



ADUR & WORTHING
COUNCILS

Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee
24 November 2022

Key Decision [No]

Ward(s) Affected: N/A

Interview with Worthing Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing

Report by the Director for Digital, Sustainability and Resources

Executive Summary

1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report sets out background information on the Portfolio of the Worthing Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing to enable the Committee to consider and question the Cabinet Member on issues within her portfolio and any other issues which the Cabinet Member is involved in connected with the work of the Council and the Worthing communities.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Committee consider any representations from the Cabinet Member on the work within her Portfolio and other issues which the Cabinet Member is involved in and question the Cabinet Member on this and recommend any suggested action or make appropriate comments to the Cabinet Member for her consideration.

3. Context

3.1 As part of its Work Programme for 2022/23, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JOSC) have agreed to interview the Adur and Worthing Cabinet Members on their priorities for 2022/23.

3.2 As part of its fact finding/investigative role, the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the roles and responsibilities of the Worthing Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing. It is part of the Scrutiny role to fact find/investigate in the form of questions and JOSC is asked to direct questions to the Cabinet Member on any issues involving the Cabinet Member and also issues relating to her portfolio.

3.3 The Committee is entitled to ask for further investigation into items where it may not be satisfied with the progress as described.

4. Issues for consideration

4.1 The Worthing Cabinet Member for Community Wellbeing has responsibility for the following:-

- Children and young people, including mental wellbeing and family intervention project (to share with Deputy Leader portfolio)
- Community development, including cohesion and planning, fuel poverty, community buildings and wellbeing hubs
- Community safety, anti-social behaviour management, neighbourhood disputes, safer communities
- Cross-cutting health issues and NHS liaison
- Equalities and diversity
- Partnership working with voluntary and community organisations (including Local Strategic Partnership; grants and commissioning)
- Police performance and intelligence liaison

4.2 JOSC is requested to ask questions of the Cabinet Member based on her responsibilities outlined in paragraph 4.1 including any high level strategic issues relating to the Council and the Worthing community.

5. Engagement and Communication

5.1 The JOSC Chairpersons and Vice-Chairpersons 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 JOSOC is responsible for holding the Cabinet Members to account, reviewing their work and decisions and in accordance with the procedures outlined within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Councils' constitution, can request Cabinet Members to attend its meetings.

7.2 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.

7.3 Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 empowers the Council to do anything an individual can do apart from that which is specifically prohibited by pre-existing legislation.

Background Papers

New Priorities for Worthing Borough Council agreed by Joint Strategic Sub-Committee 5 July 2022 - [JSC Sub-Committee Worthing - 5 July 2022](#)

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Sustainability & Risk Assessment

1. Economic

Matter considered. There are a number of issues contained within the Cabinet Member Portfolio which can impact on the overall economy of the area.

2. Social

2.1 Social Value

Matter considered. The aims of the Cabinet Member Portfolio seek to achieve better social value in those particular areas.

2.2 Equality Issues

Matter considered. The Cabinet Member has responsibility for equalities and diversity.

2.3 Community Safety Issues (Section 17)

Matter considered. The Cabinet Member has responsibility for community safety issues.

2.4 Human Rights Issues

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

3. Environmental

Matter considered and no direct issues identified.

4. Governance

Matter considered and no direct issues identified. JOSOC is responsible for holding the Cabinet Members to account, reviewing their work and decisions and in accordance with the procedures outlined within the Joint Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules set out in the Councils' constitution, can request Cabinet Members to attend its meetings.