

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

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THURSDAY, 26 JANUARY 2017 AT 9.30AM *and*
THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2017 AT 10.00AM

SCRUTINY OF THE INTEGRATED PLAN 2017/18 - 2019/20
(INCORPORATING THE STRATEGIC DIRECTION AND FINANCIAL
CONSEQUENCES AND THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY)

Report of the Head of Scrutiny

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To provide Members with the format for the Committee's scrutiny of the Integrated Plan (IPP) 2017/18 – 2019/20.

2. Summary and Background

- 2.1 As agreed by the Committee in April 2016, the Committee will adopt the same process as was undertaken for its previous scrutiny of the IP in 2016/17.

2.2 Thursday 26 January 2017

- 2.2.1 The Committee meeting will start at 9.30am in the Council Chamber. Prior to that the member groups will meet at 8.45 a.m. to discuss questions, the information required from portfolio holders and to agree their approach to the evidence gathering in advance of the formal meeting. At the Committee Members will receive an introduction to the scrutiny from the Chairman; a summary of the format of the Committee's scrutiny by the Scrutiny Officer and an oral report from the Director of Resources, who will provide the Committee with the context within which the integrated plan proposals have been prepared. The Committee will then adjourn to gather its evidence. Each Member Group will focus on a specific portfolio area; four portfolios will be scrutinised in the morning and four in the afternoon.

- 2.2.2 Each Member Group will have a graduate trainee and a chairman who will ensure that the Group covers its questions thoroughly in the time allocated. Key questions are set out at Appendix 2 to the report. As in previous IP scrutinies the questions are a guide for Members who are not precluded from asking other questions.

2.2.3 The eight Member evidence groups will look at Executive Member portfolios:-

Morning session

- Community Safety & Waste Management
- Enterprise, Education & Skills
- Highways
- Resources & Performance

Afternoon session

- Adult Care & Health
- Children's Services
- Environment, Planning & Transport
- Public Health, Localism & Libraries

2.2.4 Each of the portfolios will be supported by the relevant Executive Member, a chief/senior service officer and a senior finance officer.

2.2.5 At the end of the evidence gathering process the session will close and the Committee will reconvene at 10.00am on Thursday, 2 February 2017.

2.2.6 During the intervening period the Scrutiny Officer and the Democratic Services Officer will meet with the graduate trainees; they will prepare a draft report for the Committee to consider when it reconvenes on 2 February 2017. The draft report will be circulated to Members of the Committee on 27 January 2017 by email. Hard copies of the report will also be available to members on Friday 27 January 2017 and at the meeting on 2 February.

2.3 Thursday, 2 February 2017

2.3.1 The Committee will reconvene at 10.00am on Thursday, 2 February 2017 in the Council Chamber. Members will be asked to agree their suggestions to Cabinet.

2.3.2 Scrutinies proposed as a result of the IP scrutiny will be considered by the Committee at its meeting on 28 March 2017.

2.3.3 Requests for further information will be limited to the IP and will be confirmed by the Committee at its meeting on 2 February 2017. The information requests will be issued to officers for a response prior to the County Council 21 February.

3. Suggestions to Cabinet

- 3.1 The Committee's suggestions will then be reported to Cabinet for consideration at its meeting on 20 February 2017. Cabinet will make suggestions to the Council on 21 February 2017 when the Council's Integrated Plan 2017/18 – 2019/20 will be agreed.

4. Supporting Appendices

- 4.1 Appendices attached to this report are as follows:-

- Appendix 1 Programme for 26 January and 2 February 2017
- Appendix 2 Themes & Questions
- Appendix 3 Allocation to Member Groups, Group Leads, Facilitators, Room Allocation
- Appendix 4 Benchmarking Briefing Note

Background Information

Agenda, reports and minutes, Overview & Scrutiny Committee, April 2016, June 2016, October 2016 and December 2016.

