

REPORT PARA	QUERY	ANSWER AVAILABLE BY 2 FEB?
CHILDREN'S SERVICES		
6.1	How likely are UASC numbers to increase during 2017/18 and what will be the impact?	OSC 2 Feb moved to 7.2.3 of its report to Cabinet
6.7	How will school expansions be achieved in light of the difficulty in obtaining suitable sized sites?	OSC 2 Feb moved to 7.5.2. of its report to Cabinet
6.8	If primary schools want to remain autonomous what can HCC do to encourage them to join a MAT?	OSC 2 Feb moved to 7.2.6 of its report to Cabinet
6.9	How will CS deal with the SEN demographic pressure?	OSC 2 Feb moved 7.2.4 of its report to Cabinet
6.10	What will be the impact and risk of restructuring and reshaping the Music Service?	OSC 2 Feb moved to 7.2.7 of its report to Cabinet
ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING & TRANSPORT		
6.2	<p>How likely is the Recycling & Energy Recovery Facility (RERF) to be granted planning permission?</p> <p>What are the financial and service implications for HCC should planning permission not be granted? This to include the amount that HCC would be contractually obliged to pay Veolia.</p>	<p>Managing the planning process for the proposed RERF is the responsibility of the Waste Planning Authority with the decision made by Members of the Development Control Committee; whilst the applicant Veolia (ES) Ltd and the Waste Disposal Authority are hopeful a positive determination will be achieved, it is not possible to predict the outcome of any planning application.</p> <p>The financial and service implications should planning permission not be achieved were set out in Section 9 pages 15 to 19 of the 4th March 2016 Community Safety & Waste Management Panel meeting (link below) that suggests</p>

6.5	What the current contingency plans if the proposed RERF does not go ahead (including what the cost implications might be)?	<p>delivery of the RERF would be in the order of £210 million cheaper, over the 30 year operational period, than the average cost of the best known alternative disposal option, at the time the contract variation was signed in July 2016. Community Safety & Waste Management Panel 4 March 2016</p> <p>The same paper also details the costs to the County Council in the event of planning failure (at Section 13 page 25), that is, a figure of c. £1.2m.</p> <p>The alternative service options, as informed by formal market engagement through the OJEU, were set out in the 4th March 2016 Community Safety & Waste Management Panel meeting (at Section 16 pages 27 to 30 and at Appendix 5). The associated cost for the cheapest of those options received was used to test the value for money of the proposed RERF and is as set out in response to the previous question.</p>
6.6	If access to the new RERF site requires the upgrading or amending of the highway who would be responsible?	<p>In the determination of the Planning Application for the ERF at Rattys Lane, should it be considered that in order for this proposal to be acceptable that works to the highway are necessary, then these will be paid for by the developer of the facility and secured either through a Section 106 Agreement with the Planning Authority or a Section 278 Agreement with the Highways Authority.</p>
6.11	What are the statutory responsibilities of Transport for London (TfL) to provide services into Hertfordshire? What is the role of HCC in monitoring this activity?	<p>TfL has a statutory duty to run services outside the Greater London area to serve the interests of London residents. If TfL propose to curtail or withdraw any of their cross-boundary services affecting Hertfordshire, they have a duty</p>

		to consult. The County Council is a key stakeholder for any consultations on services affecting Hertfordshire.
6.13	Please provide more information on the process of completing paperwork for enacting traffic regulation orders in line with the Highways Locality Budget. How long does this process take and how much paperwork is involved? Are there any schemes in place to circumvent the amount of time taken?	OSC 2 Feb moved 8.11 of its report to Cabinet
6.14	How much money is allocated to the maintenance and improvement of carriageways and footways for next financial year? This to broken to show carriageways and footways separately with capital and revenue for each. What was spent on the maintenance and improvement of carriageways and footways in the past 4 years?	Information to follow
6.15	How much money is set aside for the winter maintenance budget in the next financial year?	IP Papers p136
COMMUNITY PROTECTION & WASTE MANAGEMENT		
6.3	What is the likelihood of F&R moving to the PCC?	The PCCs office is currently working with KPMG on an initial business case to identify the benefits and disadvantages of the PPC taking over governance of HFRS; this initial business case is due for completion by the 10 th Feb 2017. It is likely that the initial business case will suggest a positive view/position in relation to the change of governance; this will result in a second more detailed business case being developed.

<p>What could the financial and service implications for CP (including TS) function be?</p>	<p>Both HCC and HFRS have cooperated fully with KPMG in the preparation of the initial business case. Given the extent to which HFRS is integrated within the service delivery model across the authority, both HCC and HFRS are of the view that the move will have limited, if any, overall benefit, however Members have been clear that if there is any possibility of improved outcomes for the people of Hertfordshire then due consideration of the case is essential.</p> <p>Any final decision will be considered by the Home Secretary should a final decision not be agreed locally.</p> <p>The financial implications extend beyond the simple consideration of just the revenue and capital budgets dedicated to the management of the FRS. A project team within HCC are currently working on identifying the financial impact/consequences whilst considering property, debt, human resources and back office requirements etc.</p> <p>This work is due to be shared with the PCCs office before 10th Feb 2017.</p> <p>Existing legislation prevents TS from also moving over to the PCC; however the joint working currently attained within Joint Protective Services (JPS) could still be achieved by following a model similar to that utilised within the CCSU, which is a joint Police/HCC team.</p>
<p>What are the implications of losing the current levels of collaboration?</p>	<p>It is likely that the initial impact on service delivery would be fairly limited in the short term following a move under the PCC; however, the medium and longer term impact on collaboration with other HCC departments could be</p>

		<p>significant.</p> <p>HFRS in partnership with HCC has significant and very positive influence around areas such as social care, health, youth engagement and community safety related objectives with HCC partners.</p> <p>It is entirely possible that a change in governance would have a negative impact on individuals and the communities of Hertfordshire, even though efforts would certainly be made to continue with existing collaboration.</p> <p>There is a risk that future collaboration would be reliant on 'relationships' rather than firm foundations and factors such as 'who pays' may become a barrier to continued, effective working.</p>
6.4	How much, in cash and percentage terms, does HCC receive from proceeds of crime money as a result of work conducted by Trading Standards?	<p>Receipts from POCA depend on a number of variables: a successful prosecution, whether there are any realisable assets, confiscation of those assets through a court process and receipt of those assets through Her Majesty's Court Service. The amount received from proceeds of crime is therefore neither fully predictable nor guaranteed, and varies from year to year.</p> <p>The payments, when received, are paid under the Home Office incentivisation scheme. Recent guidance states that spend is a matter for each agency, but incentive payments should be used to further drive up performance on asset recovery and, where appropriate, to fund local crime fighting priorities for the benefit of the community. Spend is monitored by the Home Office</p>

		<p>HCC Trading Standards (in general) receives 37% of any assets (monies) recovered – 18.75% from being the financial investigator, and 18.75% from being the Prosecutor.</p> <p>The current accrual is £319,773. With match-funded spend on additional posts to fund crime related priorities (see below), this is reduced to £170, 273. This balance is reserved to manage funding around complex organised crime cases, associated legal fees and financial investigation costs, enabling POCA investigations to continue.</p> <p>POCA has been directed at the Hertfordshire Home Security Service (HHSS, now called Herts Home Safety Service). HHSS provides services to those identified as being vulnerable and/or a repeat victim of crime. Services include security advice and fitting of items such as locks, bolts and fire proof letterboxes; fire safety checks; call blockers to protect vulnerable victims of phone scams; and falls prevention work. POCA monies are currently being used to match fund 2 posts in conjunction with the Office of the PCC: (1) for an HHSS technician to meet additional demand and carry out the aforesaid work (£22,500 p.a. over 3 years) (2) A post to lead a programme of work addressing cybercrime and scams targeting the business community (£27,333 p.a. over 3 years).</p>
RESOURCES & PERFORMANCE		
6.16	What is the income generated from digital vs. physical books/services?	<p>There is no income generated from digital or physical book loans. Providing this service free of charge is as set out in section 7 of the Public Library and Museum Act 1964. The discussion at IP Scrutiny concerned the balance of investment between digital books and physical books. We</p>

		can provide further information on this if required.
6.17	To make the most of HCC property the Committee discussed a review of property assets to create a property company that is 100% owned by the Authority. To affect this there is a query as to whether HCC has staff with the commercial skills to make robust property deals.	HCC has acknowledged that whilst Property Services and its Property Managing Agent have successfully sold and procured properties of both low and high values for a great number of years, additional skills and resources will be required to set up and manage the property company vehicle. The initial stages of the work to define the most appropriate vehicle have been assisted by external consultants, Carter Jonas and 31Ten, both specialists in such work. We are currently reviewing the structure, strengths and current workloads of the Property team with a view to ensuring the appropriate skill are available or recruited within the new financial year.
6.18	Exploring the possibilities of creating apprenticeships across the Authority including offering to existing employees. HCC should foster closer working with other organisations e.g. district councils, charities, University of Hertfordshire.	It is estimated that the total levy liability for public sector bodies across the County is £20m. To foster greater working relationships HCC has created the Hertfordshire Apprenticeship Alliance (HAA). The Alliance brings together these bodies, along with the Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) and learning providers. HAA's aim is to work together to maximise the opportunity that the apprentice levy brings by addressing key skill gaps and developing the workforce.