

Minutes



To: All Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Chief Executive, Chief Officers, All officers named for 'actions'

From: Legal, Democratic & Statutory Services
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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE THURSDAY, 10 NOVEMBER 2016

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

R Beeching (substitute for T W Hone), M Cowan (Chairman), H K Crofton, D J Hewitt (substitute for T Hutchings), A Joynes (Vice-Chairman), D E Lloyd, G McAndrew, L F Reeve (substitute for J Billing), D T F Scudder

*PARENT GOVERNOR / CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES (VOTING)

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**denotes members appointed for education scrutiny matters only*

PART I ('OPEN') BUSINESS

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on Friday, 2 September 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

D E Lloyd declared a personal interest, as recorded at minute 2.2.

1. SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS: UPDATE

[Officer contact: Natalie Rotherham, Scrutiny Officer (01992 555300)]

- 1.1 The Committee received a report providing the recommendations from the 'Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board'.
- 1.2 Members noted that the Executive Member response to the 'Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board Topic Group' (HSAB) and 'The Children in Care Council Placement Stability Topic Group' (CHICC) had been received.
- 1.3 It was noted that the Executive Member response to the 'HSAB Topic Group' would be presented to the Monitoring of Recommendations Topic Group and 'The CHICC' Executive Member response would be presented to the November meeting of the Monitoring of Recommendations Topic Group. Members were informed that a young care leaver would attend the November meeting as well as officers to give their perspective.
- 1.4 The Chairman raised an observation concerning the title of the Monitoring of Recommendations Topic Group. He thought that the Topic Group had such an important role and asked for Member views as to whether it should be renamed to reflect its importance. Members agreed with the Chairman and a suggestion was to rename it and to include the word 'Committee' in the title. The Committee agreed for officers to liaise with the Chief Legal Officer and report back to a future meeting. The Chairman and Vice Chairmen will discuss further and report back to the committee.

Conclusion

- 1.5
 - 1. The Committee noted the HSAB scrutiny recommendations set out in Appendix 1 to the report and that it would be presented to the November meeting of the Monitoring of Recommendations.
 - 2. The Committee noted the Executive Member response to scrutiny recommendations for the HSAB and CHICC Topic Group as set out in Appendix 2(a) and 2(b) to the report, and agreed that the Monitoring of Recommendations Topic Group be requested to consider action taken on these in due course.
 - 3. For officers to liaise with the Chief Legal Officer on renaming the Monitoring of Recommendations Topic Group title.

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2. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016 – 2017

[Officer contact: Natalie Rotherham, Scrutiny Officer (01992 588485)]

- 2.1 The Chairman reminded the Committee of the importance to declare an interest on items that they had a personal or pecuniary interest in.
- 2.2 David Lloyd declared a personal interest as he was the Police & Crime Commissioner and he had an interest in the Crime and Disorder items on the work programme.
- 2.3 The Committee considered its work programme 2016 – 2017 noting those scrutinies recently concluded and those scheduled for the forthcoming period.
- 2.4 The Committee were reminded that participants for the Disability Support for Bus Users Topic Group and the Library Services Review Topic Group were still required.
- 2.5 Members heard that all Group Leaders had agreed for the work programme to be 'rolled over' to the next term of office in May 2017. Although the Committee raised concerns in relation to the work programme items not being the same issues of newly elected Members, it understood that this process was the usual convention. The Committee agreed to support this with the proviso that at the first meeting of the OSC that followed the elections in May 2017, that the new Committee considered the work programme to ensure it still reflected the Committee's focus. It was noted that some items such as the IPP Budget Scrutiny, Crime and Disorder, HSAB and HSCB Topic Groups would remain on the work programme as it was a legal requirement for them to be scrutinised annually.
- 2.6 The Chairman asked if the Committee would be interested to have officer presentations at the end of meetings. This would help inform members, especially in the new council, about the business of the Authority. It would also provide an insight to areas the Committee might wish to scrutinise in the future. This could help inform Members about pressures facing a directorate. The Committee in principle agreed the idea and that discussions between the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen should take place and be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.
- 2.7 The Committee agreed to amend the work programme so that the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) would now be owned by the Health Scrutiny Committee, although participation from Members of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee would be welcomed.

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2.8 The Committee noted the seminars on the work programme had been postponed until after the May Elections unless anything urgent was raised.

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2.9 The draft scoping document for the Library Service Review Topic Group, attached as Appendix 2 to the report was also received.

Conclusions

2.10 1. The work programme considered at this meeting reflected the decisions made by the Committee at its last meeting.

2. That the work programme to be rolled over to the next term of office, with the proviso that the new Council considered the work programme to see if it still reflected the Committee's focus.

3. The Committee agreed that discussions between the Chairman and Vice-Chairmen should take place in relation to reinstating officer presentations and be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee

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4. The Committee agreed to amend the work programme so that the Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) would now be owned by the Health Scrutiny Committee.

5. The Committee noted the seminars on the work programme had been postponed until after the May Elections unless anything urgent was raised:

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6. The Committee noted the draft scoping document for the Library Services Review Topic Group, attached as Appendix 2 to the report

7. No scrutinies were suggested for inclusion on the work programme

8. No scrutinies were deleted from the work programme

3 INTEGRATED PLAN PROPOSALS (IPP): DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES PROPOSED BRIEFING FOR THE OSC MEETING ON 20 DECEMBER 2016.

[Officer contact: Natalie Rotherham, Scrutiny Officer (01992 555300)]

3.1 The Committee received a report outlining the proposed brief for the Director of Resources presentation to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee on 20 December 2016.

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3.2 The Committee agreed to ask the Director of Resources to cover the following in his presentation:

- Clarify the expected Hertfordshire County Council Settlement from central government
- The impact of any changes to the funding formula and its implementation
- Identify any other funding streams pertinent to determining the IPP
- Relevance of the budget gap in guidance to departments (i.e. graph of doom trajectory)
- What trends are affecting the development of the IP 2017/18 and beyond

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3.3 For the Director of Resources in his presentation to the Committee in December on the IPP to include the following:

1. Clarify the expected Hertfordshire County Council Settlement from central government
2. The impact of any changes to the funding formula and its implementation
3. Identify any other funding streams pertinent to determining the IPP
4. The relevance of the budget gap in guidance to departments (i.e. graph of doom trajectory)
5. What trends are affecting the development of the IP 2017/18 and beyond

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4. OTHER PART I BUSINESS

4.1 There was no other business.

REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL

A summary of all items will be reported to the County Council at its meeting on 21 March 2017.

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CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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