

RESOURCES AND PERFORMANCE SELECT COMMITTEE

17 September 2021

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE BUDGET TASK GROUP**

Purpose of report: to advise the Committee of the new membership of the Budget Task Group

Introduction:

1. The in-year scrutiny of the Council's budget has been handled via a task group under the auspices of the Resources & Performance Select Committee since the new scrutiny model was adopted in 2019.
2. It makes sense for the scrutiny of the Council's in-year budget to be pooled amongst the four Select Committees to ensure effective oversight of all the Council's Directorate budgets.

Changes to Membership

3. At its meeting of 22 July 2021, the Select Committee Chairmen & Vice-Chairmen's Group considered a proposal to change the membership of the budget task group.
4. The proposal was for representatives of the three other Select Committees to join the budget task group to ensure robust routine scrutiny of the service budgets outside the Resources & Performance Select Committee's remit.
5. This change to membership would also benefit the other Select Committees scrutiny of the draft budget in December each year by increasing their oversight of the Council's in-year budget performance.
6. Following a discussion, the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen agreed that each Select Committee would provide 2 Members, plus the Chairman of the Resources & Performance Select Committee, to the group totalling 9 Members.
7. Membership:
 - Adults & Health: Buddhi Weerasinghe, TBC
 - Children, Families, Lifelong Learning & Culture: Liz Bowes, Ayesha Azad

- Communities, Environment & Highways: John O'Reilly, Lance Spencer
- Resources & Performance: Nick Darby (c), Will Forster, Rebecca Paul

Next steps:

The first meeting of the task group with its new membership is set for 15 September 2021.

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Sources/background papers

Article 7, Surrey County Council Constitution