



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected:N/A

Interview with Chief Executive - New Corporate Plan for Adur & Worthing Councils

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 the details of the new Corporate Plan, 'Our Plan', which was reported to the Joint Strategic Committee (JSC) on 11 October 2022. A copy of that report and the draft 'Plan' is attached as an Appendix to this report.
- 1.2 This report will also assist JOSC in questioning Dr Catherine Howe, the Chief Executive, on the new Corporate Plan.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That JOSC review the new Corporate Plan and question the Chief Executive; and
- 2.2 That JOSC receive a further progress report on the delivery of the new Corporate Plan at the meeting in March 2023.

3. Context

- 3.1 As part of the Work Programme for 2022/23, JOSC has agreed to interview the Chief Executive on the launch of the new Corporate Plan, 'Our Plan', in Autumn 2022 and also question the Chief Executive.

4. Issues for consideration

- 4.1 JOSC is asked to consider the launch of the new Corporate Plan, 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 11 October 2022 and question the Chief Executive on the details of this.

5. Engagement and Communication

- 5.1 The Joint Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons of JOSC have been consulted on the proposals contained in this report.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There will be some financial implications arising from the overall content and delivery of the new Corporate Plan which will be 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

Report on 'Our Plan' - The new Corporate Plan to Joint Strategic Committee - 11
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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Information on the economic aspects of the new Corporate Plan are explained in the report to the Joint Strategic Committee.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

The delivery of projects contained in the new Corporate Plan will help improve the communities and demonstrate Social Value.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Information relating to Community Safety is set out in the Corporate Plan report and Appendix to this report.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no issues identified.

3. Environmental

Information on developing the Councils and communities role in Tackling Climate Change and Supporting our Natural Environment is contained in the new Corporate Plan.

4. Governance

This report provides the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee with an overview of the launch of the new Corporate Plan which was reported to the Joint Strategic Committee on 11 October 2022.