

**REPORT FROM THE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

*The Committee met on 19 April 2018 at 10.00 a.m.*

**1. Integrated Plan (IP) 2018/19 – 2021/22 Recommendations for the Work Programme**

- 1.1 The Committee received a report providing a number of proposed scrutiny activities identified by the Scrutiny of the Integrated Plan 2017/18 – 2021/22 evidence gathering groups.
- 1.2 The Committee agreed to the proposed scrutiny activities and requested these be added to the work programme, details can be found here [OSC Minutes](#)

**2. Scrutiny of the Integrated Plan 2018/19 – 2021/22: Feedback**

- 2.1 The Committee received a summary of the feedback on its scrutiny of the Integrated Plan 2018/19 – 2021/22.
- 2.2 The Committee noted the positive feedback summarised in the report particularly:
  - the strong member interest and engagement
  - the Director of Resources ‘scene setting’ at the December meeting and the update on day one of the IP scrutiny.
- 2.3 Members supported the suggestions to address the negative comments in relation to the IP Scrutiny as detailed in 2.3 of the report. These are summarised below:
  - A template statement for IP Chairmen to refer to when opening the evidence gathering sessions
  - IP Chairmen and Graduate Management Trainees to attend the Chairman’s briefing prior to day 2 to discuss the draft report
  - Ensuring the constituent elements of the IP process are understood i.e. the purpose of the discussion on the IP at Cabinet Panels and at the IP scrutiny; this should include a note and timeline for officers clarifying what happens and when
  - Add data interrogation to finance seminar
  - Chairman’s training to be undertaken early 2019.
- 2.4 Members of the Committee stated they were impressed with the way the IP process had been handled. The Chairman praised officers on the detailed organisation of the IP Scrutiny. He also applauded the communication with

Members which he thought was exceptional. Members also agreed the Graduate Trainees input was excellent.

### **3. The Risk Manager response to the Identified Risks from the Integrated Plan (IP) Process**

3.1 The Committee received a report in relation to the risks identified from the scrutiny of the Integrated Plan 2018/19 - 2021/22 and the responses from the Risk Manager.

3.2 The Risk Manager had considered each risk identified by Members and provided a response to each entry.

### **4. Adult Care Services – 15 Year Plan – Chief Officer update**

4.1 The Committee received an update from the Director of Adult Care Services (ACS) on the Service's 15 Year Plan. The 15 year direction document set out the strategic ambition for adult social care in Hertfordshire; the presentation covered:-

- an overview of the 15 Year Adult Care Service Plan
- how it would inform service provision and development
- how it would fit in with the Integrated Plan programme
- how partners and other key stakeholders would be involved.

### **5. Scrutiny Recommendations Update**

5.1 The Committee received a report providing the recommendations from the Child Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Transformation Plan Topic Group and Resilience -Hertfordshire County Council's Business Continuity Plan Topic Group.

5.2 Members noted that the Executive Member responses to the Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adult Health Board Topic Group, Community Protection Safe & Well Topic Group and Resilience - Hertfordshire County Council's Business Continuity Topic Group had been received. These would be considered by the Committee's Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee in due course.

### **6. Scrutiny Work Programme 2018 – 2019**

6.1 The Committee considered its work programme 2018 – 2019, attached as Appendix 1 to the report, and those scrutinies scheduled for the forthcoming period.

6.2 The draft scoping documents for the Local Enterprise Partnership Topic Group and Free School Meals Topic Group attached as Appendix 2(a) and 2(b) to the report were also received and no further amendments were made by Members.

6.3 The Committee agreed its work programme for 2018/19 (full details of the changes and updates to the work programme are set out in the [Minutes here](#)).

The Committee met on 19 June 2018 at 10.00a.m.

## **7. Induction to Overview & Scrutiny**

- 7.1 The Committee was provided with an overview of scrutiny and how it was undertaken at the County Council.
- 7.2 Following a discussion in relation to the first line of the Scrutiny Handbook Members agreed to delete the word 'best' from the sentence so it read 'The purpose of scrutiny is to ensure that decision-making in local government is efficient, transparent and accountable and that the decisions are taken in the interests of the residents of Hertfordshire'.

## **8. Scrutiny Recommendations Update**

- 8.1 The Committee received a report providing the recommendations from the Local Enterprise Partnership Topic Group. Following an observation from a Member, the Head of Scrutiny advised the Committee that witnesses were invited to cover all relevant aspects of the subject to be scrutinised by each topic group; they were not always able to attend and the Committee had no mandate to force external witnesses to attend.
- 8.2 Members noted that the Executive Member responses to the Crime and Disorder 2018; Domestic Abuse Topic Group and the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Transformation Plan Topic Group had been received. These would be considered by the Committee's Impact of Scrutiny Sub-Committee in due course.
- 8.3 Members noted the Impact of Scrutiny (OSC) Sub-Committee (ISSC) met on 25 April 2018 and the Minutes of the meeting were received by the Committee. The ISSC 'recommendation tracker' summarising the status of Topic Group recommendations considered by ISSC in 2018/19, was also noted.

## **9. Scrutiny Work Programme**

- 9.1 The Committee has agreed its work programme for 2018/19 (full details of the changes and updates to the work programme are set out in the [Minutes here](#)).

**David Andrews**  
**Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee**  
**July 2018**