

**EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL,
SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL AND
BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**



ORBIS JOINT COMMITTEE

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SUBJECT: INTER AUTHORITY AGREEMENT (IAA)

SUMMARY OF ISSUE:

As part of Brighton & Hove City Council joining the partnership in May 2017 an interim IAA was signed by all three partners. The plan was always to develop a full IAA to come into effect from April 2018.

The Inter Authority Agreement forms the legal basis for the Orbis partnership. The terms of the IAA are now agreed and should be noted by the Joint Committee before being sealed by BHCC, ESCC and SCC.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

It is recommended that:

The Joint Committee consider and endorse the Inter Authority Agreement, between the Councils before the document is sealed by the Councils.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

To ensure the Joint Committee is fully informed on progress developing the IAA and the content of the legal agreement for the partnership.

DETAILS:

1. The IAA provides the legal framework for the partnership and safeguards the interests and sovereignty of each Council. Proceeding without this contract increases the risk to each Council should there be any contentious issues or if one party decides they no longer wish to continue to work within the Orbis partnership.
2. A copy of the draft IAA document has been provided under item 15 in part 2 of the agenda.

CONSULTATION:

3. The IAA has been developed through close collaboration of key colleagues within BHCC, ESCC and SCC.

Legal Implications

4. The IAA is a legally binding contract upon BHCC, ESCC and SCC. The terms of the Agreement formalise the arrangements between the Councils for the Orbis partnership and provides the legal framework for its operation. The terms of the IAA have been drafted and agreed by Officers from the Councils.

Equalities and Diversity

5. The Orbis Leadership Team (OLT) is accountable for ensuring that full Equality Impacts Assessments (EIAs) are completed during the appropriate stages of integration (i.e. as part of a consultation process when restructuring)

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

6. The IAA is sealed by the Councils to make the IAA legally binding upon them.

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