

Minutes



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

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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FRIDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER 2016

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

J Billing, M Cowan (Vice-Chairman), H K Crofton, T W Hone (Chairman), T Hutchings, A Joynes (Vice-Chairman), D E Lloyd, G McAndrew, M Muir (substitute for C Clapper), 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 Wednesday, 15 June 2016 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

ACTION

1. SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS: UPDATE

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

- 1.1 The Committee received a report providing the recommendations from the 'Children in Care Council Scrutiny'.
- 1.2 Members noted that the Executive Member response to the 'Herts Care Quality Standards Topic Group' had been received.
- 1.3 It was noted that the Executive Member response to the 'Herts Care Quality Standards Topic Group' would be presented to the November meeting of the Monitoring of Recommendations Topic Group.

Natalie Rotherham / Michelle Diprose to action

Conclusion

- 1.4
 - 1. The Committee noted the Children in Care Council 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 Herts Care Quality Standards Topic Group as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, and agreed that the Monitoring of Recommendations Topic Group be requested to consider action taken on these in due course.

Natalie Rotherham / Fiona Corcoran to note all

2. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016 – 2017

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

- 2.1 The Committee considered its work programme 2016 – 2017 noting those scrutinies recently concluded and those scheduled for the forthcoming period.
- 2.2 The Committee agreed to amend the work programme as follows:
 - a) To amend the 'Herts Waste Partnership Topic Group' objective to 'To understand and test the current service delivery model for waste management in Hertfordshire in the context of current and future challenges'
 - b) To amend the 'Public Health Topic Group' objective to 'To examine how effective the Public Health Department within Hertfordshire County Council is despite funding cuts to the department's budget 2015/16 and onwards'

Natalie Rotherham Charles Lambert/ Michelle Diprose to note / action all

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- c) To add 'Hertfordshire Safeguarding Adults Board 2017' (yearly topic group) to the work programme
- d) Corporate Parenting Seminar and Members Information Service Seminar would be carried out after 2017 Elections

The Committee agreed to remove from its work programme:

- a) 'Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service to include a review of what savings have been made to date and what further savings can be achieved'

2.3 The draft scoping documents for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services; Children Looked After; Crime and Disorder (Scamming) Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board; and Public Health, attached as Appendix 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2(d) and 2(f) to the report were also received.

2.4 The Committee were asked to discuss suggestions on how best to approach training for new members in relation to Corporate Parenting. Suggestion received were as follows:

- Put in place on-going training in relation to Corporate Parenting and Safeguarding and explore whether there is scope to invite district and borough Councils to the training as necessary
- Focus on basics and involve other service areas that carry out the work with vulnerable children and young people such as the Youth Offending Teams

Suggestions would be fed back to the Member Development Group.

Conclusions

- 2.5 1. The work programme considered at this meeting reflected the decisions made by the Committee at its last meeting.
- 2. The Committee agreed its work programme, amended as follows:-
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The Committee agreed to remove from its work programme:

- a) 'Hertfordshire Fire & Rescue Service to include a review of what savings have been made to date and what further savings can be achieved'
3. The Committee noted the draft scoping document for the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services Topic Group; Children Looked After Topic Group; Crime and Disorder (Scamming) Topic Group; Hertfordshire Safeguarding Children Board Topic Group; Hertfordshire Waste Partnership & Recycling Review and Public Health Topic Group as attached as Appendices 2(a), 2(b), 2(c), 2 (d), 2 (e) and 2(f) to the report.

3 SCRUTINY OF THE INTEGRATED PLAN PROPOSALS 2017/18 AND FUTURE YEARS

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

- 3.1 The Committee received a report outlining the format of the Committee's scrutiny of the Integrated Plan (IP) Proposals 2017/18 and future years, seeking the approval of the single pack approach, as attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to the report.
- 3.2 Members were reminded that the Director of Resources and the Executive Member for Resources and Performance would be attending the OSC meeting in December and for Members to decide on relevant questions they may wish to ask in relation to the IPP.
- 3.3 Members received a summary of the Chairman and Graduate Trainees responsibilities, attached as Appendices 3 and 4 to the report and also a sample pro-forma for the collation of information as attached as Appendix 5 to the report.
- 3.4 Members were reminded that the findings from the IPP scrutiny groups would be collated into a **DRAFT** report and this would be circulated to the Committee by close of play on Friday, 27 January 2017. Suggestions to Cabinet would be discussed at the meeting of the OSC on 2 February 2017.
- 3.5 Members agreed they wanted to see further benchmarking information available in order to inform the IPP scrutiny groups and

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also agreed that information requests should relate to finance information that would contribute to the IPP only.

- 3.6 The Committee concluded that the updated process was more structured and other Members of the County Council should be urged to participate.

Conclusion

- 3.7 The Committee:

- 1 Approved the proposal for its scrutiny of the Integrated Plan 2017/18 and future years as detailed in the report
- 2 Agreed to the single IP Pack approach attached as Appendix 1 and 2 to the report.

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 15 November 2016.

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**KATHRYN PETTITT,
CHIEF LEGAL OFFICER**

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