

Schedule of General Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommendations made and action in response

Meeting	item	Recommendations	Action	Status
10 June 15	Executive Response – Review of lease restructuring with Hereford United	RESOLVED: That (a) the Executive's responses be noted;		Completed
	Executive Response – Balfour Beatty Living Places – Public Realm Services	RESOLVED: That (a) the Executive's responses be noted; and (b) a briefing note on progress with the responses to the task and finish group report on Balfour Beatty Living Places - Public Realm Services be provided within six months.	Briefing note on customer contact statistics issued 8 September 2015. Briefing note on highway maintenance plan issued September 2016. A further update on the Public Realm actions potentially required	Completed ongoing
	Task and Finish Group Report – Development Management Planning	RESOLVED: That (a) Subject to the amendments to recommendations 1, 12 and 18 above, the report of the task and finish group on Development Management (Planning) be agreed for submission to the Executive; and (b) The Executive's response to the review be reported to the first available meeting of the committee after the Executive has approved its response.	Submitted to executive Reported to Committee 21 July 2015. Update issued via briefing note on 18 December 2015.	

			Further update to be issued for 26 July 2016.	Completed
	Work Programme	<p>RESOLVED: That</p> <p>(a) the draft work programme, as amended, be noted;</p> <p>(b) a task and finish group on the smallholdings estate be established to undertake the work outlined in the draft scoping statement; and</p> <p>(c) scrutiny activity on football provision be considered at a future meeting.</p>	<p>Group established and work completed.</p> <p>Report scheduled for November 2016</p>	<p>Completed</p> <p>ongoing</p>
21 July 2015	Executive Response to Committee Recommendations on School Examination Performance	<p>RESOLVED: That</p> <p>(a) the Executive response be noted; and</p> <p>(b) a briefing note be prepared on the Herefordshire Food Strategy and its linkages to schools.</p>	Briefing note issued 18 December 2015	Completed
	Executive Response to the Task and Finish Group Report on Development Management (Planning)	<p>RESOLVED: That</p> <p>(a) the draft Executive response be noted; and</p> <p>(b) a briefing note on progress with the response be provided within six months.</p>	Update issued 18 December 2015	Completed

30 September 2015	The Development of a Schools Capital Investment Strategy	<p>RESOLVED: That it be recommended to the executive that the Schools capital investment strategy principles:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. include reference to the need to be responsive to anticipated growth and reductions in communities, including the key role of local schools in the sustainability of growth villages in Core Strategy policies RA1 and RA2; 2. (within principle 8) take school journey distance, mode and time into account, not only in terms of environmental and transportation impacts but also the effect of journey times on pupils, with schools encouraged to keep school travel plans up-to-date; 3. recognise what schools can and should offer, outside school hours, to local communities – such as libraries, information hubs, meeting venues, open space etc.; 4. provide assurance that the authority would provide backing and support for academies to make bids for central funding to improve infrastructure; 5. include consideration of county boundary transitions, including dialogue with adjoining authorities to ensure that provision was not considered in isolation; 6. clarify how the authority would assure itself that ‘There would be an appropriate number of 	<p>Incorporated into strategy and being taken forward in its implementation on a local area basis.</p> <p>Briefing note issued 18 December giving further information on school places and travel plans.</p>	Completed

		<p>faith places' (principle 3); and</p> <p>7. revise principle 11 e. to 'Participatory budgeting as a means of enabling local communities to assist in supporting a local school'.</p>		
	Work Programme	A briefing note be prepared on digital issues.	Issued September 2016.	Completed
27 October 2015	Task and Finish Group Report – Smallholdings Estate (County Farms)	<p>RESOLVED: That</p> <p>(a) That the report and recommendations of the task and finish group: smallholdings estate (county farms) be agreed for submission to the executive subject to:</p> <p>i. the removal of Councillor Harvey's name from the group's composition (page 3 of the report);</p> <p>ii. the deletion of option b) from recommendation 1 (page 13); and</p> <p>iii. the removal of the words 'on the remaining estate should be let' from recommendation 5 (page 14).</p> <p>(b) The executive's response to the review be reported to the first available meeting of the committee after the executive has approved its response.</p>	<p>Submitted to the Executive</p> <p>Briefing note including response issued 18 December 2015</p>	Completed
17 November	Budget and medium Term Financial Strategy	RESOLVED: That it be recommended to Cabinet that consideration be given to the merits of a rise	Council did levy an additional 2% precept at	Completed

2015	– Draft prior to Funding Announcement	in council tax of more than the 1.9% cap, with consideration given to the best mechanism for advancing this should Council agree to this measure reflecting the wishes of the significant response to the priorities and budget consultation, particularly in relation to retention of specific non-statutory services.	in respect of adult social care in response to a Government initiative.	
19 January 2016 (am)	Update on home to School Transport Provision	Resolved That: A) The relevant officers work to produce a briefing note on home to school transport to present to the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee for July 2016 B) The item be returned to the scrutiny committee for another annual review in January 2017 C) It be investigated what other scrutiny activity would be of benefit regarding home to school transport	Briefing note issued July 2016. Listed in Work programme. To be reviewed in January 2017.	Completed Completed ongoing
	Local Transport Plan	Resolved that: The following recommendations be put to cabinet regarding the Local Transport Plan: A) A recommendation be made that the Local Transport Plan (LTP) be subject to a review every five years in accordance with Department for Transport guidance B) LTP4 Vision to be amended to include the objective “and reduce congestion and increase accessibility by less polluting and healthier forms of transport than the private car.”	Reported To Cabinet. Confirmed at Council on 20 May that recommendations would be reflected in Plan.	Completed

19 January 2016 (pm)	Herefordshire Community Safety Partnership Strategy and Related Performance	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>a) it be recommend that an all member briefing be arranged on the CSP and related matters including the office and Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Constable, the Superintendent of Herefordshire and other CSP partners.</p> <p>b) that the chair and vice chair investigate what areas of the CSP it may be of benefit to conduct further scrutiny work.</p>	Seminar scheduled for 21 November 2016	Ongoing
8 March 2016	School Examination Performance	<p>Resolved that:</p> <p>a) The committee makes recommendations to cabinet on how they might improve the efficiency of the school improvement framework and strategy, especially in relation to governance in light of likely reduced resourcing in future.</p> <p>b) Council responsibilities for education are clarified and sufficiently resourced. Additionally, that the monitoring of governing bodies in meeting performance standards also be sufficiently resourced. Should the Director at any time find that resources are not sufficient, this must be reported to Cabinet and the General Overview and Scrutiny Committee at once.</p> <p>c) A briefing note be produced in regard to authorised absences to inform future recommendations of the committee.</p> <p>d) The committee consider the findings of the</p>	<p>The council responsibilities form part of the Herefordshire School Improvement Framework and are based on statutory duties.</p> <p>Further consideration of the role and resourcing of the local authority will form part of the local authority's response to the national consultation on schools funding formula 2016 and the further national work on the roles and responsibilities of councils in relation to education</p>	ongoing

		<p>Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee's early years provision task and finish group in relation to referral rates for speech and language development.</p> <p>e) The committee's suggestions in regard to the teaching of phonics be brought to the attention of the early years task and finish group reporting the health and social care overview and scrutiny committee.</p>	(d and e have been done)	
	<p>Marches Local Enterprise Partnership</p>	<p>Resolved: That</p> <p>(a) the committee commend and encourage further the engagement of small businesses within the activity of the Marches LEP.</p> <p>b) The work of the Marches LEP in cooperation with neighbouring and other Local Enterprise Partnerships, in particular the equivalent bodies across national borders be encouraged.</p> <p>c) That the Marches LEP ensure that the delivery of accounts and reporting is made more clear and the availability of such documentation to the public is ensured.</p> <p>d) That the committee recommend to the board of the Marches LEP that a summary of accounts be published in conjunction with the annual report on the activity of the Marches LEP.</p>	<p>2015/16 accounts are in process of being completed and will be placed on the LEP website. Draft accounts will be going to the LEP Board on 3 August.</p> <p>Annual report published with Marches Enterprise joint Committee papers on 31 May 2016.</p>	<p>completed</p>

4 May 16	Suggestions from the public	RESOLVED: That a working party be set up by officers to discuss the detail of the issues surrounding the definitive Map	Working party established.	ongoing
	Task and Finish Group Report – Community Infrastructure Levy	<p>RESOLVED that:</p> <p>(a) the report of the task and finish group: community infrastructure levy be approved and the findings be submitted to the executive</p> <p>(b) the recommendations of the task and finish group: community infrastructure levy be approved as follows:</p> <p>Recommendation 1: The ‘Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule’ be carried forward unchanged as the ‘Draft Charging Schedule’;</p> <p>Recommendation 2: Urgent consideration be given to the need for a robust governance structure to be developed for the administration of CIL in advance of CIL being adopted;</p> <p>Recommendation 3: That Parish Councils be supported by clear advice to assist with the implementation of the CIL charging process prior to any collected CIL monies being spent;</p> <p>Recommendation 4: That the CIL charging schedule and its implementation be kept under review.</p> <p>(c) subject to the review being approved, the executive’s response to the review be reported to the first available meeting of the committee after the executive has approved its response.</p>	Submitted to Executive.	Response awaited from the executive.
26 July 2016	Economic Master Plan	the cabinet member–economy and corporate services be invited to consider the following recommendations:	Submitted to the executive for	ongoing

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration be given to ways of pooling ideas for economic development through less structured approaches such as a think tank. • An inventory should be made of the County's strengths and opportunities for synergy be then identified. • Clarity should be sought as to how the planning framework accommodates farm diversity proposals, for example in relation to semi-permanent structures such as log cabins and whether that framework is appropriate. • The invitation to a GOSC member to participate in meetings with chief executive, director and cabinet member on the development of the Masterplan be accepted. • The further report proposed to be submitted to the committee in September 2016 should include highlights of lessons learned in relation to the implementation of the 2011-16 economic development plan and how these might inform the development of the new Masterplan. • There should be cross-party engagement and engagement with all Members in developing the Plan. • An alternative word to masterplan should be found to describe the plan. • The plan should take account of the value of the arts and tourism to the County's economy. • Consideration should be given to how best to maximise the promotional opportunities for Herefordshire. and 	<p>consideration.</p>	
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		<p>(b) consideration of the draft economic masterplan be added to the committee’s work programme for September 2016 together with an annual review of the effectiveness of the plan thereafter.</p>	<p>Report considered on 27 September 2016</p>	
	<p>Communication Strategy</p>	<p>RESOLVED: That (a) the communication protocols be subject to further clarification and consideration and a further report on them made to the Committee; and (b) that, subject to a above, the following recommendations be made to inform cabinet’s consideration of the strategy communication strategy with associated communication protocols for the period 2016-2019:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the use of a chat facility on the website should be pursued taking into account how an operator’s time can most effectively be used; • the opportunity for the community to interact on-line quickly and easily should be fully explored; • clarification be provided as to how it is intended to implement the “spend within our means” approach outlined in section 3 of the strategy at appendix 1 to the report at p41 of the agenda papers: “making tough but necessary choices which will include ceasing to provide some services and working with communities to help them run services important to them”; • the wording of paragraph 5.13 of appendix 2 to the report relating to the access of the press to premises be reviewed and clarified. 	<p>Report made to Committee on 5 September.</p> <p>Matters referred to Cabinet for consideration.</p>	<p>Completed</p>

5 September 2016	Four Year Financial Settlement	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>That</p> <p>(a) in order to make a recommendation on whether or not to accept the 4 year funding settlement a further meeting should be convened to consider alternative options including information from comparator authorities; and</p> <p>(b) Cabinet be recommended to consider the points made by the Committee and the further information the Committee considered was required in order to make a recommendation to full Council on whether or not to accept the four year funding deal.</p>	<p>Further meeting arranged for 19 September.</p> <p>Report made to Cabinet on 21 September.</p>	Completed
	Statement of community involvement consultation, communications and programme to adoption	<p>RESOLVED: That Cabinet be recommended to consider amending the revised draft statement of community involvement to take account of the amendments proposed in the above table.</p>	<p>Considered by Cabinet on 3 November.</p>	Completed
	Communication Protocol for Members	<p>RESOLVED: That cabinet be recommended that further consideration be given to the following matters in relation to the communication protocol for members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In relation to paragraph 3.1 of the protocol further clarification was needed on when it was appropriate to use the word “Council” in communications when referring to such matters as Council policy and when further distinction was needed between a decision taken at full Council and a decision taken by an individual cabinet member or an officer. 	<p>Report on Cabinet agenda for 21 September.</p>	Completed

27 September 2016	Customer Services and Libraries	RESOLVED: That Cabinet be recommended to support option 3 – retained libraries and central service with an emphasis on making best use of them and community libraries as contact points for council services, extending service options and exploring new ways of working, and the report to cabinet should include a delivery plan.	Considered by Cabinet 13 October 2016	Completed
	Economic Master Plan	RESOLVED: That the Cabinet Member be recommended to have regard to the points raised by the Committee in discussion and in particular the summary of the principal points set out above.	To be reported to cabinet.	Ongoing
14 November 2016	Draft 2017/18 Budget And Medium Term Financial Strategy Update	RESOLVED: That (a) the executive be recommended to work with Parish and Town Councils to explore options for service delivery; (b) the executive be recommended to make representations to local MPs and others to ensure that the voice of the County is being heard in relation to the government’s business rate proposals and the views of local MPs reported; (c) the clarity of the budget report should be reviewed and officers requested that the report should be amended to include detail of gross income and expenditure, consistency of terminology, virements over the year to identify actual expenditure, analysis of the use of the Rural Services Delivery Grant, clarity over income; and (d) the executive be asked to take full account	In respect of items a, b and d , these were addressed to the executive who have reported back to GOSC their intention to develop closer working with Parishes, liaise with MP’s to champion the County’s issues and provide a response to the issues raised during budget consultation (summary provided to GOSC at December meeting) (c) The clarity of budget report was reviewed and amended to ensure	completed completed completed completed

		of the consultation on the budget and reflect the views expressed in their budget proposals, indicating in the next report back to the overview and scrutiny committees the extent to which the consultation findings had influenced budget proposals, and, if the findings had been discounted, the rationale for taking that course.	consistency and clarity in future presentations and reports. Further detail of gross income and expenditure will be provided in the budget book summary which will be prepared once all information on grants is confirmed with government. The impact of this review was provided to GOSC at their December meeting	
	Proposed 2017/18 Capital Budget	RESOLVED: That written answers be provided to questions raised at the meeting and appended to the Minutes	Answers published with minutes.	Completed
	Edgar Street Stadium, Hereford – Lease Proposals	RESOLVED: That (a) the executive be advised that the Committee supports the proposed grant of a new lease to the current tenant for a term of 10 years, commencing at some point prior to the expiry the current lease; and (b) a further report is presented to the Committee setting out the long term proposals for the Edgar Street stadium following an appraisal by the football club, council and potential development partners of the options.	Executive informed. Lease awarded. Added to work Programme	Completed Ongoing

			<p>councils under S137 of the local government act 1972 provide for flexibility in use of funds when no other specific power for expenditure exists. Parishes will need to satisfy themselves that any such expenditure meets tests in terms of community benefits and other provisions. It is worth noting that parish councils already benefit from direct powers to provide funding for public and community transport should they wish (Transport Act 1985 S106A as amended by Local Government and Rating Act 1997 S27).</p>	<p>ongoing</p>
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<p>13 December 2016</p>	<p>Draft 2017/18 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy Update</p>	<p>RESOLVED</p> <p>That (a) the reconciliation showing the changes between the report made to the Committee in November and that presented in December be circulated to members of the Committee for information;</p> <p>(b) officers be requested to explore the principle of facilitating increased engagement with parish Councils and communities and revenue funding to support invest to save proposals in support of the delivery of some services in place of Herefordshire Council could be explored as part of the future review of the MTFS; and</p> <p>(c) if a substantive issue relevant to the budget warranting further discussion with the Committee emerged a further report be made to the Committee’s meeting in January for its consideration.</p>	<p>Report submitted to committee January 2017.</p> <p>It was clarified at the meeting that an “invest to save” proposal could be considered at any time even though a specific “pot” was not allocated.</p> <p>Included in the reconciliation referred to in (a), reference was also made to the changes in the Autumn Statement in respect of New Homes Bonus and Adult Social Care Grant. In addition the report clarified the flexibility provided around the adult social care precept being up to 3% per annum subject to a maximum of 6% over three years.</p>	
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