#### HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY, 20 APRIL 2016 AT 10.00A.M.



# SCRUTINY OF THE INTEGRATED PLAN PROPOSALS 2016/17 – 2019/20: FEEDBACK

## Report of the Head of Scrutiny

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# 1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with feedback on its scrutiny of the Integrated Plan Proposals (IPP) 2016/17 2019/20
- 1.2 To enable the Committee to agree improvements to its scrutiny of the IPP 2016/17 2019/20.
- 1.3 To provide an update on the Executive Members' response to the Committee's suggestions arising from its scrutiny of the Integrated Plan Proposals 2016/17 2019/20.
- 1.4 To enable the Committee to consider how the implementation of its suggestions to Cabinet regarding the IPP should be reviewed.
- 1.5 To provide the Committee with the responses received to its requests for additional information arising from its scrutiny of the IPP 2016/17 2019/20.
- 1.6 To enable the Committee to consider whether to include the proposed scrutinies into its future work programme.

## 2. Summary

#### Feedback Forms

2.1 Approximately 17 feedback forms were returned following the Committee's scrutiny of the IPP 2016/17 – 2019/20. Most of those returning forms stated that they wanted the process of scrutinising the Council's IPP to continue in the same format as this year i.e. over 3 days (pre-scrutiny briefing; scrutiny café; and formulation of conclusions and suggestions to Cabinet).

- 2.2 The feedback, including suggestions for improvement for the scrutiny of the IPP 2017/18, can be summarised as follows:-
  - The consideration of one portfolio worked well
  - The longer pre-event enabled groups to agree lines of questioning.
  - The timetable and timings worked well
  - The process was smooth and embedded.
  - Room allocation worked well.
  - There was a preference for one set of IP papers
  - Written guidance for lead members to be provided
  - Cross cutting themes were more difficult to identify
  - Portfolios with multiple strands e.g. Education, Skills & Enterprise and Public Health, Localism & Libraries merits further consideration
- 2.3 The Committee is asked to identify which of the points raised in paragraph 2.2 above it wishes officers to take forward for the scrutiny of the IP in 2017/18.

# Executive Members' Response To Suggestions

2.4 The Executive Members' response to the Committee's suggestions to Cabinet following its scrutiny of the IPP will be provided in full at the next meeting of the Committee on 15 June 2016.

## Information Requests

2.6 The responses to the requests for information made by the Committee arising from its IP scrutiny received so far have been circulated to Members by email and an update is attached as Appendix 1, 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c) to this report.

# Proposed Future Scrutinies

2.7 The future scrutinies proposed as a result of the IPP scrutiny are attached as Appendix 2 to this report, for the Committee's consideration.

## 3. Recommendations

- 1. That the feedback to the Committee's scrutiny of the IPP 2016/17 2019/20 be noted.
- 2. That the suggestions for improvement to the Committee's scrutiny of the IPP 2017/18, as detailed in 2,2 above, be agreed. (*To be identified by the Committee*)
- 3. That the responses to the information requests made by the Committee as a result of its scrutiny of the IPP 2016/17 2019/20 and circulated by email to Members, attached as Appendix 1, 1(a), 1(b) and 1(c) to the report, be noted.
- 4. That the scrutinies, proposed as a result of the IPP Scrutiny, attached as Appendix 2, be included in the Committees future work programme (*To be agreed by the Committee.*)

# 4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## Background Information

 Reports to and minutes of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee meeting 27 January & 3 February 2016