

**REPORT FROM THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

*The Committee met on 4 November 2015*

**1. Scrutiny Recommendations: Update**

- 1.1 The Committee received a report providing the Executive Member responses to the scrutiny recommendations made by the Herts Welfare Assistance Scheme Topic Group and the School Repairs and Capital Projects Topic Group. The 'Monitoring of Recommendations' Topic Group has been requested to consider the action taken on the recommendations arising from these scrutinies in due course.

**2 Scrutiny Work Programme**

- 2.1 The Committee has considered its future work programme 2015-2017, noting the scrutinies recently concluded and the ones scheduled for the forthcoming period.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed that a scrutiny in relation to 'Public transport issues, specifically the impact of public use on the arrangements for disabled users and also train operations' would be included in the Committee's future work programme.

*The Committee met on 11 December 2015*

**3. Scrutiny of the Integrated Plan Proposals 2016/17 and Future Years**

- 3.1 The Committee received an overview of the integrated plan proposals for 2016/17 – 2019/20, prior to the scrutiny of them in January/February 2016.
- 3.2 Members noted the timetable for the Integrated Plan's approval; and information was received regarding service direction plans, revenue budget and funding, budgetary pressures, and inflation.

**4. Scrutiny Recommendations Update**

- 4.1 The Committee received a report providing the recommendations from the 'Ringway Topic Group and the 'Property Asset Management and Rural Estates Topic Group'
- 4.2 The Executive Member responses to the scrutiny recommendations made by the 'Traffic Regulations Topic Group' were also received. The 'Monitoring of Recommendations' Topic Group has been requested to consider the action taken

on the recommendations arising from this scrutiny in due course.

## **5. Scrutiny Work Programme**

- 5.1 The Committee considered its future work programme 2015-2017, noting the scrutinies recently concluded and the ones scheduled for the forthcoming period.
- 5.2 The Committee agreed to move forward the scrutiny for Flooding and Gully Cleaning on the work programme as it was high on the public's agenda. The Committee also agreed to an earlier scrutiny of the Herts Waste Partnership and Recycling Review due to the potential savings that were deemed significant

*The Committee met on 27 January 2016 and 3 February 2016*

## **4. Scrutiny of the Integrated Plan Proposals 2016/17 – 2017/18**

- 4.1 The Committee's scrutiny of the Integrated Plan 2016/17 - 2019/20 was conducted over two days; commencing on 27 January 2016, when it gathered its evidence via a 'scrutiny café', and concluding on 3 February 2016, when findings, conclusions and suggestions for Cabinet's consideration were agreed. Cabinet will be asked to consider the Committee's suggestions at its meeting on 22 February 2016, prior to it recommending the Integrated Plan 2016/17 - 2019/20 to County Council for approval on 23 February 2016.
- 4.2 A copy of the Committee's report to Cabinet, including its recommendations, can be viewed at  
<https://cmis.hertsdirect.org/hertfordshire/Calendarofcouncilmeetings/tabid/70/ctl/ViewMeetingPublic/mid/397/Meeting/365/Committee/6/Default.aspx>

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