HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE TUESDAY, 28 MARCH 2017 AT 10.00A.M.



SCRUTINY OF THE INTEGRATED PLAN 2017/18 - 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 (IP) 2017/18 2019/20.
- 1.2 To enable the Committee to consider whether to include the proposed scrutinies on its future work programme.

2. Summary

Feedback Forms

- 2.1 Feedback forms were returned following the Committee's scrutiny of the IP 2017/18 2019/20. Most of those returning forms stated that they wanted the process of scrutinising the Council's IP to continue in the same format as this year i.e. over 3 days (pre-scrutiny briefing; evidence gathering; and formulation of suggestions to Cabinet).
- 2.2 The feedback, including suggestions for improvement for the scrutiny of the IP 2017/18, can be summarised as follows:-
 - The timetable and timings worked well
 - The process was smooth and embedded.
 - Room allocation worked well (room size may be an issue for groups with larger numbers of officers attending).
 - One set of IP papers was welcomed even slimmer would be beneficial
 - Written guidance for IP Group chairmen welcomed
 - Cross cutting themes were more difficult to identify; however, members were able to focus and a single service and drill into the issues

- A need to re-think reconvened session structure
- A need to consider the drafting of the report prior to the meeting of the reconvened committee
- 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 2018/19.

2.4 Information Requests

The High Impact Gangs Information Request has been distributed to all members and is attached to this report as Appendix 1

2.5 Proposed Future Scrutinies

The future scrutinies proposed as a result of the IP 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 IP 2017/18 2019/20 be noted.
- 2. That the suggestions for improvement to the Committee's scrutiny of the IP 2018/19, as detailed in 2.2 above, be agreed. (To be identified by the Committee)
- 3. That the scrutinies, proposed as a result of the IP Scrutiny, attached as Appendix 2, be included in the Committee's 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 26 January & 2 February 2017