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## **OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Overview Select Committee will be held in **Committee Room 1 at the Arun Civic Centre, Maltravers Road, Littlehampton** on **Tuesday, 10 March 2015 at 6.00 pm** and you are requested to attend.

Members: Councillors English (Chairman), Dingemans (Vice-Chairman), Britton, Clayden, Mrs Daniells, Edwards, Hitchins, Jones, Mrs Maconachie, McIntyre Nash, Mrs Oakley, Oliver-Redgate, and Dr Walsh. (Plus one Conservative Vacancy)

## **A G E N D A**

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are reminded to make any declaration of personal and/or prejudicial/pecuniary interests that they may have in relation to items on this agenda.

You should declare your interest by stating:

- a) the item you have the interest in
- b) whether it is a personal interest and the nature of the interest
- c) whether it is also a prejudicial/pecuniary interest

You then need to re-declare your interest and the nature of the interest at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent.

3. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Overview Select Committee held on **27 January 2015** (which have been previously circulated.)

4. ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA THAT THE CHAIRMAN OF THE MEETING IS OF THE OPINION SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS A MATTER OF URGENCY BY REASON OF SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES.

5. \*COAST PROTECTION ANNUAL REVIEW 2015

(i) **Engineering Services Manager's report**

This report is presented as an annual update on the Council's coastal defence assets and its coastal defence strategies; and provides an outline of the information produced by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [Defra] and the Environment Agency [EA] regarding the future management of the coast.

A representative from the Environment Agency will be attending this meeting. Members are requested to submit any questions, in advance to [committees@arun.gov.uk](mailto:committees@arun.gov.uk) **by 11am Friday 6 March**. Coastal District Ward Members and Coastal Parish Councils have also been invited to submit questions to the Chairman of the Committee to be asked on their behalf at the meeting.

(ii) **Cabinet Member for Environmental Service's report – Priorities and Future Areas for Development/Review**

Attached is a brief paper from the Cabinet Member for Environmental Services, Councillor Chapman, which outlines the key issues that the Committee needs to be aware of and linked to his Portfolio area. For the Committee's information, this Portfolio covers the following areas:

- Coast Protection
- Land Drainage
- Emergency Planning
- Parks & Gardens
- Play Facilities
- Arboriculture Services & Landscapes
- Cemeteries
- Environmental Health
- Littlehampton Harbour Board

6. CABINET MEMBER QUESTIONS AND UPDATES

(i) Members are invited to ask Cabinet Members questions and are encouraged to submit their questions to the Committee Manager in advance of the meeting to allow for a more substantive answer to be given.

(ii) Cabinet Members are invited to update the Committee on matters relevant to their Portfolios of responsibility.

7. \*WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16

Members are requested to note that the Committee's work programme for 2015/16 will be considered at the first meeting of the new municipal year on 16 June 2015 and will then be presented by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman to the Full Council meeting on 15 July 2015.

The proposed work scheduled for the meeting on 16 June 2015 is attached.

(Note: \*Indicates report is attached for Members of the Committee only and the Press (excluding exempt items). Copies of reports can be viewed on the Council's web site at [www.arun.gov.uk](http://www.arun.gov.uk) or can be obtained on request from the Committee Manager.)

(Note: Members are also reminded that if they have any detailed questions, would they please inform the Head of democratic Services, Cabinet Member and/or relevant Lead Officer in advance of the meeting in order that the appropriate Officer/Cabinet Member can attend the meeting.)

**AGENDA ITEM. 5****ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL****REPORT TO OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE  
ON 10 March 2015****PART A : REPORT**

<b>SUBJECT:</b> Coast Protection Annual Review 2015
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<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b> Roger Spencer - Engineering Services Manager ext. 37812 <b>DATE:</b> Feb 2015
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<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:</b> The report is presented as an annual update on the Council's coastal defence assets and its coastal defence strategies; and provides an outline of the information produced by the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs [Defra] and the Environment Agency [EA] regarding the future management of the coast. A frontage by frontage commentary is given, particularly in respect of the outcome of the recent winter storms.
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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Overview Select Committee is requested to agree the report and RECOMMEND that CABINET:

1. Agree to the report forming the basis of the Coast Protection Capital Budget for future years, subject to sufficient resources being available to fund the Council's proportion of the total costs (i.e. the minor ineligible costs).
2. Authorise the Engineering Services Manager to prepare details and make the necessary applications to enable the schemes noted in the body and annex of the report to proceed to the appropriate next stages. Further reports to Cabinet will be necessary regarding the proposals and/or funding.
3. Authorise the Engineering Services Manager to send a letter of support for the draft Arun to Pagham Strategy Flood and Erosion Risk Management Strategy to the Environment Agency for inclusion with documents to be presented to the LPRG and the Cabinet Member for the Environment be authorised to adopt the Strategy following its consideration and approval by LPRG.
4. Authorise a copy of this report to be sent to the Environment Agency [EA] for the benefit of the Agency's supervisory role in coastal defence.

## 1. **Background**

- 1.1. An update is provided on current capital projects, together with details of the Revenue Repairs and Maintenance Programme.
- 1.2. This report meets one of the Government's High Level Targets in relation to flood and coastal defence.

## 2. **Introduction**

### 3. **Defra / EA Matters**

- 3.1. Medium Term Plan [MTP] – The results of the Council's MTP 2014 bid has, at the time of drafting, not been formally announced; an update will be given at the meeting.
- 3.2. As noted in the 2014 Review, schemes were identified for the next 20 years but the next 6 years spending would be better established. Accordingly, it is likely that formal annual MTP submissions will no longer be necessary; to be replaced with twice yearly updates.
- 3.3. The forward programme is provided as an appendix to this report but this will be subject to consideration under the EA's MTP and review process
- 3.4. Coastal Group –The Group is Officer based but an annual Elected Members' meeting is held, the aim being to keep Members from across the Group's large geographical area better informed of the Group's work.
- 3.5. Outcome Measures [OMs] (the mechanisms by which Defra/EA prioritises schemes nationally) OMs were again used as part of the MTP this year.
- 3.6. Partnership Funding continues to be part of the funding process. Depending on its priority, a proposed scheme will usually require 3<sup>rd</sup> party / community contributions; the lower the priority the higher the level of local contribution(s) required for the scheme to proceed. Arun has allocated sums within its Forward Capital Programme for contributions towards Partnership Funding. This is intended to meet the requirements of a range of coastal erosion and flood risk reduction schemes (coastal and Inland) in the District; as the priorities for the inland flood schemes is not yet finalised (within the WSCC programme), the availability of partnership funding for coastal erosion schemes is not finalised.

## 4. **Asset Management**

- 4.1. The Government's High Level Targets contained a requirement for coastal defence assets to be inspected and the results logged on a common (IT) system. Contrary to the expectation outlined in the 2014 review Report, the EA's AIMS system has proved to be incompatible with 'external' users. Discussions are due to take place with EA to establish how local authorities can meet the High Level Targets.

## 5. Pagham Beach

- 5.1. Members will be aware of the development of the Church Norton shingle spit at the Pagham Harbour entrance and the resultant erosion and scour problems being experienced along the Pagham Beach frontage.
- 5.2. Previous reports to cabinet have set out the problem and the mitigation measures that were to be put in place. In essence, £100,000 was allocated by Arun DC to undertake repairs to the revetment with a further £250,000 allocated by Arun DC in October 2014, to help combat the very rapid erosion that was experienced at that time and to effect repairs over the winter. Approximately £250,000 of the (combined) £350,000 has been spent leaving £100,000 remaining at the time of drafting. Further smaller sums have been made available from EA Flood Defence Grant in Aid [FDGiA] and under Bellwin.
- 5.3. The area is subject to a number of national and international environmental designations. The area is dynamic, especially the spit and the harbour channel, with the spit continuing to grow eastwards causing scour and erosion to also spread eastwards. Additionally, the beach in the area of the Yacht Club is subject to erosion caused by incident wave energy and the interruption of longshore drift of shingle.
- 5.4. There has been a widespread call from the community for the issue to be resolved by cutting through the spit (in a position near to where the channel discharged to the sea before 2003). Pagham Parish Council has engaged consultants to take this option further, initially with an assessment of that option and the preparation of an Environmental Impact Assessment [EIA] leading to a Planning Application.
- 5.5. Given the strong feeling about this is in the community and the need to seek a long term solution to the issue, officers from Arun DC, the Environment Agency and Natural England joined the Parish Council in meeting with the Secretary of State in London on 29 October 2014. Dan Rogerson MP, the Under Secretary of State visited the site in December.
- 5.6. The report by Defra, following the London meeting and the site visit, was issued to Arun DC on 4 February 2015 and made available online in the following week (<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/report-on-the-coastal-management-practices-at-pagham>). The report (which specifically excluded the funding of management practices) concludes that the next steps are:
- a) Arun DC continues to monitor the beach and plan how to manage the erosion and
  - b) Pagham Parish Council reviews the outcome of the Environmental Scoping Report (expected March '15); the Habitat Regulations Assessment and the EIA enabling the environmental impacts to be known with greater certainty and informing further steps.

5.7. It is proposed to present a further report to Cabinet on the subject in due course.

## 6. Flood and Erosion Management Strategies

6.1. Arun to Pagham Strategy: The EA recently undertook a re-consultation on the Climping and River Arun frontage proposals, resulting from changes in the proposals following the previous consultation. The proposals for the River remain unchanged but the draft preferred option for the coastal frontage changes from 'Withdrawal of Maintenance' to 'Do Minimum' for as long as practicable. The Draft Strategy will go forward to the EA's Large Project Review Group [LPRG] once the Consultation Report has been prepared.

6.2. **It is RECOMMENDED** that a letter of support for the draft Strategy be sent to the Environment Agency for inclusion with documents to be presented to the LPRG and the Cabinet Member for the Environment be authorised to adopt the Strategy following its consideration and approval by LPRG.

6.3. The other two coastal strategies for the Arun frontage (Rivers Arun to Adur and Pagham to East Head) have been formally approved by Defra.

## 7. Strategic Regional Coastal Monitoring

7.1. The 2014 Southeast Strategic Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme Report gives a wide range of information gathered as part of the project e.g. waves, tides and meteorological data, as well as topographic and hydrographic data. This report is available online ([www.channelcoast.org](http://www.channelcoast.org))

7.2. A summary of changes to Arun's beaches between Spring 2013 and Spring 2014 is given below:

The Council's frontage is divided into 7 Survey Units (previously Management Units); all experienced minor losses and gains over their lengths but were on the whole, relatively stable. The percentage average changes shown were over the preceding year.

**Unit 23 – Church Norton to Pagham Harbour**  
a net gain in beach cross sectional area of 8.4%.

**Unit 22 - Pagham to West Bognor Regis**  
a net gain in beach cross sectional area of 0.1%.

**Unit 21 - West Bognor Regis to Elmer**  
a net gain in beach cross sectional area of 0.5%.

**Unit 20 – Elmer**  
a net loss in beach cross sectional area of 2.8%.

**Unit 19 - Elmer to Littlehampton Harbour Mouth**  
a net loss in beach cross sectional area of 3.5%.

**Unit 18 - Littlehampton Harbour Mouth to Rustington**  
a net gain in beach cross sectional area of 3.2%.

**Unit 17 - Rustington to Goring-by-Sea**  
a net gain in beach cross sectional area of 0.5%.

## **8. Commentary of Arun Managed Beaches**

- 8.1. Eastern Beaches (Ferring to Littlehampton) – No major damage;
- 8.2. Climping – Not managed by Arun District Council – EA has recycled shingle
- 8.3. Elmer – some loss of shingle behind islands and reshaping of beaches – collaborative scheme (Arun / EA) within EA’s programme to address the situation.
- 8.4. Middleton on Sea – The area continues to be, outside of Pagham, the area requiring closest monitoring and response, although there has been some localised improvements as a result of shingle brought in by last winter’s storms.
- 8.5. Felpham & Bognor Regis – Some maintenance works required, mainly to the west of the Pier.
- 8.6. Aldwick (eastern part) [west part private] shingle has been re-worked to re-profile beach in the Dark Lane area, and groyne repairs undertaken at Strange Garden and Waters Edge.
- 8.7. Pagham – see above

## **9. East Bank, Littlehampton Flood Defence Scheme**

- 9.1. This major flood defence work is predominantly an EA scheme, although Arun is contributing Partnership Funding and further monies to provide enhancements and help with regeneration of the waterfront. The project started on site in the autumn of 2013 and is nearing completion.
- 9.2. Whilst there is coast protection officer involvement with the scheme (through engineering input), this is not a coast protection scheme. Accordingly, and acknowledging the scale and importance of the works, the project is reported to Members separately.
- 9.3. However, a point to note is that the level of the beach fronting the coastal section of the scheme will require a low level of active management, as some of the railings have been removed to improve the ‘open aspect’ of the scheme; given the relative stability of this localised area, this should not be too onerous.

## **10. Working with Neighbouring Councils**

- 10.1. A closer working relationship with Chichester DC was reported in recent reviews, as was the discussions with Worthing and Adur Councils, into the possibility of closer working arrangements across a range of engineering functions. Little progress has been made on this owing to officer workload but it is something that will be investigated further.

## **11. Revenue Works**

- 11.1. An annual financial transfer is made from the Coast Protection Revenue budget to cover a portion of the Multi Skilled Team’s [MST] overall costs. Any materials required and external Contractors’ costs are still financed from the remaining revenue budget.
- 11.2. The MST has endeavoured to provide the first line response for reactive repairs



and planned maintenance, carrying out mainly repairs and refurbishment of the timber groyne field. This has again been problematic, due to staffing and equipment issues. The use of local contractors, where specific skills and/or equipment are required, has been utilised but the workload of such contractors has remained high due to the exceptional storm conditions over winter of 2013/14, resulting in extended reaction times. It is foreseen that the further use of external contractors will need to continue into 2015/16.

- 11.3. Every effort has been made to preserve the standard of coastal protection and the service provided to the public. However, priorities have had to be set and at times difficult choices have had to be made and, with the limited resources, the previous service response times cannot always be achieved.

## 12. Financial Statement

- 12.1. A table is included as an Appendix; this shows the planned Capital Coast Protection programme for 2015/16 and future years. This will form the basis of the 2015/16 Coast Protection Capital Budget, subject to there being sufficient resources to fund the Council's proportion of the cost of the schemes i.e. the minor elements that are not eligible for grant aid.
- 12.2. Gaining Partnership Funding (see 3.6 above) will continue to feature as an important and necessary part of the scheme preparation process, as 100% Government funding is not normally available now.

## 13. Report Dissemination

- 13.1. A copy of this report will be presented to the Arun Area Committees as appropriate.

## 2. PROPOSAL(S):

Members to note the report and adopt the Recommendations

## 3. OPTIONS:

Adopt the Recommendations

Not adopt the Recommendations, which would have effects on:

- Coastal Defence Strategies
- The Capital & Revenue Programmes
- Provision of suitable Standards of Service
- Meeting Government High Level Targets

## 4. CONSULTATION:

Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓

Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify) Arun Area Committees	(in due course, as committee cycles permit)	
<b>5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>
Financial	✓	
Legal	✓	
Human Rights/Equality	✓	
Community Safety	✓	
Sustainability	✓	
Asset Management/Property/Land	✓	
Technology		✓
Other (please explain)	✓	
<p><b>6. IMPLICATIONS:</b></p> <p><u>Financial</u> – The report contains recommendations for future budget provision [which may also depend upon the future approval and funding arrangements administered by the Environment Agency].</p> <p><u>Legal</u> - The Council has entered into agreements so that it may maintain the protection of a number of frontages.</p> <p><u>Human Rights / Equality</u> - There are public expectations that suitable defences are in place to reduce the risk to life and property. The Council has permissive powers to act but is not obliged to do so.</p> <p><u>Community Safety &amp; Sustainability</u> - The defences should be constructed and maintained in a suitable (safe and sustainable) manner.</p> <p><u>Asset Management</u> - The way in which the coastline is managed will have a direct impact upon:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) the defence elements (e.g. the conditions of the timber groynes and concrete seawalls).</li> <li>b) reducing the risk of erosion of both Council and private land</li> <li>c) potential to affect neighbouring coastlines</li> </ul> <p><u>Other</u> - The report will enable the Council to work towards meeting the Government's High Level Targets.</p>		

**7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:**

To enable the continued positive and planned management of defences for the Arun District Coastline.

**8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:**

Priority Scoring / Outcome Measures system: Defra website

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environ/fcd/policy/grantaid.htm#AnnexB>

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environ/fcd/policy/strategy/sd4/default.htm>

High Level Targets – Defra website

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environ/fcd/hltarget/default.htm>

Annual Survey Report 2014 - Beachy Head to Selsey Bill – Southeast Strategic Regional Coastal Monitoring Programme <http://www.channelcoast.org>

Report on the coastal management practices at Pagham - Secretary of State for the Environment - <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/report-on-the-coastal-management-practices-at-pagham>

## REVENUE PROGRAMME 2015/16 AND BEYOND

## Detail &amp; Summary

Location	Beach Name	Planned Capital or Minor Works in near future	Main Works required within Maintenance Works Programme for 2015/16.	Risk Management Authority
Ferring	Ferring WBC Central Ferring Rife	*		Worthing BC
			Replace worn planking	Arun DC
				EA
Kingston		*	Replace worn planking & fix new planking where appropriate	Arun DC
East Preston				
Rustington				
&				
Littlehampton				
<i>River Arun</i>				Lit'n Harbour Bd
Climping		Pending outcome of Flood & Erosion Risk Management Strategy		EA
Middleton on Sea	Elmer Sands			Arun DC
&			Replace worn & missing planks to groynes and breastwork. repairs concrete seawall/steps.	
Felpham				EA
	Aldingbourne Rife			Arun DC
Bognor Regis			Minor planking works with some reprofiling. Isolated concrete repairs and shingle regrading.	
&				
Aldwick				Private
	Craigweil & Aldwick Bay			Arun DC
Pagham	East & West Front Rds		✓	
	Pagham Harbour		EA	

## Summary

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19
	[£000s]	[£000s]	[£000s]	[£000s]
Total site specific planned works [2015/16 from above : 2016/17 and beyond is assumed]	55	50	45	45
General - across the District inc. Tide Station Maintenance Stock Timber / Steelwork Public safety (debris removal etc.) Misc. & BMP Contribution Reactive Provision	25	30	35	35
TOTAL BUDGET (F30-201)	104	104	104	104
Part of Total undertaken by MST	72	72	72	72

NB The costs shown above are for Works and associated costs only. Salaries, Admin., Equipment, Capital charges, Contributions to other bodies and Central On-Costs are not shown





AGENDA ITEM NO .5 (ii)ARUN DISTRICT COUNCILOVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE - 10 March 2015

## Information Paper

Subject : Cabinet Member Update – Cllr Terry Chapman  
 Report by : Terry Chapman Report date: 12 February 2015

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The following information provides an overview to the Committee of the key issues linked to the Environmental Services portfolio.

1.0 Parks and Greenspaces

1.1 Greenspace management Contract retender underway with tender to go out in the summer. Our strategy is to combine our two present contracts, one for parks and greenspaces and one for council housing and leased properties into one.  
 New contract to run from 1 January 2017

1.2 2014 Green Flag Awards retained, and will be aiming to achieve again this year:-

- Marine Park Gardens – awarded for the last 4 years
- Hotham Park – awarded for the last 6 years
- Mewsbrook Park – awarded for the last 11 years

1.3 Local Community and Volunteer Groups. Currently Arun have 17 valued local Environmental Community Groups who work with the Greenspace team on various projects. They help improve the environment and their work leads to better social cohesion with a reduction in social isolation. Arun supplies professional and organizational support, loan of tools, saplings, plants and bulbs, support with insurance and liaison with the grounds maintenance contractor.

Some of the projects that have recently been delivered and are underway include:-

- Littlehampton Big Tree Plant, a total of 1345 trees have been planted
- WW1 Meadows to commemorate the recent anniversary continue to be created with the help of these groups. The WW1 Meadows is a 2014 – 2018 project, a total of 14 meadows will be created during this time with a total of 3500sqm

being sown. During 2015 meadows are being sown at Herington's field in Arundel, Langmeads Field in East Preston and Felpham Way.

- New community orchard in West Park, Bognor Regis to complement others already established in the District.

Each year the Environmental Community Groups from across Arun gather for an annual conference which is organized and funded by the Council to celebrate the value of their community involvement within Arun's parks and green spaces. This provides a useful forum for sharing experiences and ideas for the future and welcoming new groups and volunteers.

- 1.4 Large areas of open space from the Site 6 Development, Bersted, together with S106 contributions for their future maintenance are in the process of being transferred over to Arun District Council. The Greenspace team will be responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of these sites. The new Community Centre is owned by Arun and operated under contract by Inspire Leisure.

## 2.0 Landscapes, Arboricultural Services and Emergency Planning

### 2.1 East Bank Scheme in Littlehampton

- Major flood defence project commenced on site October 2013 which is due for completion during 2015.
- This is a Partnership project with Environment Agency. Arun has contributed £2.3 million to the scheme, with contributions of £400k from WSCC and £570k from the Coastal Communities Fund
- The promenade has been raised to improve flood protection for residents and businesses and access to the promenade has been maintained through a series of steps and ramps. The impact of the new flood wall is being minimized through planting, "seating steps", high quality materials and street furniture reflecting the coastal setting.
- The completed scheme will create strong links between the town centre and the beach and improve the resident/ visitor experience.

### 2.2 Bognor Regis Public Realm

- A pedestrian-focused high quality public realm scheme leading from the railway station to the seafront. Created and approved jointly between Town, District and County Councils. Joint Members and Officer Project Group with representation from all 3 Councils appointed designers, included stakeholder consultation, reviewed concept design and undertook public consultation in March 2013.
- Phase 1 London Road precinct completed in July 2014. Costing approx. £600k funded by Sainsbury's S106, WSCC Kickstart funds, Arun District Council and Bognor Regis Town Council.
- Bognor Regis town centre public realm improvement scheme including: new paving, lighting, street furniture. 1.65m awarded from Coastal Communities Fund to be spent before the end of 2016 to fund later phases.



- Phase 2 Station Square commenced in February. The current tired and uneven paving, with oversized trees that obscure the station building creating a haven for street drinkers will be replaced with a new design. The area will be opened up to create events/activity space with vibrant planting and strong directional links towards the town centre.
  - Phase 3 Station Road and North London Road, linking the precinct and Station Square.
  - Later phases under review and are due to follow on
- 2.3 Potential for sharing Emergency Planning Service with Chichester District Council. Discussions are underway for a 1 year trial. It is anticipated that this could start within the next couple of months if talks are successful.
- 2.4 As well as maintaining the trees on Arun District Council open spaces and housing sites; tree works are currently undertaken by our in-house three man gang for Chichester District Council, Chichester University and other Town and Parish Councils generating income.
- 2.5 Arts Project underway at Bersted Site 6. A chainsaw sculpture has been appointed to create a series of sculptures for the site. Community workshops are planned to seek ideas from the local community.
- 3.0 Coast Protection
- 3.1 Members will be aware that the Coast Protection Annual Review is on the agenda for this meeting. The substantive items within the report can be summarized as follows:
- The current situation at Pagham Beach
  - Coastal Defence Strategies – Arun to Pagham Strategy has recently undertaken re-consultation of the Climping/West Bank section
  - Coastal monitoring results on the beaches along the Arun frontage
  - Closer working arrangements with neighbouring District and Borough Council's
  - Revenue Works
- 4.0 Land Drainage
- 4.1 The Environmental Services and Community Development Working Group considered the Land Drainage Annual Report on 18 February 2015, this addressed the following topics:
- Changing roles as a result of the Flood & Water Management Act 2010 – West Sussex County Council is now the Local Lead Flood Authority (LLFA) and has a wider remit on inland flooding from ordinary watercourses – some of this work has been delegated to Arun District Council.
  - SuDS (Sustainable Drainage Systems) – The Flood and Water Management Act provided for the inclusion of SuDS in new development. With the Local Lead Flood Authority being a SuDS Approval Body (SAB) Arun District Council to act

as an agent to take this forward. Recently Defra has announced that SuDS will be delivered through the Planning system. Discussions are underway to agree how to best take this forward.

- IDBs (Internal Drainage Boards) – There are two Internal Drainage Districts in Arun, South West Sussex and River Arun. The Environment Agency currently acts as the Board to these Districts but this is no longer considered appropriate by the EA who are progressing with the dissolution of these Boards, with the responsibility reverting to the riparian owners.
- Cabinet has authorized the use of the budgets currently used to cover IDB levies to be utilized for a combination of extra staff resource and the increased maintenance works that will be required in the Arun District.
- Watercourse Management and Maintenance – Riparian responsibilities and the communication of this. The requirement for maintenance of the whole watercourse network. The scope and extent of recent, ongoing and future revenue and capital works.
- Joint Action with other Agencies – Arun has been working closely with the LLFA, Southern Water, EA, Parishes, The National Flood Forum and Flood Action Groups on a range of issues.
- Strategies, Plans and Capital Schemes – A number of plans and strategies are underway, Lidsey, Angmering, Elmer and Aldingbourne Rife.

#### 5.0 Environmental Health – info to follow

- 5.1 Promoting the ‘Eat Out Eat Well’ healthy options award scheme to catering businesses compliant with hygiene requirements. To enable and encourage consumers to make healthy choices as part of pan Sussex project, which has been funded by Wellbeing Hubs and East Sussex County Council’s Public Health Department
- 5.2 Gambling licensing policy review to be undertaken.
- 5.3 Taxi Licensing – consolidation of numerous policies for easy reference and greater transparency.
- 5.4 Local Air Quality – Update and Screening Report to be produced during 2015 to assess compliance with European Standards
- 5.5 Healthy Workplace Charter: Assessing businesses that approach us to be considered for the recently launched national scheme aimed at improving the health of working age people.
- 5.6 Introduction of a Tattoo Hygiene Rating Scheme to encourage improved infection controls in this small but growing business sector.

**OVERVIEW SELECT COMMITTEE  
WORK PROGRAMME – 2015/2016**

<b>Date of Meeting: 16 June 2015</b>			
<b>Policy/Strategy Reviews</b>			
<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Lead Officer/Member</b>	<b>Comments</b>
1	Review of Call-in Procedure	Liz Fitcher	
<b>Performance Reviews</b>			
	There are no items for this meeting.		
<b>Contractor/Partner Performance Reviews</b>			
	There are no items for this meeting		
<b>Partner Reviews</b>			
	There are no items for this meeting.		
<b>Feedback from Joint Scrutiny in West Sussex</b>			
	Report backs will be given of any relevant meetings.		
<b>Holding Cabinet to account</b>			
2	Cabinet Member Questions and Updates	All Cabinet	
3	Cabinet Member priorities and future areas for development/review – Leader of the Council and Cabinet Member of Housing	TBC	<b>Remaining report backs from 2014/15 Council year</b>
<b>Work Programme</b>			
4	To agree the work programme for 2015/16	Liz Fitcher	<b>To be reported to Full Council on 15.07.15</b>