSCC work programme there is a working group for the night time economy which is all well and fine but over here in Lancing the night time economy is relatively fine because of its propensity of take-aways, it's the daytime economy of the High Street that is most under threat. The last bank is about to leave and the turnover of shops continues. It desperately needs more footfall to support the existing businesses or there will be no High Street. The number 16 bus service subsidy was cut by WSCC and the Parish council took it on, but it's not a long term solution. If Lancing Parish Council stopped its funding then a vital bus service into the centre will disappear, further isolating the elderly.

WSCC are proposing to pull the early years service out of the children and family centre making it possibly unviable. There are several services run out of that building, with footfall. The purchase of the police station by the council may be the centre of a revival. A public consultation on its use needs careful planning and I would like to see this done through members of a JOSCC working group. How does Lancing create a unique offer that will bring people into the centre during the day?

**Request from** - Councillor Lee Cowen - Adur District Council

**Public interest** - The residents often cite the rundown nature of the village centre. It's in the interest of the public to have a vibrant village centre.

**Score** = High

**Ability to change** - Investment in the village centre is in the power of the council. Also the purchase of the police station site is a start. Council has compulsory purchase power.

**Score** = Medium

**Performance** - N/A

**Score** = N/A

**Extent** - It's massive. We have 600 new homes on New Monks Farm coming.

**Score** = High

**Replication** - No, but assume discussions are taking place amongst the Executive and officers about the police station site.

**Score** = High

**Expected Outcomes** - A clear roadmap and vision for the revival of the village centre. One which updates the 2012 Lancing vision document and isn't just a pipe dream.

**Does the proposed review link with the Council strategic objectives or does the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the ability to influence and/or add value on the subject?**

Platform 1 - Prosperous Places - Commitment 1.3 - Attractors for Prosperity through Place making including -

'Identify key properties that will improve the appearance of the seafront and retail areas in Lancing. Build and work with our partners to secure the necessary improvement.'

**Score =** High

**How could this review be undertaken?** Officer report or JOSC Working Group.

**Recommendations from Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen:-**

That JOSC receive an Officer report to a JOSC meeting in Autumn 2021 which explains what the Council is doing to help and influence improvements to the Lancing village centre.