

CABINET RESPONSE TO COUNCIL OVERVIEW BOARD

**SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL AND EAST SUSSEX COUNTY COUNCIL JOINT
SCRUTINY OF THE ORBIS PROGRAMME**

(considered by Council Overview Board on 5 October 2015)

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

1. Most importantly, the Boards supported the Business Plan in principle and wished all concerned in its implementation the best of luck in surmounting the challenges ahead.
2. However, there was general agreement that the plan could have been improved by the inclusion of more specific proposals to achieve the benefits, financial and otherwise, that were outlined. The Boards look forward to more detailed measures being specified in the near future, especially in the area of costs vis-a-vis benefits. At their next meeting in the New Year, the Boards will be paying particular attention to:
 - Details of the efficiencies and tangible benefits proposed
 - The procurement and cost of a common Business Support Platform and its effect on the Orbis Business Case
 - Property, productivity measures and pay harmonisation pressures
 - Case studies from other authorities
 - Evidence that cost-shunting was not occurring when extensive delegation to service managers occurs
3. It was recognised that, the achievement of the plan's ambitions would require firm, sustained Member support.
4. The Boards urged that the health community, especially the Clinical Commissioning Groups, should be involved as soon as practicable.
5. Individual achievements arising out of the Orbis programme should be highlighted as soon as they occurred.

RESPONSE:

I would like to thank all Members for your support together with your commitment to participate in the joint scrutiny session.

The challenges raised by the joint scrutiny committee have been noted. As agreed, a further joint scrutiny session will be arranged in the New Year to provide a further update on Orbis development.

A separate business case will be required for the Business Solutions Platform which will detail the required investment and outline benefits specific to that project.

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