



ADUR & WORTHING  
COUNCILS

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

**Delivering 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further' - Progress report January to June 2021**

**Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources**

**Executive Summary**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 This report provides the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) with an overview of progress on the delivery of the commitments set out in '*Platforms for our Places: Going Further* over the period January to June 2021.
- 1.2 This report will also assist JOSC in questioning the Interim Chief Executive on the progress in delivering the commitments and activities in '*Platforms for our Places: Going Further.*'

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That JOSC note the overview of progress in delivering the commitments and activities in '*Platforms for our Places: Going Further*' and question the Interim Chief Executive on this; and
- 2.2 That a further progress report on the delivery of '*Platforms for our Places: Going Further*' be requested to be presented to JOSC in March 2021 as part of the JOSC Work Programme.

### **3. Context**

- 3.1 As part of the Work Programme for 2021/22, JOSC has agreed to review the progress in delivering the commitments and activities in 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further' in October 2021 and March 2022 and also question the Interim Chief Executive on the progress.

### **4. Issues for consideration**

- 4.1 JOSC is asked to consider the progress update on the delivery of the activities in 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further', details of which are set out in the copy of the report attached as the Appendix to this report which was presented to the Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) on 13 July 2021. The JSC has also requested that its report be referred to JOSC for consideration.

### **5. Engagement and Communication**

- 5.1 the Joint Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of JOSC and the Councils Leadership Team have been consulted on the proposals contained in this report.

### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are some financial implications arising from the overall 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further' document which are covered under the overall budget process.

### **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 continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

**Background Papers**

'Platforms for our Places: Going Further 2020-2022' - Adopted by Adur District and Worthing Borough Councils in December 2019

'Platforms for our Places: Going Further' six month progress report to Joint Strategic Committee - 13 July 2021

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## **Sustainability & Risk Assessment**

### **1. Economic**

Creating and enabling Prosperous Places is one of five Platforms for development in 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further'. The progress report attached as the Appendix to this report provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils have been working to develop this Platform.

### **2. Social**

#### **2.1 Social Value**

Thriving People and Communities is one of five Platforms for development in 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further'. The progress report attached as the appendix to this report provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils are working to develop this Platform.

- 2.1.2 A particular focus on several elements of 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further' is how to build vital capacity within our communities and community partners to enable them to shape and lead our Places, while at the same time ensuring the Councils provide a robust 'safety net' for the most vulnerable.

#### **2.2 Equality Issues**

- 2.2.1 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further' objectives include building the capacity of our communities, engaging with them to find solutions that ensure that our services (and interventions) are designed to meet specific needs and address areas and issues of historic disadvantage.

#### **2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)**

- 2.3.1 There are specific commitments in 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further' which relate to the promotion of communities as safe places. Delivery of these commitments are in progress.

#### **2.4 Human Rights Issues**

- 2.4.1 Through the implementation of 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further' the Councils are seeking solutions with other partners to enable our residents, communities and places to thrive.

### **3. Environmental**

- 3.1 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 progress report attached as the appendix provides an overview and highlights on how the Councils are working to develop this Platform.

### **4. Governance**

- 4.1 This report provides the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the progress being made to implement 'Platforms for our Places: Going Further', the Councils three-year plan to enable our places to thrive. A progress report has also been submitted to the Joint Strategic Committee on 13 July 2021.