



## Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee

**12 JULY 2017**

### **SELECT COMMITTEE PROPOSED FORWARD PLANS**

**Purpose of report:** Scrutiny of Services and Budgets, Performance Management and Policy Development and Review

#### **Introduction:**

1. Under the new scrutiny arrangements agreed by Council at the Annual General Meeting of 23 May 2017, the Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee has been given the role of coordinating the scrutiny function and agreeing individual Select Committee forward plans.
2. Further to agreeing the topics outlined in Select Committees' forward plan proposals the Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee will review the methods considered for scrutiny, the potential for collaboration with other Select Committees and the resource requirements of each topic.

#### **Select Committee Proposals:**

3. Throughout June 2017 each of the Select Committees has held at least one induction session with Cabinet Members and Senior Officers in attendance. These sessions have helped to capture service priorities and challenges and shape Select Committee thinking on the areas for scrutiny in 2017/18. The current proposals of the Select Committees are attached to this document as Annexe 1.
4. The Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee recognises that Select Committees will, at times, need to respond quickly to emerging issues and therefore they will not always be in a position to wait for the next meeting of this Committee to have the item agreed.
5. To facilitate an agile scrutiny function, Select Committees will be able to notify the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee of the need to add an item to its forward plan at short notice as per the Constitution. Similarly, the 'Councillor Call for Action' provision is available to Members.

#### **Recommendations:**

- a) That the Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee reviews each Select Committee's proposed forward plan in the light of the Council's Corporate Strategy, Cabinet Forward Plan and Medium Term Financial Plan, to ensure that Select Committees are targeting issues of strategic and financial importance and that their work adds value for Surrey

residents.

- b) That, following this review, the Committee agrees forward work programmes for each of the Select Committees.

<b>Next steps:</b>
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- Select Committee forward plans to be reviewed at each Overview and Budget Scrutiny Committee meeting.

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**Sources/background papers:** Council Agenda, Surrey County Council, 23 May 2017, available at: <https://members.surreycc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=121&MIId=5097>